

Frequently Asked Questions about Schoolhouse Press Workshops

Where is Marshfield, WI and how do I get there?

Marshfield is near the exact center of Wisconsin. It is located about 3 hours from Minneapolis, MN, 2.5 hours from Madison, WI, 2.5 hours from Green Bay, WI, 4 hours from Milwaukee, WI and 5.5 hours from Chicago. See our Map and Travel Tips PDF for more precise information.

How can I connect with other knitting campers/workshop participants?

Use your participant list to email other knitters before camp. You can contact other knitters to see if they want to share a car rental from an airport, carpool the entire way, or just to share your excitement.

What is the weather like in Central Wisconsin; what should I wear?

Wisconsin is lovely in summer. Temperatures outdoors are usually in the 70s or 80s, but it can be cooler at night. Because the hotel is air conditioned, the temperature indoors can fluctuate, too. We suggest layers for ultimate comfort in all conditions. This is also an excellent way to show off your sweaters and shawls! Spring and Fall workshop participants should rely on weather reports as a guide before packing.

Which supplies should I bring?

For Workshops, participants travel to Schoolhouse Press on Saturday afternoon to check out our warehouse, shop and see the sweater room. Read your letter for an explanation of supplies to bring that are specific to your workshop or call the Schoolhouse staff in advance to provide you with wool and needles.

What do I need to know about knitting before attending camp or a workshop?

First time workshop participants should have read one of Elizabeth Zimmermann's books or viewed one of her DVDs prior to attending knitting camp. A basic knowledge of knitting is required--cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease and cast off are the basic techniques knitters must know.

Must I participate in Show and Tell?

Show and Tell is optional; each knitter who chooses to participate is limited to a 4 minute time slot in which to show one or two items of which they are proud or a work in progress on which they need advice. Show and Tell is a great time for your fellow campers to get to know you a bit, so don't be too shy! And, though you may only show one or two items during your show and tell time, we encourage you to bring and wear other garments which you have knit as a way to show what you've worked on throughout the year.

What amenities can I expect at The Holiday Inn?

The Holiday Inn is a 3-floor hotel and conference center with an elevator. For camp, we have a large classroom, market room, dining room and lobby/living room space. For workshops, we have a classroom/dining room. All guest rooms are air-conditioned and have a TV, microwave, small refrigerator, coffee maker, iron, and ironing board and blow dryers. The hotel has an attached bar, an indoor swimming pool with giant slide, a whirlpool, fitness center and business center (in case you need to print boarding passes) as well as wireless internet. There is a restaurant attached to the hotel. You can check out the hotel here:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/MFIWI/welcome>

What else is close by?

Just across the street you'll find a large grocery store for snacks, wine, beer, fruits, natural foods, and chocolate. Espresso drinks can be found downtown at The Daily Grind coffee shop.

What kinds of food are served at camp?

We typically serve buffet-style foods and offer choices for a variety of diets. Vegetarians must contact us in advance, though most meals have a vegetarian offering. Vegan and other limited diets may be difficult to accommodate; contact us in advance to discuss food and we also recommend making use of the refrigerator and microwave in your room. There is a natural foods section at the grocery store across the street from the hotel.

What is the Kitchen Table Restaurant?

The KT is a wonderful restaurant about a 5 block stroll from the Holiday Inn. It is owned by EZ's other daughter, Lloie, who is also the head chef. Workshop participants are treated to breakfast at the KT on Friday morning.

Are there activities in the community for my non-knitting companion?

Marshfield, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids are towns in which a non-knitting companion (provided he/she has a car) can find outdoor activity as well as cultural events. Below are links for the convention bureaus or chambers for each of the three communities. Additionally, the front desk at the hotel can provide information about local events and activities.

<http://www.visitmarshfieldwi.com/>

<http://www.spacvb.com/>

<http://www.visitwisrapids.com/>

How does my non-knitting companion fit in; in what may he/she participate during camp?

At workshops, Non-knitting companions are invited to attend all the dinners (with the exception of the Saturday celebration dinner, extra fee applies for non-knitting companions to join) and breakfasts. Lunches and breaks are not included, as knitters are in class.