



Meg Swansen's Knitting Camp Session 1 & 2, July 2023

Quick Info

Dates: Arrive Thursday, July 6, Class July 7-9, Depart Monday, July 10

Location: Holiday Inn Conference Center, 750 S. Central Ave, Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449

Check-In: 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 6; **Check-Out:** 11 a.m. on Monday, July 10

Welcome Supper & Seating: 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6 (Room: Doege)

Important Phone Numbers:

Schoolhouse Press, 715-884-2799 (Mon-Fri 8:30-3 CST; July hours vary)

Holiday Inn Conference Center Marshfield, 715-486-1500, press 4 for the front desk

Payment Due: Payment is due immediately upon acceptance; it is possible to pay in two payments if needed (see invoice for more info).



A Message from Meg: Knit on with Confidence!

47 years of Knitting Camp and counting...

Knitting Camp is for you, a place to learn new skills, show off your knitting prowess, meet new friends, and gather for a weekend to knit with like-minded knitters from across the country and sometimes the globe. I cannot think of another example of such a long-standing, open, and intense event for the sharing of knitting information, plus admiration and respect for each other. If

you wish, please contact me in advance at info@schoolhousepress.com with topics of interest or questions you need to have answered. I want you to extract the information you seek, as we knit together, in-person, after such a long pause.

Travel to Camp: Camp is held in Marshfield, Wisconsin at The Holiday Inn Conference Center located at 750 S. Central Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449. The Travel Tips document on the camper info page provides information about flying vs. driving to camp. If you are flying all the way to Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA), you will need to rent a car to get to Marshfield. We recommend checking your options before booking flights. The hotel no longer offers an airport shuttle service.

Check-In & Lodging: Schoolhouse Press makes the lodging arrangements for your camp stay. If you need accommodations outside of our camp dates (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights), please call the hotel at 715-486-1500. The hotel prefers to take reservations after we book our rooms. I will submit a rooming list to the hotel on March 20th. Check in to The Holiday Inn Marshfield, WI on **Thursday, July 6** any time *after 3:00 p.m.*

Thursday Evening Welcome Supper & Classroom Seating: The Knitting Camp staff will be on hand to greet you during supper on Thursday evening at **5:30 p.m.** Wear your name tag to help us get to know each other. During supper, we will introduce the camp staff. After supper, knitters will choose their seats in the classroom.

Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon Dining:

Hot breakfast is served on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday morning between 8:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Lunch is served on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, timed to coordinate with our class schedule. Dinner is on your own; Marshfield has reasonably priced restaurants. Also, there is a grocery store across the street, and each hotel room has a refrigerator and microwave.

Knitting Camp Schedule

Thursday:

- 3:00 p.m. Check in at The Holiday Inn and Conference Center
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Welcome Supper & Staff Introductions (Room: Doege)
- 6:30ish p.m. Classroom Seating (reserved, but feel free to find your place)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday (Rooms: Conference Area and Doege):

- 8:15 – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:45 am Knitting Instruction: Sweater construction, Technique Discussion, Question & Answer (Q&A) – Topics may include Cast ons/Cast offs, Increases, Decreases, Elizabeth’s Percentage system for sweaters, Yokes, Steeks, Two-Color Knitting, Twisted-Stitch, Two-End Knitting, Double Knitting, Armenian Knitting

Optional Homework: If you would like to knit a mini seamless yoke, or a mini stitch-&-cut Norwegian style sweater for your project (not required) and want a head start, download the advance handouts for Camp 1 & 2 at <http://www.schoolhousepress.com/camper-info>

- 10:45 – 11:00 am Mid-morning break
- 11:00 am –1:00 pm Continuation of morning topics, plus optional Show and Tell
- 1:00 – 2:15 pm Lunch
- 2:15 – 3:15 pm Individual assistance for projects/Q&A (Saturday: camper vending)
- Evening Classroom is open for gathering and knitting

Monday (Room: Doege)

- 8:30 – 9:30 am Farewell Breakfast (Hotel Check Out: 11 AM)

Packing & Preparing for Camp

- **Wool/Needles:** Bring 4 to 6 oz of medium-weight wool in 2 or more colors (to knit up at approx 5 sts to 1”), a 16” circular needle, and a set of d.p. needles (or two circulars, or magic-loop) to knit a small project.
- **Projects in progress:** Most knitters bring projects they are working on and knit as we discuss and during show and tell. It’s all knitting, all the time, if you wish.
- **Swatch:** Have a swatch (flat or circular) ready on needles to experiment with techniques as Meg demonstrates them. A plain swatch of a couple of inches should be sufficient.
- **Tools:** Pack your favorite knitting tools.
- **Optional Show & Tell:** Bring a completed garment of which you are most proud. Though there is time to show only one or two garments, we encourage you to wear other items you’ve knit to show them informally.
- **Name Tag:** Knit (or otherwise create) a name tag to wear each day during camp.
- **Market & Vending:** Schoolhouse Press will set up a small market and provide opportunities to order online. Campers may bring their homemade wares (soaps, bags/baskets, jewelry etc.) to sell during Saturday afternoon in the pre-event area. We do not plan to offer commercial vending opportunities this year.

We’ll see you in July! *The Knitting Camp Team (Meg, Amy, Ann, Heather, Michelle, and Cully)*