

Rabbitstick #38 An Open Letter From Camp Mom

Dear Rabbitstick Family,

It's hard to believe, but once again we're standing on the edge of another gathering—another circle of stories, skills, laughter and late nights. This year marks **Rabbitstick #38**, and I'm already feeling that familiar sense of joy and anticipation.

Please mark your calendars: **September 13-19, 2026, in Rexburg, Idaho.** **REGISTRATION** is open **NOW!** Early registration also gives you a **\$100** discount! If past years are any indication of the number of participants coming, registration will again close early, because so many want to attend. *You snooze; you lose!*

As past participants know, we'll be gathering in a truly beautiful area for camping, with a large open meadow and the Henry's Fork of the Snake River nearby. It's a place that invites you to slow down, breathe deeply and settle in.



“Camp Mom” preachin’ to the choir.

I'm so looking forward to seeing dear friends from past gatherings, folks who feel like family-- and just as much to meeting those of you who are coming for the first time. Rabbitstick has a way of making everyone feel like they belong; you're never "new" for long.

Your days will be filled with myriad choices...as there are so many classes each day to choose from! Our instructors come from across the nation and around the world to share their knowledge and experience. Evenings bring nightly activities, including bonfires, drumming and music under the stars. You can also enjoy incredible seminars, demonstrations and guest

speakers. The **Trade Blanket** is always brimming with wonderful handmade items and treasures.

On Wednesday, you have the option of carpooling (yes...*car pooling*) to the hot springs—so bring your bathing suit! **Thursday** is **Mask Night**, when we'll don our masks and dance together around the bonfire—one of those moments that stays with you long after you've gone home.

Our **kids' program**, grouped by age and abilities, is a truly special opportunity for young people to learn, play and connect in ways that often become highlights of their week.

If "*glamping*" is glamorous camping, then Rabbitstick is something else entirely—camping where you learn skills, make new friends, exchange ideas freely and build genuine community.

There's a song that, for me, perfectly captures the feeling of being at Rabbitstick. **Drew Holcomb** wrote "**Find Your People**" in 2023 as a folk anthem about how we need each other." Inspired by the isolation of the pandemic. He stated, "*Life is hard. It's a lot harder when you go it alone.*" I encourage you to listen to **Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors** perform. We tried to sing it together last year, but not many folks knew the words, so this year, I'd love if you'd listen to it online and copy the lyrics so we can sing it together.

The chorus goes:

In a world of strangers, you don't know who to trust

All you see is danger, tryna find what you lost.

You can't go it alone, everybody needs help,

You gotta find your people, then you'll find yourself

This song expresses the abundance of joy I feel every time I come to Rabbitstick. It's my hope that it will affect you in the same way.

You never know who you'll meet, what amazing things you'll learn, or what connections will grow—but I do know this: community and camaraderie at Rabbitstick are the best.

With love and anticipation,

Janet Snyder, **Camp Mom**