

General Information and details, details, details...

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

MEALS: The great food at Warm Beach is served buffet style (for vegetarian meals, see registration form). It's convenient, economical, and you dine among kite enthusiasts!

ACCOMMODATIONS

CHECK-OUT TIME: The conference continues until Sunday afternoon, checkout time may be earlier in the day so most people pack up before breakfast. Checkout time will be announced. **Please don't forget to turn in your keys.**

The accommodation choices are detailed on the year specific information page. You can see the facilities on the Warm Beach web site.

RAFFLE: Please bring donations to the raffle area 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/SHARE: Bring kites, banners, photos, 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. Also, please plan to help clean up our class areas before we leave. ***Thanks!***

SUPPLIES will not be available for purchase on site.

ALSO, BE SURE TO BRING:

For guidance: site map and class schedule, printed from the web page

For workshops: (Specific class supplies are also 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, seam ripper, pins, thread(s), needles, hot knife, and hot cutting surface, sandpaper, fine-tooth saw, and miscellaneous hand tools.

Other: Camera, video camera, kites and line for flying.

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

WHERE WE WILL BE: Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center is located north of Seattle in Stanwood, Washington.

No pets and no alcoholic beverages on premises (Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center 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 the buildings where classes are held. If you need to nibble between meals, you can find coffee available in Cedar Lodge.
- 8) Be sure to be on time for meals.
- 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.