



The Dewey Balfa Cajun and Creole Heritage Week at Chicot State Park

Allons! Here are some basics on our week-long immersive learning camp, which we feel is the best thing going! We hope this information helps answer some of the questions you may have about our event. If you'd like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch via e-mail, phone or fax.

Our approach is simple: We put people together to foster one-of-a-kind learning experiences. We gather some of the most amazing culture-bearers and teachers and make them available for a variety of activities: classes, workshops, master presentations, demonstrations, dances, jam sessions, etc.

Our fee options are outlined on our registration form and based on your choice of accommodations. The fees listed include lodging, meals and all activities from Friday evening through Friday morning. The park's newest cabins are pretty amazing; our dorms and campsites are more rustic. Our food is outstanding, centered on our legendary Cajun and Creole cuisines with many healthy options available.

Our daily schedule is subject to change, but goes something like this:

Friday

- 3 p.m. Participant Check-in
- 4:30 p.m. Orientation in our Dining Tent
- 5:30 p.m. Gumbo
- 7:30-10:30 p.m. Evening dance
- 10:30 p.m.-until Late-night jam at our group camp

Saturday

Our Roots Heritage Day with top dance bands all day and night, Heritage Stage presentations, jam sessions and a children's area

Sunday

On Sunday, the class schedule below is in effect through 11:45 a.m. Our Roots Family Day starts in the afternoon with community group performances and a children's area.

Sunday-Thursday

- 8-9 a.m. Breakfast
- 9-10:15 a.m. Morning Intensive Classes (see our registration form for possible options)
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Session Classes
- Noon-12:15 p.m. Rendezvous – News of the DBCCHW day in our Dining Tent
- 12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch, often featuring live music
- 1:30-2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break and Dance classes
- 2:45-3:45 p.m. Master Presentations in our Dining Tent
- 4-5:15 p.m. Lagniappe Classes (see our registration form for possible options) and One-on-one sessions with instructors (times vary)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner, often featuring live music
- 7:30-10:30 p.m. Stompin' at the Swamp Dances in our dance area
- 10:30 p.m. –Midnight Late-night jam sessions hosted by instructors in our Dining Tent

Friday morning

Breakfast and farewells

In all, we do our very best to tailor our offerings to our group's needs and preferences. As this is a camp in a state park, we do not have unlimited options at our disposal, but we work hard to try to create a place where great learning and sharing is possible, and we rely on the folks we bring together

to make that happen for themselves – and have a lot of fun in the process. We're happy to say that our staff and participant evaluations indicate that our approach is working very well!

Please get in touch if we can answer any questions you have or if you'd like any more info. *Merci bien!*

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