

Association of Western States Folklorists Annual Meeting
April 10-12, 2014
University Inn and Conference Center
Utah State University
Logan, Utah

The Association of Western States Folklorists (AWSF) is pleased to announce its annual meeting, which will be held at the University Inn and Conference Center, Utah State University in Logan, Utah, April 10-12, 2014. The abbreviated schedule of the event is as follows:

- Wednesday, April 9: Travel to Logan to attend the Graze at 9 a.m. Thursday
- Thursday, April 10: Graze, group dinner, media presentations.
- Friday, April 11: Meetings, workshops, Archer Taylor Memorial Lecture & reception
- Saturday, April 12: Meetings, workshops, traditional songs performance.
- Sunday, April 13: Depart

JOINT MEETING

This year's meeting will coincide with the Western States Folklore Society's annual meeting. AWSF attendees are welcome to attend WSFS sessions as their members have also been invited to join our sessions, space permitting. In addition, AWSF will be co-sponsoring the reception following the Archer Taylor Memorial Lecture held on Friday, April 11. Please visit the WSFS [website](#) for more information.

THE GRAZE

Held on Thursday, April 10, the graze will include a visit to the site of the Bear River Massacre, in which upwards of 300 Northwestern Shoshone were murdered by the U.S. Army in 1863. It will also include a visit to at least one historic barn as featured in the Bear River Heritage Area's two driving tours of barns in northern Utah and southeastern Idaho and at least one folk artist visit. We will be carpooling our own vehicles, so if you are going to have a car at the conference, please indicate this on the registration form. The graze visits are free of charge with an optional boxed lunch for \$11.00.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS & PERFORMANCE

The meeting will begin with a trout dinner Thursday, April 10 at Sportsman's Paradise (399 W 9000 S., Paradise, UT.) Sessions scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 11 & 12, include a review of and in-depth action planning around the 2012 JVA Consulting professional development workshop findings. Additional discussion topics will explore new models for public folklore, career positioning for independent folklorists, contemporary perspectives on the field and regional and intergenerational collaborations. A detailed agenda with featured presenters will be available the second week of March.

The meeting will conclude Saturday, April 12 with a performance/presentation by Hal Cannon and Gary Eller featuring folk songs of northern Utah and southeastern Idaho. Co-sponsored by the Bridger Folk Music Society, the concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Whittier Community Center, 290 N. 400 E. in Logan. Tickets for AWSF meeting attendees are \$5.00 (\$10.00 for the public) and can be purchased with AWSF registration. Visit the Bridger Folk Music Society's [site](#) for more information.

LODGING RESERVATIONS

The conference will be held at the University Inn and Conference Center, which is on the campus of Utah State University. Room rates with a discount for conference attendees are \$69 for a double queen room and includes continental breakfast. Call (800) 231-5634 to place a reservation. A block of 50 rooms has been reserved through March 27, 2014. Book early to and ask for the Western Folklore discount making your reservation. More information about the center can be found at the [Conference Center site](#) for further information. Other accommodations in Logan are available, but may require a short taxi or car ride to the university. These include:

- [Hampton Inn Logan](#)
- [Crystal Inn Hotel and Suites](#)
- [Best Western Weston Inn](#)
- [Anniversary Inn Bed and Breakfast](#)
- [Super 8 Logan](#)
- [Springhill Suites](#)

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

If you are flying, Salt Lake City International Airport is the closest to Logan. The graze begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and WESTAF welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. that evening. Our first full day of the conference will begin on Friday at 8:30 a.m. and wraps up with the Saturday evening event that begins at 7:00 p.m. For those planning to attend all the events, arrangements should be made to arrive Wednesday and depart Sunday. Logan is 90 miles from Salt Lake City so please plan for two hours of travel time which includes rental car pick up for those who choose that option. [Salt Lake Express](#) (800) 356-9796 (\$5.00 Discount on an approximately \$76.00 roundtrip fare /Promo Code: USU12), Logan Taxi (435) 753-3663 and Cache Cab (435) 232-7900 offer door-to-door service to the conference hotel 24 hours a day with advance reservations.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & PARTICIPANT BIOS

Register for the conference using the attached AWSF conference registration form. Mail, e-mail or fax the completed form and non-refundable registration fees (check payable to WESTAF or Visa/MasterCard) by **Friday, March 28, 2014** to:

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Please follow link to submit a brief bio and summary of current projects for distribution prior to the meeting: <http://bit.ly/1g0UstW>

We hope to see you in Utah!

The AWSF Planning Committee

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