

Objective: To provide the highest quality piping and drumming instruction available in the beautiful setting of Saskatchewan's great outdoors!

Classes: Auditions will be held prior to classes to assist in placing students in the appropriate class. The classes will be as follows:

Beginner Chanter/Chanter: For those who have never played the chanter as well as those who have started on the chanter and have not yet progressed to the bagpipes. Emphasis will be placed on mastery of the basics as well as performance of the essential repertoire on the chanter and a comprehension of fundamental music theory. A separate adult class may be offered given sufficient enrolment.

Intermediate Piping: For those who have reached the performance level required of a competent band player. Students will learn advanced tunes, work on improving their skill in tuning their bagpipe, and receive an introduction to Piobaireachd and composition.

Advanced Piping: For those who have reached an advanced level of play, and will benefit from instruction in Piobaireachd, composition, band management, reed selection, achievement of band tone, etc.

Beginner Drumming: For those on the drum pad. Emphasis will be placed on rudiments, elementary theory, basic beatings, as well as technique.

Intermediate Drumming: For those who have reached the level of band drummer. Emphasis will be placed on playing in a corps, achieving good tone on the drum, advanced theory, new material, and an introduction to composition.

Advanced Drumming: For those who have achieved an advanced level of play, and who will benefit from instruction in advanced composition, competition, corps management, achievement of corps tone, as well as the opportunity to learn some advanced material.

Classes will be offered only if enrolment is sufficient; some classes may be combined with others.

Ceilidh: An evening ceilidh will be held on **Thursday July 15th at 7:30pm**. Tickets are \$15.00 (adults) \$10.00 (children). There will be a silent auction and donations for the auction are greatly appreciated.

Facilities: The school will be held at Hitchcock's Hideaway on Lake Diefenbaker. It is approximately 100 miles South of Saskatoon or 150 miles North West of Regina. It is 6 miles east and south of Birsay. The facilities are located on 55 acres of land. The property is beachfront, and overlooks Lake Diefenbaker. For more information: www.hitchcocks.com.

Recreation: Hitchcock's Hideaway features great walleye, pike, and rainbow trout fishing. Enjoy the sprawling sand beaches only a few steps from the lodge. Beach volleyball courts, a softball diamond, and horseshoe pits are also on site. Equipment available includes canoes, soccer balls, softball gloves and balls, croquet, and a par 3 golf course. Don't forget to tour the Hitchcock Historical Site and Church. Boat rental is available. Windrider Sailboat rental is also available (lifejackets are supplied for both). Relax at one of the campfire sites available.

Supervision: Students are supervised during class time only. Therefore students under the age of 18 must have their legal guardian or an appointed guardian present at the school. *The legal appointed guardian that will be responsible for the minor student must be named in the appropriate section of the Application Form.*

Practical Matters: In response to student requests, the 2010 school will continue to be 5-1/2 full days of classes.

Applications will be accepted up until June 30th, 2010; however, *enrolment will be limited*. Apply early. **Returning students will be given priority until Feb. 1, 2010. After that, enrolment will be on a first come, first served basis.** Each student must complete and submit the *Application Form* prior to camp. Class sizes will be limited. Applicants will check in July 11 before 5pm, and classes will begin **Monday** morning at 9am. Check out will be 3pm July 17. Extended stays or extra meal arrangements should be made with Hitchcock's directly.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and supper are included for all students. These are good home cooked meals! Many positive comments were received from students of last year's camp regarding the quality of the food.

Class Schedule:

Classes start Monday at 9:00 am
Classes finish Saturday at 3:00 pm
Morning Classes: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Afternoon Classes: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Fees:
Applications received by June 1, 10 \$575.00*
Applications received after June 1, 10 **\$675.00***
Deposit: \$100.00
Hold your spot with a deposit.
Balance payable by June 30, 2010.
Deposit and Fees are non-refundable.
**Includes tuition and meals.*

Piping Exams:

Piping and Drumming Qualifications Exams can be arranged to be completed at the camp through Ken Eller. Ken is qualified to examine up to Level 4 piping. If you are interested in sitting an exam, contact Ken directly at captain@computan.on.ca. No class time will be allocated for exam preparation. The student must be prepared to sit the exam at the school. For more information on the examinations, check out www.pdqb.org.

Application: Fill out the *Application Form* and mail along with a cheque for your deposit to:

Lake Diefenbaker Pipe Band School
923 Emmeline Terrace
Saskatoon, SK.
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306-249-2939
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Please make cheques payable to
"Lake Diefenbaker Pipe Band School Inc."

Donations: Are gratefully accepted. A number of volunteers have put in great time and effort to make this event happen. We strive to offer top instruction at reasonable rates. Please let us know if you are willing to contribute your time, goods, or a cash donation.

Donations for the **silent auction** are also graciously accepted.

Travel: If you require transportation from Saskatoon to the School, please contact us for arrangements.

Instructional Staff:

Bob Worrall: is one of North America's leading teachers, adjudicators and performers. Bob is a respected composer, having published two collections of bagpipe music, and also having compositions in a large number of other collections. He is featured on three solo piping recordings and is a member of the folk group "Scantily Plaid".

Ken Eller: also known as "The Captain", has had a 40 year piping career at the Grade 1 level. He has been 15 times a winner of the North American Pipe Band Championships with two bands: the 78th Fraser Highlanders and the Clan MacFarlane Pipe Band. Now retired from active competition, he is a full time piping educator.

Ken is the moderator of the teaching website, www.thecaptainscorner.com where visitors can receive lessons or simply catch the latest in piping news.

Alan Walters: is a full-time piping instructor, judge, and professional competitor from Surrey, BC. He also pipes for Highland Dancers nationally and internationally. Alan has two CDs performed on the Scottish Smallpipes for competitive dancers titled "Strictly Time" and "Strictly Time II". He is known in Canada and the US for the many workshops and seminars he delivers. As a former member of Muirhead and Sons Pipe Band, and a past Pipe Major of Triumph Street Pipe Band, Alan has worked with some of the best piping talent.

Wes Sheppard: is the Pipe Major of the St. Andrews Society of Winnipeg Pipe Band. In 2005, the band won the Grade 3 North American Championships. Following this, the band placed top 3 in Grade 2, three times at the North Americans. In 2008, the band was awarded the best Pipe Section in grade 2 as well. Wes is in constant demand all over North America as an adjudicator, instructor and band clinician.

John Fisher: is the Lead Drummer of the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band, former Lead Drummer of the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band, a former North American Drumming Champion, and a former member of the World Champion Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band drum corps under Alex Duthart. With over 30 years experience as a drummer, performer, and educator, he has gained an international reputation as a master of technique, rhythm and musicality. He was a faculty member of the Percussion Institute of Technology at the Musician's Institute in Los Angeles and performed for many years as a session drummer in Los Angeles and Canada.

Reminder List:

Instrument:

- Bagpipes and practice chanter
-or-
- Drum, practice pad, and sticks
- Smallpipes and other instruments if you have them.

Maintenance Items:

- Hemp, reeds, seasoning, etc.

Music

Recording Devices

- Paper, Music Manuscript, Pens, Recorders, etc.
- Tuner, Metronome

Toiletries

- Towels, Soap
- Bedding and Pillow
- Insect Repellent
- Sun Screen

Clothes

- Bring summer wear for day and warmer evening clothes.
Don't forget rain gear.
- Hat

Recreational

- Bring your fishing rod, etc.
- Flashlight
- Lawn Chair

Snacks

- There is no canteen so you may want to bring chips, etc.
- The nearest store is about 6 miles.

Meals included are:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Supper

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8th Annual Lake Diefenbaker Pipe Band School



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Hitchcock's Hideaway
Birsay, SK.

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