

## **Hammer Dulcimer Rendezvous - May 14-17, 2026 - Registration Form**

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*Pages 1 & 2) Registration form. To register, fill out page 2, print and return with payment.*

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**Option 1 -- Registration paid in full by February 15 - Participant \$ 490 Guests \$ 320**

We will be limiting Registration to 44 Workshop attendees plus guests.

**Option 2 -- Late Reg. -- after February 15, if space allows -- Participant \$ 590 Guests \$ 385**

**Fees pay for 8 family-style meals, instructors' concerts, jams and more.**

**Participant fees pay for all of the above, plus workshops!**

**Lodging fees are separate – see the next section.**

### **...Lodging options...**

**Dorm Rooms:** Each dorm room features two twin beds. Dorm beds come with bedding and bath towels with bathrooms and showers down the hall. Each room has a wall heater, as well as an opening window, so you can be comfortable however the spring weather finds us.

**Shared room, \$40 per night, per person.**

Three nights per-person cost is \$120.

**Single occupant room, \$130 per night – (Priced to encourage room-sharing!)**

Three nights single occupant: \$390.

**On site camping RV: \$30 per night.** You may opt to camp on-site in an RV (no water/sewer hookups, but you can run an extension cord to get electricity and run a hose to fill water). Access to showers, washrooms and spa is provided. Park RVs on Asphalt, please! Three nights RV, \$90.

**On site tent or car camping: \$15 per night.** Access to showers, washrooms and spa is provided. Three nights camping: \$45.

**Off site lodging is available at the Best Western Sandy Inn, which is 3.6 miles from Hull Park.**

**Various rental-by-owner and airbnb lodgings are available in the area, as well.**

Name(s)

Address

City  State  Zip

Phone  E-Mail

Total participants:  (By Feb. 15: \$490. / After Feb. 15: \$590.)

Skill Level: (see descriptions on next page)

Beginner      Novice      Intermediate      Intermediate/Advanced      Advanced

Total guests:  (By Feb. 15: \$320. / After Feb. 15: \$385.)

Guest name(s)

Dietary Restrictions

Lodging options – Check appropriate box!

Shared Dorm Room, \$120.

Solo Dorm Room, \$390.

RV, \$90

Tent/Car Camping, \$45

Staying off site.

Total Amount Due: \$

**Make checks payable to: Mick Doherty.**

**Mail with completed Page 2 (this page!)to: Mick Doherty / HDR  
2015 NE 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97213-2775**

**If you want to pay via PayPal using a credit card, please add 3.5% to your total. I don't mind accepting PayPal payments, as long as they don't cost us (and cut into the budget.) This event is for friends, so pay accordingly, connecting to your bank, PayPal balance, etc! -- From PayPal: "For personal payments sent within the U.S. using a PayPal balance or bank account, there are no fees. However, if you use a debit or credit card, a fee of 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction applies." [paypal.me/nwdulcimer](https://www.paypal.me/nwdulcimer)**

Refunds are reduced, the closer we get to the date, as filling spots last minute is unlikely. (Also, once the food is ordered, we're committed to paying the chef for those numbers!)

**Questions? Contact Mick: [mick@nwdulcimer.com](mailto:mick@nwdulcimer.com) (503) 490-6439**

In 2026 we'll have three workshop groups, not quite scientifically split by skill level, with smaller sessions for Beginners.

Patti Amelotte and Brenda Hunter are our "Import Instructors" this year.

Simon Chrisman, Mick Doherty and several Local Heroes will round out the staff.

**Beginner:** For folks new to the dulcimer experience who still are figuring out where the notes are, and need help with basic hammering techniques and scale patterns.

**Novice:** You know the basic layout of your dulcimer and how to tune it, but might still need help with hammering patterns. You are comfortable playing some simple tunes by ear and/or music. These classes will help you learn some chords, gain more comfort with your instrument, and increase your ability to learn tunes by ear and from written music.

**Intermediate:** You have basic hammering and chording pretty much figured out, and know where the notes are on your instrument. These classes will help you with ornamentation, hammering techniques, and getting tunes up to tempo.

**Intermediate/Advanced:** Feeling good about your playing, but not ready for hyper-speed?

**Advanced:** You have the ability to lead with either hand, play by ear and/or music/tablatore. You are very familiar with the layout of your dulcimer and can play melodies and chords in the major and minor keys "native" to your instrument.

### Meals

Chefs Andrew Moran and Liz Clements will strive to accommodate special dietary needs.

Their key dietary considerations:

- Keep allergens separate whenever possible (ex: cheese on the side instead of in the salad)
- Abundant fruits and vegetables kept separate from allergens
- Alternative options whenever possible

However, we also have a suggestion for registrants passed on from one of our "specialty diet" folks: "Remind participants and guests who have strict dietary requirements to bring some of their favorite specialty supplements and snacks to complement the meals we provide."

### Hull Park

Our gathering takes place at Hull Park and Retreat Center, which is run by Hull Foundation and Learning Center, which has a mission to serve people who are blind or visually impaired. Located a couple miles from downtown Sandy, Oregon, the site has an increasingly tricky view of Mount Hood and plentiful greenery. Yes, the trees are growing, hence the trickier view of Mt. Hood. The facility has worked well for us. There are several discreet sound spaces, which enables concurrent music workshops. They have a fine kitchen, and we eat well. Their dormitory rooms are clean and comfortable, and -- unlike some sites we looked at -- are provided with bedding and towels, and even have heat, in a manner befitting bourgeois monastics :)

We're happy to be back again for the 2026 HD Rendezvous!

The Hull Foundation and Learning Center does good work for the blind and low vision community. That is their mission -- tax-deductible donations for their good work are welcome. Read up on what the Foundation is about here: <https://hullflc.org>

For those of you in the area: Hull Park staff remind us that when they don't have regularly scheduled events, they supplement their non-profit donations by making the facilities available for weddings, parties, reunions and retreats. Events like ours enable them to maintain their facilities, and continue their core mission of service.

## The Hammer Dulcimer Rendezvous Raffle!

The Raffle helps us fund the whole shebang. Read all about it on the website:  
[http://nwdulcimer.com/?page\\_id=437](http://nwdulcimer.com/?page_id=437)

...Here's a sketch of how the '26 'Vous schedule might work...

We'll have three workshop spaces – one in the Lodge, one in Morgan Hall (the “game room”), and one in the Dorm Lobby.

Once Registration is complete we'll get the final details of the schedule ironed out.

We hope to proceed along the lines of the traditional Hammer Dulcimer Rendezvous, something like this:

### Thursday, May 14

12:00pm, Registrants begin arriving on site to get settled in, get instruments into the appropriate workshop spaces, those staying on site can get stuff to dorm rooms, level RVs, set up tents, etc.

2:00-4:30 – Workshop #1 – titles TBD

5:00-6:00 – Introduction to the Staff, Orientation, etc. If weather permits, we can do this in the Picnic Shelter.

6:30-8:00 Dinner in Lodge! (Hot food out for one hour!)

8:30 – Local Heroes concert?

Jamming until who knows? -- Jam sessions in workshop spaces.  
Dorm Lobby jam should go quiet at 10:30pm.  
Lodge and Morgan Hall can boogie all night!

### Friday, May 15

8:00 – 9:30 – Breakfast (Hot food out for one hour!)

9:40 – 11:40 – Workshop # 2 – titles TBD

11:55- 12:55 (Ha!) -- Demo-Panel Discussion – topic TBD

1:00 – 2:15 – Lunch (Hot food out for one hour!)

2:45 – 4:45 – Workshop # 3 – titles TBD

6:30 – 8:00 -- Dinner (Hot food out for one hour!)

8:30 – 10 – Open “Mic”

**Saturday, May 16**

8:00 – 9:30 – Breakfast (Hot food out for one hour!)

9:45 – 11:45 – Workshop # 4 – titles TBD

12:00- 12:50 -- Demo-Panel Discussion – topic TBD

1:00 – 2:15 – Lunch (Hot food out for one hour!)

2:45 – 4:45 – Workshop # 5 – titles TBD

5:00 – 6:00 -- Instructors' Concert!  
(Out doors under picnic shelter, weather permitting, or in Lodge)

6:30 – 8:30 -- Dinner & Raffle! (Hot food out for one hour!)

9:00 – Jammin', we're jammin'...

**Sunday, May 17**

8:00 – 9:15 – Breakfast (Hot food out for one hour!)

9:45 – 11:45 – Workshop # 4 – titles TBD

Noon – 1:00 – Packin' and loading, as we're to clear out circa 1:00pm!