

Kootenay Dance Camp 2026

September 3 - 7

Creating Peace With Every Breath



It is time to become more conscious and purposeful, knowing that every breath, every word we speak, every prayer we offer, every chant we sing is an offering of peace to a world that dearly needs it and that is thirsty for it.

Registration for camp is open!

Welcome Our Beloved Guest Dance Leaders



Shivadam



Sky Roshay

We are delighted to announce that we will be flying in two Dance leaders from Arizona for this year's camp. Shivadam and Sky both offer a profound wealth of experience in dance leadership and have collaborated and shared leadership at several camps, bringing great depth and joy to the circles. They also serve as musicians and in mentoring roles.

Shivadam has led at camps, events and retreats around the world, hosted a Dance camp for nine consecutive years, and has been holding two weekly DUP/Zikr Zoom concentrations online for over five years. He helps to manage the International DUP Library and leads Dances for the Hispanic and other local Dance gatherings in the Phoenix area..

Sky Safir Roshay has been organizing Dance camps in the United States and Mexico since 1999. Sky also facilitates "Deeper Dance" conversations at camps, where the synergistic wisdom of participants reveals wisdom about the energy and practice of the Dances, their role in our lives, and the way they can anchor spiritual truths into our way of being in the world and transform our reality. Sky has been leading Dances at the Canyonlands/Paonia camps with Bernie Heideman for 25 years.

Together, Shivadam and Sky share leadership at the annual Catalina Retreat near Tucson AZ, and the annual Troncones Deepening Retreat (with Jen Friedman) in Mexico.

CAMP KOOLAREE Dancing on this holy ground for 35 years

Located on the shores of the beautiful Kootenay Lake at Camp Koolaree (Nelson, B.C.)

On the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa, the Syilx, and the Sinixt peoples.

Camp Koolaree is a small, rustic, older scout camp, with the capacity for 60 campers. Everyone is welcome, whether you're an experienced traveler or if this camp is your first step, come take your place in the circle. Be prepared for joyous days filled with music and blessings washing over you while singing sacred phrases and mantras from many spiritual traditions.

Note: Camp Koolaree is not accessible by road. Two motorboats, one for campers and one for camping gear take us across the lake to the camp. (cost included in your fees)

Accommodation Options

Cabins

The cabins are first come, first serve. They are rustic, with no screens or glass on the windows, and no electricity. Critters will find their way in, especially if there is food. You will need to bring your own mattress and the fees are the same for either camping or for a cabin.

Tenting

Pitch your tent in the location of your choice, along the sandy shores of the Kootenay lake, in the meadow, or in the woods.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The closest airport is in Spokane and then it is a 3 hour drive to Nelson, B.C. Unfortunately we cannot offer carpooling or shuttle services.

There is no electricity for charging cell phones or other devices. If these are a necessity, it is advisable to bring a solar charger.

FEES

Adults: \$500

Children: \$225 (under 18) before July 15

After July 15

Adults: \$550

Children: \$250 (under 18) after July 15

Work Trade: \$325.00 (see below for information on how to apply for a position).

WORK TRADE

A limited number of work exchange positions are available for people who are willing to work a designated number of hours (maximum of 8) during camp. Contact Hamida Pippa for more information at pippabowley2@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS: Partial scholarships may also be available for those in need. Apply early to kootenaydancecamp@gmail.com as funds are limited. We hope to make camp accessible to all.

Camp Koolaree is a small camp and the limit is 60. Register early so as not to be disappointed!

REGISTRATION

Please take a few minutes to review the [new online registration process](#).

Step 1: Online Registration

Registration Click on this link [REGISTRATION FORM](#) and fill it out for each person who is planning to attend. Click the Submit button on the bottom left hand side of the form and you are done with the registration portion. (the questions with the red asterisks are required answers)

Please use the online form regardless of how you are sending your payment.

Step 2: Payment of Fees



Methods of Payment

E-transfer payments

Name: Terry Morison Email address: kootenaydancecamp@gmail.com

OR

By Cheque or Money Order

Register online - click this link [Registration form](#) and send cheques
payable to **NELSON Dances of Universal Peace** and mailed to:

Nelson Dances of Universal Peace

% Terry Morison

Box 891 Salmo, B.C. V0G 1Z0

US Residents

Payment by US cheques

For calculating the equivalency in Canadian dollars (plus \$10 for exchange rate fluctuations), please contact Deborah at kootenaydancecamp@gmail.com

Cheques are **Payable to Terry Morison** (see above for mailing address).

By PayPal, send \$510 Canadian (\$10 increase is for exchange rate fluctuations). To send by PayPal, please contact Hayat at terryjmorison@gmail.com

REFUND POLICY: If you need to cancel your registration, notify the registrar, Deborah, at kootenaydancecamp@gmail.com. For cancellations received on or before July 15, 2025, fees paid will be fully refunded, less a \$40.00 administration fee. After this date, 50% of the registration fee will be retained for cancellations.

MEALS

Delicious and nutritious meals will be provided, commencing with supper on Thursday evening and ending with lunch on Monday. Please select your choice on the registration form of either vegetarian or vegan. We strongly encourage those with special restrictions to plan on bringing your own supplemental food. Please note: after selecting your meal choice you will be asked to stick to this choice throughout your stay at camp.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP will be sent out to all registrants in mid-July.

Note: You are registered when your payment has been received.

Questions? Contact Deborah at kootenaydancecamp@gmail.com

