

General Information and details, details, details...

CHECK IN AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE: (See the schedule for registration location and times.) Pre-registered attendees will receive registration packets and room keys. Others can register and choose available classes.

DO NOT LOSE YOUR KEYS OR LOCK YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR ROOM! THIS IS A BIG PROBLEM FOR YOU TO SOLVE IF YOU DO!

NAME TAGS: YOU MUST WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AT ALL TIMES!

MEALS: The food at Ft. Worden is institutional (for vegetarian meals, see registration info). It's convenient, economical, and you dine among kite enthusiasts! Local restaurants are nearby in Pt. Townsend, or cooking may be done in houses or campers. No outside food is allowed in the dining hall, and seating is reserved for those attendees who purchase the meal package. The meal package is for 8 meals, Friday breakfast through Sunday lunch.

ACCOMMODATIONS in the dorms are modest: room, bed, bed linens, and towels with a common bathroom down the hall.

CHECK-OUT TIME: Be aware that even though the conference continues until Sunday afternoon, **dorm checkout time is 11 am**. Most people pack up before breakfast. **Please don't forget to turn in your keys.**

CLASS FEES: Materials fees must be paid to instructors as classes begin (cash only, no checks). Extra kits may be sold after class as available.

VOLUNTEER! Find a way to help out and do it! Almost all offers are taken and appreciated.

RAFFLE: Please bring donations to the Commons for our annual conference fundraiser. Members buy tickets and **mark, stamp, or label all tickets legibly with your name** (*this saves lots of time*). Chops or nicknames must be registered with the Raffle Committee. Deposit tickets in bags matching the items you wish to own! Drawings will be held at meals starting Friday.

DISPLAY AND SHARE: Bring kites, banners, photos, videos, and other kite-related curiosities to exhibit or to share and discuss (be sure that all such items are labeled with your name and any informative details).

SCHEDULE CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS will be made at meal times and posted on a centrally-located bulletin board.

LOST AND FOUND: Check at registration desk.

CLEAN-UP: Please help keep things tidy in all buildings throughout the weekend. Cleaning up your work area before the next class is appreciated.

SUPPLIES will **not** be available for purchase on site.

ALSO BE SURE TO BRING:

For guidance: maps, ferry schedule, class schedule
For workshops: (Some specific supplies may also be listed in class descriptions) Pens, pencils, markers, writing, drawing, tracing papers, yardstick, straight edge, triangle, square, scissors, razor knife, cutting mat, tape(s), glue(s), sewing machine, sewing supplies (refers to whatever you find yourself using at home when you sew), lamp, extension cords (3-pin to 2-pin adapters can be useful), seam ripper, pins, thread(s), needles, hot knife, and hot cutting surface, sandpaper, fine-tooth saw, and miscellaneous hand tools

Other: Snacks and beverages, camera and memory cards, video camera, kites and line for flying, kite lights for night flight, flash light for the dorm & personal items.

Supply note: IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE YOUR NAME ON YOUR THINGS SO MISPLACED ITEMS DON'T GET PERMANENTLY LOST.

HOW TO GET THERE: Fort Worden State Park Conference Center is in the town of Port Townsend, WA on the Olympic Peninsula.

From Downtown Seattle: (Allow 2.5 hours.) Take the Seattle/Bainbridge Island ferry (for schedules call (206) 464-6400 from within Washington; from outside Washington call (800) 843-3779 or browse to www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/schedules/current/default.cfm)

Drive across Bainbridge Island on #305. Continue on #3 across the Hood Canal Bridge, which will put you on #104 going west. When you reach #101, go north, then take #20 north to Port Townsend.

From Tacoma: From I-5, take #16 north, across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Stay on #16 until you come to #3, and take #3 north. Continue on #3 across the Hood Canal Bridge, which will put you on #104 going west. When you reach #101, go north briefly, and take #20 north to Port Townsend.

From the South: Take I-5 to Olympia, and follow #101 north along the west side of Hood Canal. Take #20 to Port Townsend.

...AS YOU ENTER PORT TOWNSEND, turn left at the second light, and follow the signs to Fort Worden. It's north of town. You will be zigzagging through residential areas. Take the main street north to its end. Turn right and follow the residential streets along the bluff. They should dead end at Fort Worden State Park.

For alternate directions try www.mapquest.com . Use 200 Battery Way, Port. Townsend, WA 98368 as your destination.

No pets in buildings and no alcoholic beverages on premises (State Park rules).

A few words about the schedule...

- 1) The scheduled times for classes are based on the instructors' estimates of time required.
- 2) Room changes are occasionally necessary, and will be posted on a centrally located bulletin board and announced at meals.
- 3) If your class ends early, or you finish a project before the appointed time is up, feel free to clean up and go observe another class (observers not enrolled in a class may not disrupt class by conversing with students or instructor), inspect the raffle goodies, fly kites, visit, find a snack, etc.
- 4) If you need more time than the schedule allows for completing a project, you may wish to do so while at the conference. Classes often run over into evening hours, and you can make arrangements to stay in or move into one of these open classrooms where there's room for you to work. Teachers are not obligated to return to their classroom after dinner. Check with the instructor for this possibility.
- 5) To allow for smooth transition between classes (outgoing clean-up and incoming set-up), please try to set up for classes as soon as space is open, and finish **cleaning up** by the end of scheduled class time.
- 6) There are many ways attendees use their time at the conference. Some people lock tightly into a whirlwind program of workshops, some spend time simply observing instructors or topics that interest them, and some do a little of both! If you are interested in a class that is full or one that conflicts with your schedule - network! The potential for exchange of information among such a pool of kitemakers is never-ending.
- 7) Drinking water will be available in all buildings where classes are held. If you like to nibble between meals, you may bring snacks.
- 8) Be sure to be on time for meals and have your meal ticket handy.
- 9) Yes! You can register/check in on Thursday, from 2 to 9 pm for a fresh, early start on Friday. All participants must be registered and must wear their name badge at all times.
- 10) Information on the schedule is subject to change.



Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

Using and Understanding our Class Skill Levels

The classes offered at Fort Worden fall into the following three skill level categories: Beginner, Intermediate, and Experienced. There is considerable overlap among all these categories. There is no clear line or simple test that can be used to determine your kitemaking experience level. Even if a class is shown as a “no-sew” class, don’t assume it is a simple beginner kite. Some are, some aren’t. If you have questions about whether or not you should take a particular class, please email the teacher and discuss it. The teacher who designed the class will know what skills are needed. Above all, be honest with yourself. We wouldn’t want you to go home disappointed, with a project you haven’t finished—and possibly won’t ever finish.

These classifications are for your benefit. To make the best use of them, think of them this way:

Beginner:

I am a beginner if I have never made a cloth kite before. I may have never used a sewing machine either—or at least not enough to be comfortable with it. The first thing I should sign up for is Gerry Pennell’s beginning sewing class. This will give me a big boost on the way to being an accomplished kite sewer. I should look through the list of classes offered for beginners—there will be plenty to choose from. Since Gerry’s class is normally held on Friday morning, I may be ready to take something a bit more advanced the next day or even that afternoon.

Please note: Nobody is going to say “no—you can’t take that class.” However, if you choose a class that is way beyond your experience level, you probably won’t have a good time. We want you to have a good time!

Intermediate:

I am intermediate if I can sew reasonably well. Have I taken Gerry’s class? You bet! I haven’t made many kites yet, but I have developed some skills and am ready to move on. Most of us may fit into this category. Even if I have never made a kite before, but I am an accomplished sewer I may be comfortable in one of these classes. I’ll ask the teacher via an email!

Experienced:

I am experienced if I have made lots of kites and my sewing skills are well developed. Now I am looking for a challenge, and to learn different and advanced skills and techniques.