



September 10-12, 2010

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC

GUEST TEACHER

JIM GOLD

(International Dances)

Jim Gold brings a love of people, music, languages, humor, old cultures, and new discoveries to his weekends, tours, concerts and folk dance classes. For over 25 years, he has taught folk dance in the New York Metropolitan area. He organizes Folk Tours to countries such as Bulgaria, Greece, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Croatia several times a year. His Mad Shoe Weekends bring together folk dance enthusiasts--those who worship 7/8ths and 9/16ths rhythms--for an offbeat, wild and wooly weekend of dancing, singing, and fellowship.

His adventures as author, musician, folk dance teacher, international tour leader, and entrepreneur are hilariously chronicled in his five "New Leaf" books.

Jim graduated from the High School of Music and Art in New York City, and attended the University of Rochester and Eastman School of Music, and spent a year at the University of Aix-en-Provence in Southern France. Then he completed his B.A. in History at the University of Chicago, followed by an M.A. in music from New York University.

A classical and folk guitarist, Jim's World of Guitar concert program has appeared in hundreds of schools, colleges, and community concerts throughout the U.S.A. Jim has appeared on radio and television and is the author of nine books.

As president of Jim Gold International, he teaches folk dance classes, organizes folk dance weekends, and, through his Jim Gold Tours, leads travel groups to countries throughout the world to experience their history and culture from the perspective of the folk dancer.

In 2008, Jim conducted an enjoyable workshop in Raleigh, NC. We are so happy that he has agreed to be our guest teacher for our 25th Mountain Playshop.

Happy 25th Anniversary

Mountain Playshop 2010

NEW CAMP DATE & LOCATION: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

MOUNTAIN PLAYSHOP is a regional dance weekend that attracts dancers from around North Carolina and nearby states to socialize, dance, and relax. You might even learn a dance or two. For 25 years, Playshop has provided both a forum for dancers to learn new material from regional and professional teachers while also offering a beautiful destination for dancers to simply get together with friends to dance and play for the weekend in the shade of the Smoky Mountains. This year is no different. Come prepared to sample a few new dances, but come expecting the unexpected. That's why we call it Playshop!

REGISTRATION: Fill out the attached registration form and mail it to the Registrar.

KEY DATES

- **JUN 7 - AUG 27** – Normal registration -- postmarked by this date for best rates
- **AUG 28 - SEP 6** – Late registration -- add late fee (\$15 per application)
SEPT 6 is the absolute final date for the registrar to receive applications for lodging and meals. (Per our YMCA contract, we must provide final numbers on this day.)
- **AT CAMP – Registration for parties and workshops only** -- Registration for lodging or meals are no longer allowed

CAMP START & STOP: Registration opens at 3 p.m. on Friday. Camp ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Full registration includes 5 meals starting with dinner on Friday night and ending with breakfast on Sunday plus a review session. Dinner is from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the YMCA dining hall.

LOCATION: YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, 84 Blue Ridge Circle, Black Mountain, NC 28711-9722, 1-828-669-8422. (This facility is approximately 5 miles east of the 4-H Camp in Swannanoa where Playshop has been held in recent years.)

(From I-40, East or West) (Go to www.mountainplayshop.org to also get directions and a map.)

1. From I-40, take EXIT #64 (Black Mountain/Montreat south towards Chimney Rock/Lake Lure)
2. Turn west on Broadway St. (NC-9).
3. Continue on Blue Ridge Rd.
4. Turn left on Blue Ridge Assembly Dr.
5. Enter the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly conference center.
6. For registration, go to the Family Lodge #3 (Common Area).

PARKING: The YMCA conference center has plenty of parking lots and spaces. You may park in any marked spaces or lots, including those near the cabins. There is a parking lot in front of the Family Lodge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Playshop Family Lodge and cabins will be clearly marked with signs.

FAMILY LODGE (Private Baths!): No more motels! The 23-room Family Lodge (heat & air) includes rooms with two bunk beds (four beds; single mattresses), each room with a private bath (bedding, soap, & towels are provided by the YMCA). The lodge also includes a common area, porch, as well as some kitchen amenities such as a sink, fridge, microwave, and coffee maker (in case you'd like to prepare your own food or snacks.). **KEYS:** All lodge dwellers will have a key to their own room. (**Note:** the beds are made up daily.)

CABINS (One Bath): Each of the three four-bedroom (8-person) cabins (all weather) include a living room, full kitchen & table, and a single bath. They also have front and side porches. Full mattresses & bedding are provided by the YMCA, plus towels & soap. **KEYS:** All cabin dwellers will be given a key to the cabin (but not to individual rooms). (**Note:** The beds are made up daily.)

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CABIN DWELLERS: All cabins will be mixed-gender & double occupancy. If you are registering as a single attendee, please note on the registration form your roommate preference. If no preference, we will assign a same-gender roommate.

ABOUT MEALS: All five buffet-style meals (Fri. dinner to Sun. breakfast) are provided by the YMCA in their super-sized dining facility. We will have an area set aside for our group. They will also accommodate folks with allergies and provide vegetarian entrees, so please indicate this on the registration form.

Friday travelers: Dinner is from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the YMCA dining hall.

LOCAL DANCERS/COMMUTERS: (Asheville and nearby cities): If you would like to join us for a couple of camp meals, we negotiated a special "Commuter" meal package rate for Sat. lunch and dinner (see registration form). Please be aware that you must pre-register to get this meal option.

Optionally, you are welcome to prepare one or more personal meals at the Family Lodge. (See earlier description of lodge amenities.) Alternatively, restaurants in downtown Black Mountain are 5-10 minutes away.

Or, you can just come and attend one or more workshops or parties. For these options only, you may come and register at camp.

ABOUT THE DANCE GYM: The "dance" gym is actually on the second floor of an old historic building (Main stair: 20 steps; Back-door stairs: 8-9 steps). While this building does not include plumbing (restrooms are in the gym next door), the YMCA will provide water for drinking for our event.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: In addition to dancing, the YMCA offers these other activities, which are available to us: hiking trails, tennis courts, and horseshoes. There's also a general purpose gymnasium to use, if you want to throw some hoops or create your own activities. (This year, the pool will not be available because it's closed after Labor Day, but we hope to get it at future camps.)

WHAT TO BRING: If you plan to stay at the camp, whether you're in a cabin or the family lodge, you do not need to bring bedding or towels. DO bring an extra towel (if you want), toiletries, flashlight, bug spray, sunscreen, umbrella, and anything else that would make your stay comfortable. Also, bring clothes for all possible weather conditions - from warm to cold!

MEDICAL CONSENT FORM: Please remember to answer the medical questions on the registration form. This information will only be provided to the YMCA if necessary. The YMCA wants to make sure it has the appropriate resources on hand for handling food and other allergies (like peanuts and insects).

INFORMATION/MORE APPLICATIONS/MAPS:

info@mountainplayshop.org

www.mountainplayshop.org (Download applications and maps)

PLEASE BE AWARE that, unlike Swannanoa, we will not have exclusive use of the entire facility. Instead, we will be sharing the YMCA with people attending other events. Please take a few moments to download our camp maps (our buildings are marked) from our web site to help you navigate around our new camp.

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Mountain Playshop 2010 Registration Form

Normal registration deadline: JUN 7 - AUG. 27 (Postmarked)

Late registration deadline: AUG 28 - SEP 6 (Postmarked)

NOTE: ALL applications for lodging & meals must be received by the registrar by **SEP. 6 (no exceptions)**

NAME 1: _____
 NAME 2 *: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
 FOOD: Omnivore Vegetarian

* Have more than two registrants? Please use additional forms. Thanks.

SELECT ACCOMMODATION:

Lodge rooms will be assigned FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE in registration date order, so register early!

FAMILY LODGE: (Single Occupancy) (Double or Plus Occupancy)
 Specify Roommate(s): _____

(Private baths; two bunk beds per room (single mattresses); single- or double+ occupancy; room keys provided to all)

CABIN: If Single, Specify Roommate: _____

(Four rooms per cabin, mixed gender; one shared bath; two single beds per room; double occupancy only; cabin keys provided to all. If no roommate is named, we will assign same gender to your room.)

FULL TIME ATTENDEES (Fri. 3 p.m. to Sun. 1 p.m.)

CAMP FEE \$95.00 X _____ \$ _____
 (Includes all: teaching, parties, 5 meals + facility use charge – no lunch provided Sunday)

Accommodations (Two nights)

FAMILY LODGE \$180.00/Per Room (\$90/night) \$ _____
 CABIN \$50.00/Per Bed (\$25/night) \$ _____
 LATE FEE \$15.00 (per application after Aug. 27) \$ _____

Discounts (Full Time Only)

BRING A "FIRST TIME" FRIEND \$15.00 (Sponsor & Friend each) \$ (_____)
 Name of New or Beginner Dancer: _____
 MUSICIAN \$15.00 (Per person) \$ (_____)
Full Time Subtotal \$ _____

PART-TIME ATTENDEES

Pre-Registration **REQUIRED** for any camp meals and lodging! However, you may bring a meal and store it in the Family Lodge refrigerator and warm it up in the lodge microwave.

Commuter Meal Package \$38.00/person X _____ \$ _____
 (Includes lunch and dinner Saturday + facility use charge.)

Teaching Workshops \$15.00 (per session per person) (check all that apply)
 Sat. a.m. _____ Sat. p.m. _____ Sun. Review _____ \$ _____

Parties \$10.00 (Per party per person) (check all that apply)
 Fri. Party _____ Sat. Party _____ \$ _____

Part Time Subtotal \$ _____

All payments due at start of camp **TOTAL** \$ _____ **(OVER)**

Make check payable to & mail to: David Auty, 3915 Sunset Maple Ct., Raleigh, NC 27612

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MEDICAL QUESTIONS (REQUIRED) FOR ALL APPLICANTS

NAME: _____

For your safety, the YMCA has requested that we ask certain questions related to our activity. We are ONLY interested in your answers relative to your ability to participate in our dance or other camp activities.

We will provide the YMCA with this information only if necessary. The YMCA wants to make sure it has the appropriate resources on hand for handling food, allergies (like peanuts and insects), or other medical conditions. For your privacy, we will ensure both the YMCA and our staff discard this information after camp.

1. Do you have pre-existing medical conditions? NO YES

Details: _____

2. Are you taking medications? NO YES

Details: _____

3. Do you have heart conditions? NO YES

Details: _____

4. Do you have high blood pressure? NO YES

Details: _____

5. Do you have allergies (food, bees, insects, medicines)? NO YES

Details: _____

6. Do you have any other medical conditions that we should know about? NO YES

Details: _____
