

It's Time to Plan for 2020 Summer Camps!

As the nights get longer and temperatures drop, this is the perfect time to dream about summer adventures. For all of the many things that CDSS does throughout the year to support traditional dance, music, and song, we are perhaps still best known for our summer camps. These camps are the oldest summer dance programs in North America and have been enjoyed by thousands of people for generations. These week-long camps provide the time to dig into specific traditions and styles, in an immersive experience that you just can't get in a weekend. Each week offers a mix of English and American dancing, singing, and music, but each one also has its own special vibe. The opportunity to learn and hone skills is an integral part of our camps, and many weeks have special intensive courses for callers, musicians, teachers, and others who are interested in diving deeper into a specific topic.

What's on tap for the 2020 season:

★ **MASSACHUSETTS:** CDSS has been presenting programs at Pinewoods Camp since 1933! Nestled between two sparkling ponds near the base of Cape Cod, Pinewoods is famous for its covered outdoor dance pavilions, cabins in the woods, and dining hall that overlooks the pond and serves freshly made, wholesome food. Pinewoods is home to six CDSS program weeks:

Family Week (July 18-25) kicks off the season with a full program of adult sessions, while kids enjoy music and dance activities with inspiring teachers. Three-generation families are common, and there's lots of time for swimming, games, and relaxing. **Harmony of Song and Dance (July 25-August 1)** is our newest week at Pinewoods and emphasizes the connections between song and dance. The focus of **English Dance Week (August 1-8)** is English country dance, and includes ritual dance, instrumental classes, singing, and contras. Joanna Reiner will teach an English Dance Leaders intensive course during this week, as well as leading dancing for the whole camp. For keen ritual dancers, Gillian Stewart will teach a course called Take Five: A Longsword Intensive. At **American Dance Week (August 8-15)**, you will find contras and squares and old-time jams. Lisa Greenleaf will teach a Contra Dance Callers course during this week. **Early Music Week (August 15-22)** includes English dancing, but the focus is really on music, with an expanded faculty of instrumental instructors. The

Accademia intensive course during this week is a high-level program designed for advanced musicians and singers, and focuses on music from High Renaissance and Early Baroque periods. Our season at Pinewoods wraps up with **Campers' Week (August 22-29)**, a multi-generational week where the campers take a lead role in organizing and running the classes.

“Take the leap, it will change your life in ways you could never imagine.” —Matt Reyna, camper

★ **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Meanwhile, dancing takes place at **Ogontz Camp** in a beautiful wood-timbered hall with a large deck overlooking the lake in the White Mountains. **Family Week at Ogontz (July 25-August 1)** offers a full program of adult and kids' programming to a large multi-generational community. Every afternoon, the whole camp gathers at the Green Chairs for stories and community fun.

★ **MARYLAND:** Just south of the Pennsylvania border, **Camp Louise** is a large, wooded facility with roomy program spaces, two large pools, and an air-conditioned dining hall. **Cascade of Music and Dance (August 10-16)** is the successor to our programs at Buffalo Gap and Timber Ridge and is a multi-generational camp with families and adults from their 20s to 70s. In addition to English and American dancing, it has a strong art and singing focus. This year, Robbin Marcus will lead a Traditional Music and Dance for Music Teachers course, helping educators bring the magic of camp home to their classrooms.

★ **MICHIGAN:** Finally, the newest CDSS summer program is **Dance, Music, and Spice (August 9-16)** at Camp Cavell on the Michigan shore of Lake Huron. This week not only offers the traditional dance and music programs you have come to expect from CDSS camps, but also a parallel track of non-dance activities such as kayaking, technical tree climbing, birding, and quilting. In 2020, Julie Valimont and Noah VanNorstrand will lead an American Dance Musicians course.

Magic awaits...

Experience our 2020 summer dance, music, and song camps—
choose from nine weeks and four locations!

JULY 18-25, 2020

Family Week at Pinewoods (MA)

JULY 25-AUGUST 1, 2020

Harmony of Song & Dance at Pinewoods (MA)

JULY 25-AUGUST 1, 2020

Family Week at Ogontz (NH)

AUGUST 1-8, 2020

English Dance Week at Pinewoods (MA)

English Dance Leaders Course

Take 5: A Longsword Intensive

AUGUST 8-15, 2020

American Dance & Music Week at Pinewoods (MA)

Contra Dance Callers Course

AUGUST 9-16, 2020

Dance, Music, & Spice at Cavell (MI)

American Dance Musicians Course

AUGUST 10-16, 2020

Cascade of Music & Dance at Louise (MD)

Traditional Music and Dance for Music Teachers

AUGUST 15-22, 2020

Early Music Week at Pinewoods (MA)

Accademia

AUGUST 22-29, 2020

Campers' Week at Pinewoods (MA)