

## **VANCOUVER TRIP – MEETING 15.4.08**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Ian Fraser came along and gave us an overview of the Sunshine Coast Summer School of Celtic Music. He told us a bit about the area and specifically about the school. The school is held in Roberts Creek Elementary School and the whole school premises are used. There are 2 schools – the main school which mainly covers fiddle (at all levels from beginner to advance level) and also guitar, mandolin, dance and singing. The other school is the Trad Band class aimed at teenagers and covers all instruments. Teachers are from US, Canada and Scotland covering a wide range of styles of music and tuition is mainly taught by ear with music available. There are usually some 200 students at the camp. There are events in the evening – dances and concerts etc and usually a BBQ on the beach where a fire is lit and some tunes played.

Many thanks to Ian for coming along and telling us about the camp.

### **DATES**

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Summer school is from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July inclusive and we plan for 2-3 days in Vancouver as well.

### **ROUGH GUIDE TO COSTS ETC.**

Some rough estimates had been calculated and we are looking in the region of £1200 including food – actual amount will depend on a number of factors – exchange rate, price increases and some of the personal options chosen. This compares well with the Cape Breton trip and even with the Shetland trip. Costs will of course be reduced by fund-raising.

#### **Costs estimated included:**

- Travel to/from Glasgow (R)
- Zoom Airlines Glasgow to Vancouver (R)
- Bus to Roberts Creed (45 mins + ferry)
- Music Camp tuition
- Music Camp accommodation
- Local vehicle hire
- 2-3 nights in Vancouver hostel.
- Food.

#### **Variations can be:**

- Flights are cheaper the earlier booked and for group price on fixed dates – anyone opting to stay on with an open ticket is likely will pay more
- Flight prices may be less for under 12s
- Music camp tuition will depend on option chosen (at current prices it is \$260 for an adult, \$205 for child and \$225 for Trad Band option – child is age 6-18)
- Accommodation chosen
- Whether staying with group for Vancouver nights

### **Accommodation options have been looked at:**

- Up the Creek Backpacker's Hostel – dorm. Style
- Secret Garden Cabins
- Timberland House
- Wynkenblynken Nod Backpackers – dorm style (short drive away)

We have provisionally booked 14 places at Up the Creek hostel and 1 house (Timberland House) for 10 places.

Accommodation needs to be booked within next couple of months and people need to decide on their option. These options can be viewed through the links on Coast Strings Fiddles website <http://coaststringfiddlers.com>

### **FUNDRAISING**

Suggestions include:

- Large group events such as ceilidhs, concerts, quiz night
- Performances as booked (now usually get paid something for performing)
- Young Scot Grant
- Education Grants
- Leishman Trust
- James McLean Trust
- Louise Butler has offered to organise a Big Raffle
- Small groups getting together to do own fundraising towards own costs– e.g. busking.

The next meeting will go into this in more detail.

### **NEXT ACTIONS**

- £50 deposit needs to be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 per person with attached form completed.
- Flights are likely to require a 50% deposit by September (approx £300) and once names are on tickets cannot be changed.
- Next meeting re fund-raising to be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**There has been a lot of interest in this trip. We are keen to keep numbers to a manageable 40 – preferably with a mix of adults and children.**

**Please confirm whether you are definitely interested as soon as possible.**

**Priority will be given to paid up 'Riddell Fiddles and Riddell Ceilidh Band Regulars' as well as tutors with a supporting parent for the younger players where necessary for younger players. A few places will be kept open till June to allow newer players to make a decision. Our Business Sponsors & our regular ceilidh supporters will make up the remainder.**