



Early Music Week at Pinewoods

How to Make your Viol Happy at Camp

- Start the week with your pegs in very good working order, and put on a set of older strings, so as not to ruin new strings in the high humidity. In the period before Camp, stockpile several extra old top strings, or buy coils of very cheap gut for top string replacements, in addition to bringing an extra for each of your strings.
- The Viol Maven (Lisa Terry) will have a supply of nylon strings for purchase (top 2 strings for each size viol) and a small batch of Sensicore strings to borrow for the week.
- If your pegs stop working well, the viol maven will be happy to help you get them turning easily again. Please make sure you can turn your pegs easily before each day's class.
- Store your viols overnight in a room with four walls and a door – you will be given a list of good place to protect viols from the extreme dampness. All viol classes, as much as is possible, will be held in rooms well away from the lakes.
- If you start the day with an all-viol class, don't try to tune to A=440 – encourage your class choose a low "A" and go from there. You'll tune up later when you have a mixed ensemble.

With these few precautions and extra steps, you will find it is quite possible and extremely rewarding to play viol at Early Music Week at Pinewoods - we look forward to you joining us this summer!