



West Virginia State Folk Festival

Belle Committee

P.O. Box 362

Glenville, West Virginia 26351

Dear :

Congratulations on being selected to represent your county at the West Virginia State Folk Festival! We are eagerly looking forward to our weekend together beginning Friday, June 18, 2010. The festival highlights the best of our mountain musical heritage, and celebrates a way of life shaped by a pioneering spirit that still beats in the hearts of many West Virginians.

Enclosed you will find the following:

- A map
- Information about your schedule
- Folk Festival events schedule
- A photo release form
- A companion form

Some ladies prefer to have a spouse or companion accompany them to the Festival and share a room in the dormitory during their stay. Space is available for one companion per Belle only. A companion fee of \$125.00 includes accommodations for Friday and Saturday night, all meals from Friday luncheon through lunch on Sunday, and admission to all concerts, contests, and events. Please complete the attached form regarding your choice of a companion and mail to the Folk Festival committee.

In the weeks ahead we ask that you begin working on a costume that you will wear to all Festival events. Your dress should include a sash, worn diagonally from right shoulder to waist, with the name of your county in 3 inch letters so that it is easily visible in the parade and on your photos. Some ladies, recognizing that June can be hot, choose to bring two or more dresses. The choice is yours.

The Belle committee will compile a booklet of biographical information and a photo in costume of each Belle. We ask that you complete the photo release form and include one 4X6 photo of yourself in costume by **May 4th**. Send to: Belle Committee, WV Folk Festival, PO Box 362, Glenville, WV 26351 or you may email it to: Barr.Family@glenville.edu.

We ask that you arrive in Glenville on **Friday, June 18th between 10:30am and 12:00pm** to register at **Pickens Hall**. Pickens Hall is located on the GSC Main Campus on Court Street directly across from the Gilmer County Court House Annex. Pickens Hall offers the following amenities:

- Dormitory style accommodations in four-bedroom air conditioned suites. Each bedroom in each suite has two single beds. If you are bringing a companion, you will be rooming with your companion. Linens, including towels and washcloths, are provided.
- One private bathroom in each suite.
- One refrigerator and microwave in each room.

In order to make your stay more comfortable, you should bring the following:

- All toiletries including soap and shampoo. These are not provided.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Drinks and snacks, if desired (no alcoholic beverages).

- Instant coffee and/or tea bags and a microwaveable cup if you would like to make hot beverages in your room.
- Sunscreen.
- Sunglasses.
- Umbrella or other rain gear.

After you get situated at Pickens Hall, we will have an orientation meeting in the main lounge area of Pickens Hall. You will then have free time before going up to the **Ceremony to be held in your honor at 3:30pm at the Glenville State College Mollohan Campus Community Center**

Transportation will be available for you throughout the festival. Saturday's Parade route is along Main Street for three level blocks. If it would be difficult for you to walk, please let us know so we can make arrangements for a ride.

In your unofficial capacity as goodwill ambassadors for your county, we invite you to bring 10 copies of any promotional literature on festivals or special attractions in your area to be shared at the Folk Festival information booth.

When you arrive you will be given a program that includes the complete schedule. But, in the meantime, the enclosed brochure describes what the festival has to offer. Please call Betsy Barr if you have any questions or concerns. If you need to leave a message, let me know it is about "Belle Business" and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

We look forward to welcoming you to Glenville in June!!!!

Sincerely,

Betsy Barr
Belle Committee Chairperson

Home Phone: 304-462-7302
E-mail: Barr.Family@glenville.edu

BELLE COMMITTEE COMPANION, PHOTO RELEASE, AND DINNER REGISTRATION FORMS
Please return all forms by May 4, 2009

Please complete and return to: WV Folk Festival, PO Box 362, Glenville, WV 26351

Belle Name _____

County _____

Yes, I prefer to bring a companion _____

Name of your companion _____

Address of your companion _____

Thank you, I will not need a companion _____

Photo Release Form – **PLEASE SUBMIT ON OR BEFORE MAY 4TH, 2009**

Name of Belle _____ County _____

I hereby give my permission to print the attached photo in the 2009 Belle Book:

Signed _____ Date _____

If you have family and friends who would like to join you for the Friday Banquet or the Saturday Evening dinner, they must make separate reservations. Each meals is \$12.00 per person. The following form can be used to make advanced reservations. Please make check payable to WV Folk Festival, PO Box 362, Glenville, WV 26351. Thank you.

County _____

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