

Pacific Songwriting Camp at Camp Ocean Pines

January 18 to 22, 2024

1473 Randall Drive Cambria, CA 93428

Travel and Lodging Info:

Plan to arrive by 3 pm on Thursday, 1/19/23 for sign-in and receive your cabin assignment. Be ready for orientation at 4:30. Dinner will be at 6 PM, followed by a staff concert. You can participate in a song circle after the concerts for any late-night revelers.

We will conclude camp with a final meeting at noon on Monday, 1/22/24. Many participants and teachers choose to join a goodbye walk along the splendid coastline and a delicious lunch at Robin's before heading home.

Directions From the South:

From the LA area of I-5 South or North, merge to Ventura 101 Freeway North towards San Luis Obispo. Take Hwy 101 North through Santa Barbara, pass Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo, and to Hwy 46 West, toward Cambria.

Directions From the North:

Take 101 South to Hwy 46 West. Take 46 to Hwy 1 North. Within a few, you enter Cambrian on Hwy 1. Make a left off Hwy 1 at the light onto Ardath. Stay on Ardath a couple of miles through the coastal neighborhood. Near the ocean, come to the "T" section at Randall. Turn left away from the ocean up Randall. In about a half mile, look for the Camp Ocean Pines sign, at 1473 Randall. Make a right up that dirt road. Follow the long dirt driveway, up the hill to camp.

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PLEASE BE AWARE that we may NOT receive texts or emails once at COP. For urgent questions after January 17, please call Camp Ocean Pines directly.

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There are ten bunks per cabin, but we usually only use the lower five bunks of each cabin. Each cabin has a separate shower room and a separate toilet room. Car campers will be assigned to a cabin each for showering. There are numerous general-use bathrooms around campus. The cabins are heated, but you may consider an extra space heater and/ or warm comforter if you easily get cold at night. There will be electricity for CPAP or to charge your phone.

What to Bring:

Sleeping bag, sheets, blanket, pillow, towels, toiletry items, hair dryer, personal medications, a good flashlight, camera, your own mug or thermos, ear plugs, fun clothes, and rain parka. Be prepared for cool weather and rain, though we typically enjoy sunny, mild days with clear, chilly nights. Bring layers; it is coastal California! We have song circles and a fun, final concert, so you want to bring some fun things to wear. Make sure to mark items with your name. There is Wifi, but it may be slow or overtaxed at times. Depending on your cell phone provider, your cell phone may not get reception on campus. Don't park your RV or set up your tent in the meadow. It may be waterlogged from recent storms. If you plan on car camping, ask where to park it at check-in. Bring your snacks if you like, but remember that you'll get three great meals a day.

Covid:

Please test yourself on the morning of January 18 before driving to camp. We highly recommend bringing one or two additional tests in case you feel unwell. While we do not require masks, you may choose to bring disposable KN95 or N95 masks for additional protection, as well as personal hand sanitizer and sterilizing towlets. Some participants may choose to bring a small Hepa air purifier. Bringing your own mic for performances is a good idea. Meals are served buffet-style and you can eat in the cafeteria or outside.

Music:

Bring your instruments, extra strings, your song sheets, a notebook with several pens, a personal recording device, and don't forget your tuner with a fresh battery. If you'd like, bring a music stand for personal use. If you have an extra instrument to loan to your fellow musicians, bring that too! We are mostly acoustic, but if you want to go electric, that's cool. There are some guitar amps and bass amps available.

Camp Song Policy:

Please, no critiques of anyone's artistic endeavors unless you are specifically asked by that person to do so. Covers and Originals are both fine! Play whatever you want at song circles, jams, and coffee house nights. Please be a respectful, attentive listener for everyone in your song circle.

You are going to have an incredible time at this song camp! You may be looking around and saying to yourself, "Hmm, I don't know anyone here. Am I going to have a good time or not?" Remember, everyone here started as a stranger who came and made some great friendships at Pacific Songwriting Camp!

We are a community of friends, dedicated to continued growth as artists. Come listen, come write, and enjoy the property, nature, and your fellow musicians. Then go back to your world feeling inspired and accomplished.

We are looking forward to lots of good music, jamming and fun!

Safe travels,

The Pacific Songwriting Camp family.

Michael McNevin, Caroline Testard, and the PSC staff