



Telelaget is excited about hosting the 2017 7-Lag Stevne, “**Sustain and Celebrate Your Legacy**” in Decorah, Iowa, July 20-23. We have been hard at work organizing this event, which we hope will give all of our *stevne* attendees insights into living up to the legacy that was left for them by their immigrant ancestors while learning ways to leave a legacy worthy of our children and future generations. Like us on Facebook or visit us on the web at www.7lagstevne.com for more details and the latest updates.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!

HOTEL BLOCKS have been reserved at the following hotels with special rates **beginning July 19:**

- **Country Inn & Suites** – 563-382-9646 -- \$155 per night – 1202 Highway 9 West, Decorah
- **Quality Inn** – 563-382-2269 -- \$144 & \$169 per night – 705 Commerce Drive, Decorah
- **Super 8** – 563-382-8771 -- \$149 per night – 810 Highway 9 East, Decorah
- **Hotel Winneshiek** – 563-382-4164 or 800-998-4164 \$149 - \$159 per night, 3 night minimum – 104 East Water Street, Decorah

All blocks are held up to 30 days prior to the event.

LUTHER COLLEGE HOUSING

- **Baker Village** (Townhouse-style) and **Farwell Hall** (Traditional dorm) -- \$45 per person per night
- See the On-Campus Housing Information and Registration Form for more information
- If you wish to share a townhouse or dorm cluster with friends, please specify on the housing form.

STEVNE SCHEDULE

For convenient parking, use the lot on Dike Street. A golf cart shuttle will be available to the main entrance of Dahl Student Union if you desire. There is also an elevator for Farwell Hall accessible from this parking lot. Shuttles will also be scheduled between Baker Village and campus. Other limited street parking on campus may be available.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- **Stevne Registration** opens at 12:00 p.m. in the Dahl Student Union
- **Trolley Tours to Vesterheim** between 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.
 - Demonstrators will be set up throughout the museum and will answer any questions on your self-guided tours.
 - Sign up for a trolley departure time at registration
- **Genealogy Orientation** at 2:30 p.m. with Genealogy Open House from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Vendors Open** from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Classes** from 3:30 – 5:45 p.m.
 - Telemark Resistance to Nazi Occupation – John Haugo
 - All Tradition is Change – Laurann Gilbertson
 - The Industry Heritage Site at Rjukan and Notodden – Anne Haugen Wagn
 - Archiving the Basement – Hayley Jackson
- **Opening Session** begins at 7:00 p.m.
 - The Decorah Dancers and the Luren Singers, both local Decorah groups, will provide entertainment.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- **Vendors** open at 8:00 a.m. Do some shopping prior to your first class or genealogy research!
- **Genealogy Research Room** will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- **An incredible group of speakers** will present a full line-up of classes beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - Herbjørn Gausta – Dr. Kate Elliott
 - Dating Historical Photos Using Women’s Clothing – Laurann Gilbertson
 - Victory for Some, Defeat for Others – Alastair Brown
 - Flatbread Baking – Aase Therkelsen
 - Norway: Rags to Riches – Jan & Miriam Hansen
 - Taste of Norway – Darlene Fossum-Martin
 - DNA Impact on Norwegian Family History Research – Johnathan Storlie
 - Antique ID – Laurann Gilbertson
 - Bring a favorite Norwegian piece or a photo of it, and learn its history. Item will remain in your possession.
 - Hardanger Embroidery – Betty Knutson
 - A four-hour class for beginning hardanger students. See registration for fee and sign-up information.

- Writing Your Family History – Anette Holt Bratsberg
 - Through one two-hour class, you can start the process of writing your own life story. Classes will be offered in two-hour blocks during three different time slots. See registration for fee information and to sign up.
- **Motor Coach Tour to Harmony MN and Spillville IA** from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - We will tour the areas in and around Harmony where Norwegian artist Herbjørn Gausta lived and painted. These will include the Harmony Area Historical Society and Greenfield Lutheran Church and Cemetery.
 - We will tour the Bily Clock Museum in Spillville containing huge, fully animated clocks built by Frank and Joseph Bily. Upstairs is an exhibit honoring composer Antonin Dvorak who lived on the site one summer while composing his “New World Symphony.” We will also visit the St. Wenceslaus Church, the oldest Czech Catholic Church in the United States, completed in 1860. Dvorak practiced daily at St. Wenceslaus while in Spillville.
 - A box lunch is included in the tour fee.
- **General Session** begins at 7:00 p.m.
 - Entertainment will be provided by Norwegian singer, Tone Tveito, Hardanger fiddler, Torgeir Straand and by the Tinndølan Dancers, all visiting from Norway.
 - Keynote speaker -- Per Lykke of Rjukan, Norway. Per will talk about the history of emigration from Norway to the US and focus on the bonds between “Norwegians” in America and in Norway, yesterday and today.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- **Vendors and the Genealogy Room** open at 8:00 a.m.
- **Another morning of classes** begins at 9:00 a.m.
 - National Parks in Norway – Per Lykke
 - Sustain and Celebrate, Doing My Part – Johannes Risness
 - Conjuring Up the Past: the Huset Doctors from Holla – Jeff Huset
 - Asking Ourselves Some Serious Questions – Karen Humphrey
- **Individual Lag Annual Meetings** and tours from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Cash Bar & Banquet** opens at 5:00 p.m. with banquet seating beginning at 5:45 p.m.
 - The chefs and staff at Luther will transform the cafeteria and create a delicious buffet style meal for us. Entrée choices include pork, chicken and a vegetarian option.
- **Banquet Program** begins at 7:00 p.m.
 - Show off your *bunad* by taking part in our annual parade!
 - Musical entertainment will be by Torgeir Straand, Hardanger Fiddler and Tone Tveito, Norwegian vocalist.
 - David Engen, recent winner of the Norwegian television program “Alt for Norge” will be our speaker. Find out what it means to David to be a Norwegian!

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- **Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.** led by Pastor Charles Humphrey.
 - Rachel Storlie from Spring Grove will provide special music, and Shelley Jerviss, a member of Telelaget, will be our organist.
- **Coffee Fellowship** from 11:00 a.m. until noon will conclude our time at Luther.
- **There are many area attractions** that you are encouraged to visit on your own or as a lag. Information on popular locations will be given out at the registration table or can be found online at www.visitdecorah.com.

YOUTH AT THE STEVNE

With the future in mind the *stevne* is hosting a two-and-a-half day youth camp for students between the ages of 7 and 16. The camp will provide opportunities to learn about Norwegian culture and history and will include folk dancing, games, art, language, singing and more.

The camp will begin on Thursday afternoon with a getting-acquainted experience as we travel to Harmony to visit Niagara Cave. The one-hour guided tour will take us one mile underground, seeing 450 million year-old fossils and an under-ground waterfall. Students meet at the Dahl Student Union at 1:30 p.m. -- wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a light jacket. On Friday, you'll have Norwegian lessons, then travel to Vesterheim Museum for a presentation, “Immigrant Trunk,” and a hands-on “Immigrant Chores” activity. You will design and decorate a cap and hear a presentation about some of the UNESCO Heritage Sites in Norway. On Saturday, you'll have Norwegian lessons, learn Folk Dancing, do a woodburning project, and play an old Viking game called Kubbespill. You will learn about Herbjørn Gausta, an artist who emigrated from Norway to Harmony, Minnesota and see some of his artwork, and you will hear about the reindeer in Norway. On Saturday evening, you will be asked to help a bit at the banquet that will be given – simple things like helping people find a seat, or carrying their food or drinks to their table. Then you'll join your family for the banquet. On Sunday, you can attend the worship service with your family.

Youth camp lunches, classes, activities, and transportation are covered in the registration fee. Parents/grandparents must join their child at the entrance to the Dahl Student Union at approximately 5 p.m. each day to enjoy dinner and evening programs together. More specific information will be given at the Thursday evening orientation program.

We encourage people willing to drive to one or more of our destinations, to call Elaine Nordlie at 320-275-2286.

Make plans now to join us in Decorah! You will be glad you did!