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[Survey of Texas Camp 2015: The results are in!](#) *by Misi Tsurikov*

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey at Texas Camp 2015. This survey is vital to keeping Texas Camp healthy and serving its attendees. We use its results to keep what was good and improve what was not good.

This year, we collected 61 responses, corresponding to a response rate of 42% (down from 50% last year). You can view the tabulated responses to the structured questions at http://tifd.org/Camp2015/Survey_Results_2015_Public.pdf. (The free-response comments are not published to preserve anonymity.)

The highlights of the survey are as follows:

- Camp 2015 was well-liked.
- Both Mihai and Campbell received praise for their teaching. Campbell Miller was especially well-liked.
- Shirleys singing classes and subsequent performers were well-liked and praised.
- Our campers again liked the Camp delights, even if they didn't attend all of the delights.
- The quality of sound for teaching sessions, live music, and recorded music was very good.
- The schedule worked very well.
- Live music was very well-liked and high-quality.
- The Family Support Program was highly ranked and praised.

The survey identified a few areas that were ranked lower than before:

- The sound quality during mealtime announcements
- The food quality and quantity
- The quality of housing

The survey also revealed that the top three requested dance styles for next year's Texas Camp were:

- TIE: General international mix and Turkish (50%)
- Bulgarian (44%)
- Scandinavian (39%)

- Frequently-requested teachers for next year's Texas Camp were:

- Lee Otterholt
- Ahmet Lüleci
- Alex Markovic

TIFD Member Services Committee *by Chuck Roth*

When the revised TIFD bylaws were adopted in 2014, the TIFD committee structure was changed. The Member Services Committee is now responsible for individual and group membership, membership directory, insurance and recognition as well as tactical support to members and groups. Denes Marton, who leads the San Antonio Folk Dancers, is taking over membership operations. If you have questions about your TIFD membership, please send him an email at memberservices@tifd.org.

The 2016 TIFD Membership Directory was mailed to all current TIFD members early in March. This directory lists all TIFD members who joined or renewed their TIFD membership before February 28, 2016. We do not post the directory on the web for privacy reasons. The directory is only for personal use of TIFD members. Any commercial use of the directory is prohibited. If you find any errors or omissions, please send corrections by email to memberservices@tifd.org.

Is your folk dance group affiliated with TIFD? For information about group affiliates and a list of TIFD group affiliates, go to <http://tifd.org/membership/member-groups/>. You will find an application for group affiliation at <http://tifd.org/mem-form-groups.pdf>. Nine of our group affiliates are part of our insurance program. This insurance provides coverage for liability as well as accidental injury to participants.

- Did you know that insurance for a non-member can cost more than for a member at a typical event?
- Consider the potential cost to your organization if you're not adequately protected.
- Membership pays! It's cheaper in the long run.
- Dancers, consider that your membership status can have a direct impact on your group's ability to provide adequate coverage at the events you love to attend.
- Call for more details about insurance implications and solutions for boosting membership in your group (croth@austin.rr.com).

Calendar

April

When in Doubt Swing, Dallas, Texas, April 15-17. <http://www.nttds.org/wids2016/home.html>

May

Music and Dance Tour of Macedonia, May 1-11, 2016, organized by accordion player Goran Alachki. Details at alachki-tour.com. Contact David Golber, at dgolber@aol.com.

June

45th Annual Texas Folklife Festival, San Antonio, TX, June 10-12.

<http://www.texancultures.com/fes>

July

2016 Bulgarian Folk Music & Dance Seminar, Plovdiv, Bulgaria July 24-30.

<http://www.folkseminarplovdiv.net/>

November

Texas Camp, Bruceville, TX, November 23-27.

tifd.org/event/texas-camp-2016

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