

Autumn Folk Harp Retreat
Presented by the Puget Sound Folk Harp Society
October 2-4, 2026

OUR RETREAT - This popular PSFHS family-style activity allows us to offer a residential harp weekend for a reasonable price. Read on for details...

LODGING - Our retreat takes place at YMCA Camp Casey, just steps from the beach on beautiful Whidbey Island. Everything happens in one building, with adjacent parking and a ramped entry for harps. We can house 22 harpers in single rooms with shared bathrooms. (For more on the venue, see <https://www.ymcacampcasey.org/spaces/bachelor-officers-quarters>.)

ACTIVITIES - Our retreat is all about playing together and learning from each other. Instead of instructors and workshops, we have informally moderated sessions with lots of hands-on harp. Prefer printed music? We'll have two Reading Sessions (one at a gentler pace, one up-to-tempo). Rather play by ear? There will be a Slow Jam Session plus time for impromptu jamming. We'll mix it up with a Band Scramble, get a start on two new Group Tunes, seek advice at a Q&A, and share works-in-progress in our Harp Circle. There'll be free time too, for chatting, snacking, napping, hiking, or beach-combing.

FOOD - The menu will be exactly what you want, because we all bring and prepare our own meals. Coffee, tea, some fruit, and treats for the snack bar are provided, but your meals will be up to you. If you are vegetarian, vegan, lactose- or gluten-intolerant, or have food allergies, you can adjust to meet your needs. There's a big kitchen stocked with dishes and cutlery, and plenty of fridge space. We have lots of free time around meals: go gourmet if you love cooking, make a quick sandwich and get back to your harp if you'd rather, or even drive into town for a pizza!

COST - We try to keep our retreat a reasonable size and a good value. Registration of \$175 includes your single room, snacks, and all activities. (We also offer a non-harping companion registration for \$125 which includes lodging in a shared room with a harping participant, snacks, and some group activities).

ELIGIBILITY - If you are interested in our retreat's harp activities, and you are willing to join in and play at our Harp Circle, whether you are a brand-new beginner or a long-time pro, you are most welcome! (No harp? Under 18? Need financial assistance? Let's talk!) Please contact Diane at mdianem@seanet.com with any questions or concerns.

HOW TO REGISTER - Print and fill out the registration form on the next page, and mail it with your check or money order in US dollars to the address shown. Registration opens August 15, and spots often fill quickly, so don't delay!

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Bringing a Non-Harping Companion? Name _____

May we include your contact info in the participants' directory? YES NO

Mobility Issues? (a few downstairs rooms are available) _____

Food Restrictions? (for our choice of snacks) _____

As a Player, You Consider Yourself: Beginner Intermediate Advanced Pro

From 1 to 10, You Play: By Ear Only 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 By Notes Only

Make out your check/money order for \$175 in US funds to:

Puget Sound Folk Harp Society

(Add \$125 to include a non-harping companion.)

Mail your payment with this registration form to:

Diane Moss / PSFHS

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Registrations Accepted in Order of Post Mark

Receipt of Your Registration Will Be Acknowledged by E-mail