



Texas International Folk Dancers
 P.O. Box 4516
 Austin, TX 78765

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Texas Camp
2015 shirt

GETTING THERE – For directions to Greene Family Camp, see tifd.org/texas-camp/more-information. If you fly into Austin, Houston or Dallas/Fort Worth no later than Thursday noon, we may be able to arrange a ride for you; please e-mail campchairs15@tifd.org. The Waco Eagle/Streak Shuttle has van service between DFW airport and Waco hotels; make reservations through Waco Eagle/Streak Shuttle.

OPENING DAY HIGHLIGHTS – THURSDAY

- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Registration and TIFD sales
- 1:00 pm Howdy Dances
- 2:00 pm Opening Ceremony
- 2:15 pm Romanian Dance Class
- 3:00 pm American Social Dance Class
- 4:00 pm Singing Class
- 4:30 pm Band Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner*

*Please note: we do not provide any meals to campers prior to Thursday dinner.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 1 Deadline for all scholarship applications
- October 15 Deadline for “family priority” private housing requests
- November 2 Deadline for regular registration (\$25 late fee after this date)
- November 9 Absolute last day to register!
- November 26 TEXAS CAMP starts!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- General Camp Information
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Texas International Folk Dancers Presents the 68th Annual
TEXAS CAMP 2015

Thanksgiving Weekend, November 26-29

TEACHER FEATURES

Romanian Dances with MIHAI DAVID

Mihai David was born in 1946 in București (Bucharest), Romania, and began dancing to his uncle's balalaika music. He immigrated to the United States in January of 1967, took various odd jobs to support himself, danced with the Boston Ballet Company, and had his own exhibition group within the Detroit, Michigan, Romanian community. After moving to California and dancing adagio in Las Vegas, Nevada, he was drafted into the U.S. Army from Nevada. While in the service, he danced with the Augusta Ballet Company in Georgia.



In 1969, Mihai dropped into The Intersection, a folk dance coffeehouse, where Dick Oakes got him invited to teach Romanian dances, and his folk dance teaching career was launched. In 1970, he opened and operated his Gypsy Camp Folk Dance Café in Hollywood, California, until its closing in 1976. Mihai has devoted himself to teaching Romanian folk dance and has introduced many of the most popular Romanian dances being done in the United States, Canada, Australia, and the Orient. His teaching tours have taken him throughout the western hemisphere, the Orient,

and Australia. Mihai has conducted several tours throughout the Balkans and the Middle-East. When he is not dancing, he operates his own construction company in southern California.



Social Dances with CAMPBELL MILLER

Campbell Miller first fell in love with social dance at Stanford University, where she performed in several vintage dance groups, partnered Richard Powers' classes, and earned the Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts, the Dance Division's highest arts award. Today she feels lucky to have found her dream job — teaching social dance on the faculty at The University of Texas in Austin and traveling the world to share her passion for dance.



As an instructor, Campbell's warmth and patience create an inviting atmosphere for all levels of dancers. Encouraging her students to value both technique and playfulness in their partnering and to discover their own style, she gives a wealth of information to both leads and follows so each partnership can be conversational and dynamic.

In Austin, Campbell is working to energize the dance community with new ideas and bring together dancers with different backgrounds. She especially loves the creativity of Waltz, the expressiveness of Blues, the subtleties of Tango, and the endless possibilities of Fusion — how to combine elements from different styles to be able to dance to a wide variety of music. Campbell teaches

hundreds of UT students each semester to sway, twirl, and dip their way into social dance happiness, and she wants the rest of Austin to experience this same joy. In her free time, she practices yoga, plays fetch with the dogs, and eats strawberry cupcakes.



ADDED ATTRACTIONS

CAMP BAND

Under the leadership of the dedicated **Don Weeda**, the Texas Camp Band continues its growth. Don's career in folk music spans more than 35 years. He's been a performer, recording artist, and workshop conductor at festivals and camps all over North America, and plays accordion with many ensembles.

All musicians attending camp are invited to join the Camp Band for daily rehearsals and performances. If you plan to play, please mark your registration form accordingly. Sheet music for this year's tunes will be provided for you. Please check the www.tifd.org web site for the schedule of the pre-camp band rehearsal.



SINGING CLASSES

Bring your voice and make some songs come to life! Class will be led again by **Shirley Johnson**, who has been immersed in international folk music throughout her life, and has studied various Balkan singing style. In addition, she is classically trained, has sung in choirs, and performed at Carnegie Hall, Disney World, and the Vatican. A regular performer as a solo accordionist and vocalist, as well as in multiple ethnic bands, she has recorded two solo albums, and also teaches the accordion.

THE MAIN HALL FACILITIES

We'll have our wonderful dance floor as usual this year. The custom-built wooden dance floor will be installed for increased safety and comfort, and WE NEED HELP setting it up before camp and storing it away after camp ends. **Please volunteer!** See back page for contact information.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served, and other tasty meals reflecting our ethnic themes of Romania and American Early 20th Century. Eating well is always a priority at Texas Camp, and various diets can be accommodated by noting such on your registration form.



SILENT AUCTION

For this year's fundraising Silent Auction, please see tifd.org for details.

MUSICAL GUESTS

For at least a decade, **Slavadillo Quartet** has specialized in "mostly Balkan" vocal and instrumental music, with a focus on Bulgaria and Macedonia. They are a feature of our evening parties.

The **Homegrown Contra Band** is composed of longtime Texas Campers who give some local flavor to our contra dance sessions. They love making music for friends and, when possible, adding an international twist to traditional contra tunes.

BALKAN BAZAAR

Every year, Balkan Bazaar brings us a mountain of folk-friendly treasures. Music, dance clothing, folk costumes, textiles, jewelry, and footwear – somehow, it all unfolds from Suze and Richie's big blue van. For a preview, see their web site, www.balkanbazaar.com.

CAMP DELIGHTS

Balkan Blowout ~ Lots of your favorite Balkan choices.

Bruceville Roadhouse ~ Club and couple dancing from everywhere: Texas Two-step, zydeco, swing, hambo, mambo and the inevitable evolution of a previously-undiscovered dance. Plus our traditional Roadhouse fare to eat and drink, too. Boogie on down!

Contra Dance ~ Long lines and "hands four" for contras to wonderful live music.

Rewind Session ~ A chance to improve your Bhangra skills and polish your Greek footwork from last year's teaching.

EVENING PARTIES

Thursday The Restaurant at the End of the Universe ~ Hobnob with celebrities and oddities from all of time and space, and enjoy dances from everywhere and everywhen.

Friday **Greene Romanian Festival** ~ Join the camaraderie of our folkdance village as we celebrate with music, dance and festive costumes.

Saturday **Roaring Twenties** ~ Enjoy dancing the night away at the Texas Savoy Ballroom with dances from the 1920s and beyond.



REGISTRATION, ETC.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Again this year we are accepting **children 16 and under FREE** with parent or guardian, so please come and bring the family. Supervised activities are provided for kids ages three and up, so parents can enjoy dance sessions and parties. Sports, games, crafts, s'mores by the campfire, a piñata, movies, dance and music will keep small people busy. Parents of children under three, we will help you contact each other before camp so you can compare needs, consider options and pool your resources.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – DON'T LET MONEY KEEP YOU FROM TEXAS CAMP!

In memory of Ms. **Bobbi Gillotti**, TIFD offers full or half scholarships to full-time campers in financial need, regardless of age. Application forms are available online at tifd.org/downloads/gillotti-scholarship.pdf, and must be received by **October 1**; applicants will receive notice of results by October 20, so that a camp registration form can then be submitted.

REDUCED RATE FOR NON-DANCERS

A non-dancer is a camper with physical challenges which prevent dancing, or a camper's family member who does not participate in camp activities (classes, etc.). This rate is not available to part-time campers, scholarship recipients, or anyone receiving a staff discount.

REGISTRATION

If you prefer to register online, please visit tifd.org/camp-registration. All applications must include full payment. A late fee of \$25 per person must accompany applications postmarked after **November 2**. Applications postmarked after **November 9** will not be accepted. We do not accept applications by phone or e-mail.

All registrations are confirmed promptly, by e-mail if available. If you do not receive confirmation within two weeks of application, please call or e-mail the registrar by November 9. Cancellation requests must be submitted by mail or e-mail. Those received by October 31 will receive a full refund. Cancellation requests received November 2-9 will receive a refund only if we can fill the vacated slot from our waiting list; we will retain a \$25 handling fee. **All refunds will be mailed after camp.**

HOUSING

All housing has air-conditioning and heat. Most campers are housed in duplex dorms that share a large central bathroom; each side has seven bunk beds. Private cabins and rooms are also available, for full-time campers only.

Private cabins with shared bath: each houses up to four people; twin and/or bunk beds. Families (one or more adults with one or more children age 16 or younger) have priority **ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 15**. There is no extra charge for families. For non-families, there is an extra fee of \$60 per cabin.

Private rooms with private bath: each houses a maximum of two people; twin beds. There is an extra fee of \$90 per room for double occupancy, \$60 per room for single occupancy.

Assignments are first come, first served, based on the date applications are received by the registrar.

If we cannot fulfill your housing request, we will refund the extra fee after camp.

DANCE REVIEW DVDs

TIFD produces DVDs of the teachers dancing the dances taught at camp, for review purposes only. Duplication and resale are prohibited. You must attend camp to be eligible to purchase a DVD. Pre-order with registration for the best deal; orders during camp are priced higher. All DVDs will be mailed after camp.

Photos are taken by the historian-designee and other attendees. Please send your photos of Texas Camp to historian@tifd.org to share in scrapbook.

WHAT TO BRING

Pack your own linens (sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, etc., or obtain them for a fee), toiletries, and clothing for any conceivable weather (25-85°F, sun/rain/ice). Also nice: umbrella, flashlight, shower shoes, extra dance shoes, belt, costumes for the parties, clothes hangers, paper fan, ear plugs. For dorm dwellers: a sheet to hang for bunk privacy.

IMPORTANT RULES

Smoking is prohibited anywhere within the Greene Family Camp grounds.

No pets allowed anywhere within Greene Family Camp at any time.

A confirmed **reservation is required** to attend any part of camp; no visitors or drop-ins.

