

Sunday

Song leaders' workshop: *"If You Can Talk, You Can Sing: Song Leading for Everyone"*

Song leading basics, encouraging participation, engaging the folk process, choosing fun songs for all ages.

"Lead and Learn: Community Sing-Along"

Opportunity for workshop participants to put theory into action, and for community members to come and sing.

Callers' workshop: *"Introduction to Calling for Everybody"*

Resources, contra dance music, dance notation systems, calling techniques.

Concert: *Firefly Family Band in Concert*

Appalachian tunes and songs peppered with gospel, blues, swing, and old-time country.

Monday

Musicians' workshop: *"Basics of Playing for Contra Dancers"* Your role as dance musician, making simple tunes shine, avoiding common "train wrecks," and fostering a sense of fun. Musicians of all levels are welcome — you'll learn something new.

Dancers' workshop: *"Mysteries of Contra Dance Revealed"*

How do contras work? Understanding contra choreography and contra dance music. Come prepared to dance! All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Tuesday

Musicians' workshop: *"Playing in Community: How to Make Tunes Your Own and Bring Them Out of the Closet"*

Playing in public, finding your musical voice, forming a band.

Callers' workshop: *"Be a Better Teacher"*

Teaching techniques, working with beginners and calling for groups with mixed experience levels

Wednesday

Dancers' workshop: *"Further Mysteries of Contra Dance Revealed"*

Improve your dance memory; anticipate what's next; how to assist or be assisted by other dancers. All are welcome, even if you missed Monday night's workshop!

Thursday

Musicians' workshop: *"Skillfully Playing for Dancers: Band Dynamics"*

Working with a caller, choosing just-right tunes, forming a cohesive group on stage, making changes on the fly.

Callers' workshop: *"Keep 'em Coming Back"*

How to create whole evening programs what make new dancers feel included while keeping experienced dancers happy.

Saturday

Musicians' workshop: *"Tricks of the Trade: How to Make Your Tunes Dance"*

A workshop for contra dance musicians focusing on nifty dynamics, effective medleys, and creating energy in the dance hall.

Callers' workshop: *"Showtime!"*

Practice and preparation for the evening dance.