



**Newcomers Guide for
Fiddleworks Salt Spring Island**



If you're new to Fiddleworks Salt Spring ...We've got you covered!

You'll find we're a super friendly bunch and are welcoming of all musicians, wanna-be-musicians and music supporters...both returning and newbies (perhaps, like your family).

Although there's lots of help close at hand, we recommend you take a bit of time to go through this guideline, so you easily and peacefully transition into the first few days of camp. There's a lot of fun stuff going on...but you'll soon get into the swing of things at Fiddleworks.

Before leaving for camp, please take some time to read through the information materials that will be emailed to you.

What Can I Expect When I Arrive?

Upon arrival (Sunday or Monday morning) you'll likely meet one of our angel volunteers who'll be on hand to help settle you in to your accommodations (tent or otherwise). You can arrive at Stowel Lake Farm from 2pm onwards on Sunday; Monday morning's activities start at 8:30am. Plus, we have a new volunteer, Kelly Elise, whose sole job it is to help welcome newcomers and ensure they hit the ground running. :-)

The newbies booth will be located near the snack shack across the courtyard from the Barn.



What Can I Expect During the 1st Day of Camp?

On the first morning (Monday) we'll all get together (most likely outside "The Barn") and talk through the week. Remember to consult the Week at a Glance schedule so that you know what's happening and when. They will be posted onsite too.

What Should I Bring?

Other than your instrument here's a helpful list of things you'll likely want to include:

- Sunscreen and sunhat
- Re-useable water bottle
- Bug spray (this is optional AND keep in mind some of our campers have sensitivities so don't bring one with big fragrance please) ;-)
- Easy to slip on and off shoes (FYI shoes aren't allowed in any of the indoor spaces, so you'll need to take them off regularly and often) i.e. Crocs, sandals or your favourite Birkenstocks are all great.
- Cash for the *Snack Shack* (The Snack Shack has coffee and light healthy snacks for in-between class munchies) and Stowel Lake's superb farm stand which offers beautiful organic fruit and veg. *Note: credit cards aren't accepted for any of these.
- Raincoat/boots...sure, it may be July, but this is they don't call this the Wet Coast for nothing! ;-)
- Travel mug, dish-ware and cutlery (Important FYI: take away mugs and any disposable cutlery/plates etc are not allowed onsite.)
- Personal toiletries/towels etc. There are no toiletries available onsite.
- Personal clothing (keep it super casual and you might want to throw in a few fun crazy pieces/scarves to join in the infamous "*Random Acts of Violins*" Parade at an optional event that happens on Wednesday in downtown Ganges after classes.)
- Bedding (both if you are camping or using the Stowel Lake accommodation as there is no bedding provided)
- Breakfast food, nut-free snacks & more food if you are self-catering for dinners.

What Should I Leave at Home?

- your pets (sorry, no pooches or other non-human extended family)
- your worries (this is a time to kick back and be immersed in a musical community filled with creativity and love)
- non-essential valuables

Is there Wi-fi/cellphone coverage?

Yes, as with many places on SSI there is some coverage, but it is often unreliable. The best cell phone and internet coverage is near the Barn. There is an 'office' space downstairs in the Barn where you can plug computers etc in if you need to, but just know that it's in a class space (so it's not a quiet/private space).

Any Other Important Things I Should Know?

This is a volunteer/community run camp and we rely on one another to help keep the farm clean and the camp running smoothly. You will have signed up to a Fiddleworker crew with an allocated position, so please do your best to show-up and help out where you can. Our camp is all about community. Also, the last day of camp (Saturday) we request as many campers to stay and help out with tear down and clean up.

If you have any questions before camp begins, please [contact us](#) and check out the [FAQs page](#) (as there's a good chance your question has already been answered).

We can't wait to meet you and make beautiful music together soon!

With Love, Zavallennahh and Team Fiddleworks