

# Fort Selkirk Song Crafting Workshop Application Form

The song-crafting workshop takes place from Monday, July 13, 2015 – Sunday, July 19, 2015 at Fort Selkirk, Yukon.

## Location

Fort Selkirk is in an isolated location, where the Pelly River Meets the Yukon River, and is only accessible by water. There is no road, Internet or cell service.

[http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/publications/Fort\\_Selkirk.pdf](http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/publications/Fort_Selkirk.pdf)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort\\_Selkirk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Selkirk)

## Travel options

To get to Fort Selkirk you can either, drive to Pelly Farm (about 4 – 5 hrs north of Whitehorse), and get a 20 min motorboat ride over the Fort Selkirk on Monday July 13. Boat will leave designated times from late morning to early afternoon that day.

You can canoe from Minto Landing (about 3.5 hours from Whitehorse) to Fort Selkirk, which only takes half a day paddling. Only do this option if you are planning to canoe all the way to Dawson City after the camp. The timing will be good to arrive for the Dawson City Music Festival which is on July 24 – 26, 2015.

## Camping Conditions

You will provide all your own food, camping and cooking equipment and anything else you will need such as tarp, rope, tent, sleeping bag, sleeping matt, clothes and footwear for all weather. You may choose to do some of your cooking on the open fire pits but do bring a stove as well and be sure to bring enough fuel. Or at least be sure you have partnered with other participants in terms of a cook stove, fuel pots and pans and other equipment. Remember that if it rains it will be harder to start a fire with wet wood. We can help organize it for gear sharing among participants.

There are historical buildings that you can spend time in for writing but everyone must camp within the Fort Selkirk campground, which is the designated camping area for the general public. There is an enclosed cabin in the campground area with a wood stove so if it gets chilly we will have a place to get warm and dry clothes and run the workshop.

The bugs are not bad at Fort Selkirk as there is a slight form the Yukon River tunnel. Bug dope is till good to have with you though, along with sunscreen.

## The Workshop

The workshop is designed for mature and independent adults (19+). It is going to be an amazing experience and chance to relax, write, learn and have meaningful discussions between mentors and the participants about the craft of songwriting.

Yukon's Kim Beggs, along with other singer song-craft artists (bios will be available later this week) who are recognized for their craft on a national and international level, will provide mentorship about writing, melody and the fusion of them, through scheduled activities throughout the day for the duration of the week.

You will be writing new songs with your mentors, other participants, and on your own if you like, that are inspired by this amazing place and the Yukon River that flows by. Some songs will be historically relevant. We will be presenting some of these songs at Fort Selkirk on Canada Parks

Day, which is on Saturday, July 18, 2015. The public will be coming over in the motorboats to visit Fort Selkirk.

You will need a good camp chair (with swiveling table if you can find it), so you can have it with you anywhere at Fort Selkirk, as you as work on your songwriting. There will be group writing, but you will need some solitary time for writing and being inspired.

We will be writing with paper and pen and also with our own laptops. A printer will be on site to print your songs at their various stages of editing and completion.

**Cost**

The cost of the workshop tuition is \$250 for the entire week. If you are a senior, unemployed or under-employed, please let us know. We can see about doing some fundraising. Or you can work off all or part of your tuition by volunteering some hours before the workshop begins, either in Whitehorse during the weeks following up the workshop, or at Fort Selkirk starting July 11.

**Please help us learn about you and your interest in the workshop filling this form**

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email:
4. Phone Number:
5. Date of Birth (applicants must be 19yrs + and/or mature and independent):
6. Are you a member of the Selkirk First Nations? A certain number of slots are reserved for SFN citizens who are eligible)
7. Please describe any allergies you have:
8. What is your songwriting or writing or music experience? What acoustic (non-electric) instruments do you play? Can you bring it to the workshop?
  
9. Why do you want to participate in this songwriting workshop?

10. Please tell us know about your outdoor experience? What was hard for you? What was easy? Are you bear aware? Tell us how you would act safely at the camp so as not endanger yourself or anyone else at the camp.
11. Can you cook your own food, set up your own camp? Plan your own meals? We can provide you information and advice, along with a list of recommended and essential supplies and equipment.
12. Do you know other people who are interested in the camp with whom you can share camping gear and plan meals together? Who are they? This is not a requirement. But it helps us to know.
13. If you are accepted into the workshop then you will be required to make full payment immediately in order to reserve your spot.
- a. You can make payment by email cash transfer to [kimbeggs@gmail.com](mailto:kimbeggs@gmail.com)
  - b. Or by cheque to Kim Beggs
  - c. Or paypal to [purchase@kimbeggs.com](mailto:purchase@kimbeggs.com)
14. Please email your completed application to [kimbeggs@gmail.com](mailto:kimbeggs@gmail.com)
- A completed application includes:
- a. This completed application form
  - b. Mp3 recording of your own song (rough is fine and don't worry about being in tune. But we need to hear the words☺)
  - c. Lyrics and indication of authorship of this song in a word document or pdf.

Please sign below as an indication that you are available for the duration of the workshop including Parks Day on Saturday, July 18 when we present our new songs to the public. If you are shy we can help you along.

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date

## **Other FAQ**

### **There is/are: YES**

- small a bear proof container for some of your more aromatic foods to be stored over night
- a water hose that water with no silt in it. It is recommended that you boil your water before drinking
- a radio-phone available for emergencies.
- a generator power available for your devices (camera, laptop etc). The generator runs all day for the work crew who is there restoring the historic buildings at Fort Selkirk throughout the summer. The generator is turned every night at 10 pm.
- outhouses that are stocked with toilet paper and are cleaned once a week. Its good to bring your own TP anyhow though.
- picnic tables at each site. We will have to do some sharing.
- fire pits at each site. We will have to do some sharing
- one big fire pit where will be having song circles each night for the general public. This a great opportunity to share your own songs or songs you love
- chopped wood supply topped up daily for public use
- an axe for chopping the wood for kindling
- bear garbage cans
- recycling bin
- friendship

### **There isn't: NO**

- freezer or refrigeration available on site
- cell service
- internet
- kitchen
- showers
- store