

July 11, 2010

Dear Emma Unplugged Participant,

IT'S ALMOST HERE ...JUST 14 MORE SLEEPS!!

It will be such fun meeting old friends and making new ones. I look forward to meeting each of you in person. If you don't get answers to your questions in the following text please contact me and I will get an answer for you.

What is 'Unplugged'

- We are challenging ourselves to make things without the use of electricity, and other power sources.
- There **will not be** electric lights at night, except for infrastructure lights for safety.
- There **will be** electricity available for charging personal items like cameras etc.
- There **will be** camp fires, musicians, music making and merriment in the evenings.

Climate

The weather in northern Saskatchewan is quite variable; cold and rainy one day and hot and sunny the next.

Bring:

- warm clothes for evenings.
- Rain gear
- Hot weather clothes
- Bug Spray, long sleeve shirt, full body mesh? **(the odd mosquito has been sighted!!)**
- Sweater/Jacket

Related Functions

There will be daily trips to Nesslin Lake (<http://www.nesslinlake.com/>) for swimming if weather permits. Bring a bathing suit. The water is wonderful for swimming.

Sleeping Facilities

Come prepared for a rustic experience. Those who are not camping will be in cabins. These are framed buildings with wooden floors and bunk beds sleeping 4 to 6 people. Bedding (sheets, pillow, blanket) will be supplied.

Bring:

- Towel
- Personal toiletries
- Bug spray
- Ear plugs so you can't hear yourself snoring.

Working Facilities

- Studios are open 24 hours a day but no electric lights at night.
- Studios are mostly pole shelters with a tin roof.
- Lots of raw materials

Where are we

The site is located 250 km. (155 miles) from Saskatoon in the Boreal Forest. The closest town is 12 km away and has some services.

See Emma website for a map.

Camping

- ample room to park RV's, tents, trailers.
- Let us know in advance if you need an electrical hookup for a motor home. (Yeah..I know it is unplugged!!)

Shower/Toilet

- Hot water showers, sinks, toilets available in central location.

Tools

- There will be some common use hand tools but if you have favorites bring them with you.

Liquor

- The organizers will hold a liquor license allowing participants to purchase opened alcohol.
- There will be a bar open from 2:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- If you wish to consume your own alcohol you must do so at your campsite or cabin. Liquor is available in Big River (12 km. away).
- You can also purchase liquor at Shellbrook on Monday July 26 on the way to the collaboration site.

Canadian Money

Please arrange to bring Canadian money with you if you are coming from another country. The airport has a small ATM machine that may work with your bank or credit card. There is no opportunity to stop at a bank once you are underway on the bus.

Auction

Everything made at the collaboration becomes the property of the Collaboration. We will be giving some items away as prizes and the rest will be sold at a public auction on Sunday August 1 at the Ness Creek site. Public viewing is from noon – 2:00 p.m. The auction starts at 2:00 pm.

Transportation

- Gale Hagbloom will meet your flight and get you to your destination.
- All participants will be in Saskatoon by Sunday July 25 in time for the opening of Mike's Artifacts show at 7:00 p.m.
- Everyone will travel to the site on Monday July 26. Please assemble at the Credit Union Center by 9:00 am. So the bus can get under way.

Wind –up Party

BRING PLAID. Everyone is invited to bring something Plaid to wear for the party.

The wind-up party will be on Saturday night (July 31). Bring along a musical instrument to jam and create fun and frivolities. This should be a great time to wind down from the last 5 days of making and creating.

When do I have to go home

The bus will leave Ness Creek on Monday, August 2 at (9:00) to arrive in Saskatoon. The first stop will be the airport for those leaving that afternoon. Others may have a hotel or a billet and stay for a day or more.

If you have questions that are not answered please call me or email me.

Sincerely,

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