

Stevne/Hotel Map



Riverbats is on the second floor above Vikings

The Board Room is on second floor above Twins



2013 7-LAG STEVNE JULY 11-13 HOLIDAY INN & SUITES ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

*Have questions or need assistance
during the stevne? Call toll free*

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VELKOMMEN!

There's lots to see and do at the 28th annual 7-Lag Stevne. You'll find schedules, summaries of each presentation, programs for our general sessions, and a lay-out of the hotel in this program.

Public Registration Table

Each lag has a registration table for its members. The Hadeland Lag registration table serves as the main registration desk serving public walk-ins. Advanced tickets for showings of "Lincoln" can be picked up here. Check the white board for session cancellations or additions. Any remaining seats on tours, in craft classes or returned tickets for the buffet and banquet meals will also be available here.

Featured Presenters

Some of our speakers will spend some time at our new "featured presenter" table. They'll be available to chat further about their topics and have copies of their books available for purchase/signing. Extra copies of all session hand-outs will also be left at the table for pick-up.

Thursday:	Noon-1 p.m.	Candace Simar
	1-3 p.m.	Torbjørn Greipsland
	3-5 p.m.	Gene Estensen
Friday:	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Dean Urdahl
	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Dag Rossman
Saturday:	9-10:30 a.m.	Betty Bergland
	10:30-Noon	Wayne Jorgenson

Movies

This year we are pleased to present two free movies in the Riverbats meeting room on the second floor:

"Andersonville" is a 1996 made-for-tv film that offers an historically accurate picture of conditions in this notorious southern Civil War prison camp. Showings are at 8:30 and 1:30 Thursday.

The award-winning box office hit "Lincoln" will be shown on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. and on Friday at 7 & 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 & 9 p.m. Advanced tickets for "Lincoln" will be available at the public registration table and again at the door 15 minutes before the showing.

In addition, Ken Burns' 12-part series on the Civil War will be playing continuously in the back sitting room of the Hospitality suite.

Information Tables for a number of Norwegian-American organizations are located along the hallway to the hospitality room.

Norwegian National Anthem

Ja, vi elsker dette landet, Som det stiger frem,
Furet, værbitt, over vannet, Med du tusen hjem.
Elsker, elsker det og tenker, På vår far og mor
Og den saganatt som senker, Drømme på vår jord
Og den saganatt som senker, Senker drømme på vår jord.

Canadian National Anthem

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

U. S. National Anthem

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Table Prayer

I Jesu navn går vi til bords
å spise, drikke på ditt ord.
Deg, Gud til ære, oss til gavn,
Så får vi mat i Jesu navn.
Amen.

General Sessions

Friday 9:30 a.m. General Session I Reception

Remembrance
National Anthems
Welcomes and Announcements
Presidents of the 7 Lags
Speaker: Dr. John Kirn, Jr.
“Origin & Causes of the Civil War”
Mistress of Ceremonies: Anne Sladky

Friday 7:00 p.m. General Session II Reception

Speaker: Dr. Verlyn Anderson
“The Struggles in Becoming American:
How each generation reacts differently”
Music by *Streng og Belg*
Mistress of Ceremonies: Anne Sladky

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Banquet Program Conference Center

Bunad Parade: Sandy Hendrickson
Speaker: Rebecca Sundquist
“Norway House”
Entertainment by *Furuleiken Spel og Danselag*
accompanied by *Streng og Belg*
Master of Ceremonies: Verlyn Anderson

The 7-Lag Stevne is an annual event
sponsored by
Norwegian Stevner, Inc.
representing

Hadeland Lag, Landings Laget, Numedalslågen Lag, Ringerike-
Drammen Districts Lag, Sigdalslag, Telelaget, and Toten Lag.

Schedule for Thursday, July 11

8-Noon, 1-5 p.m.	Registration	Conference Hall
8-5 p.m.	Genealogy	St Ben's-Huskies
8-11 a.m., 1-5 p.m.	Hospitality	Rooms 196-198
8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Student Programming	Kids Zone
11:00 a.m.	Tour loading	Hotel Lobby
Noon-6 p.m.	Vendors	St Cloud-Johnnies
Evening	Individual lag activities	Various

Class/Activity Schedule

8-8:30 a.m.	First Stevne Orientation	Riverbats
8:30-11:00 a.m.	Hardanger Seminar	MVP room
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Norwegian Soldiers in the Civil War	Heritage
	Family Search Treasures	Twins
	Nordmændene i Amerika	Vikings
8:30-11:00 a.m.	Movie: “Andersonville”	Riverbats
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Norwegian Emigration, the Civil War & Andersonville	Heritage
	Norwegian Naming Conventions	Twins
	Rosemaling Styles	Vikings
11-11:45 a.m.	Norwegian Immigrants in MN 1860-1875	Heritage
	Action Beyond Duty	Twins
	Ideas for Writing Your Life Stories	Vikings
12:45-1:45 p.m.	Making the journey to America in the 1800s	Heritage
	Digitalarkivet	Twins
	Women in Nor-Am Communities	Vikings
1-4 p.m.	Rosemaling Class	MVP room
1:30-4:00 p.m.	Movie: “Andersonville”	Riverbats
2:00-3:00 p.m.	15th Wisconsin Regiment	Heritage
	The Homestead Act	Vikings
3:15-4:15 p.m.	Minnesota's 2 Civil Wars	Heritage
	Beautiful Norway	Twins
8-10:30 p.m.	Movie: “Lincoln”	Riverbats

Thursday Session Descriptions

8:00 a.m.

First Time Stevne Orientation: If this is your first stevne, stop in for coffee, juice and a roll. Meet your fellow 'newbies' and get your questions about the stevne and *bygdelag* answered.

8:30 a.m.

Norwegian Soldiers in the Civil War: Norwegian Torbjørn Greipsland will discuss the experiences of the more than 6,000 Norwegian-American soldiers who participated in the American Civil War.

Family Search Page: Hidden Treasures: Genealogist Marilyn Sorenson will explore the Family Search website. Sections to be discussed are the Norway page, Norwegian databases in its collection of records, bygdebøk project in community trees, on-line classes and library catalog.

Nordmændene i Amerika: Originally published in Norwegian, publisher Deb Nelson Gourley will introduce you to the 3-volume translation that is now available, including sections devoted to Norwegian-American Civil War soldiers.

Hardanger Seminar: (Pre-registration required) Betty Knutson will help you learn the basics of Hardanger embroidery.

9:45 a.m.

Norwegian Emigration, the Civil War, and Andersonville: This overview session will be presented in Norwegian by Torbjørn Greipsland.

Traditional Norwegian Naming Conventions: Norwegian immigrants to America were introduced to a naming system that was very different from that used in Norway. New naming patterns were created, often with different surnames existing side by side in the same family. Genealogist Sharon Babcock will explain the traditional naming customs that can help inform your searches of genealogical records.

Rosemaling Styles: Vesterheim gold medal winner Patti Goke will highlight the history and differences among the various styles of Norwegian rose-maling.

11:00 a.m.

Action Beyond Duty: Six Norwegian soldiers received the Congressional medal of Honor for their heroic actions during the Civil War. Bob Hickcox, who is a descendant of a Union soldier and avid student of Civil War history, will tell the stories of these brave men.

Ideas for Writing Your Life Stories: Dr. Marilyn Stinson will focus on ideas for writing short stories, autobiographies, or biographies. Hopefully this session will motivate the audience members to go home and write!

Saturday Session Descriptions

8:00 a.m.

Andersonville and other POW Camps: Norwegian Torbjørn Greipsland will describe the grievous conditions faced by Norwegian-Americans imprisoned during the Civil War.

Digitalarkivet: The Norwegian Digital Archives: Researcher Dale Hovland will highlight online sources of Norwegian genealogical information, with a focus on the Digital Archives.

9:15 a.m.

Every Man Did His Duty: Stories about the Men of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry: Author Wayne Jorgenson will share the personal stories of the brave men of the regiment, from its commanders to its courageous young privates, some of whom were Norwegian by birth. He will discuss how the heritage and character of the men led them to be considered one of the finest regiments in the Union Army.

Researching Your Civil War Ancestors: How do you track down the truth about your family member's involvement in the Civil War? Dr. Linda Lee Larson will show you where to look and what you can find.

The Iringa Hope Story: Iringa Hope is a nonprofit working to develop micro-finance opportunities in Iringa, Tanzania. Dr. Thomas Hendrickson, a co-founder and current president of the project, will tell its inspiring story.

10:30 a.m.

The 15th Wisconsin (Scandinavian) Regiment: Drawing on historical research and Civil War letters, Gene Estensen will tell the story of this courageous unit, made up mostly of Norwegians.

Women, Gender, and Norwegian-American Communities: Historical Perspectives: Dr. Betty Bergland, author and professor at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, will explore women's contributions to Norwegian-American communities by focusing on their labor, material productions, and writing.

The Homestead Act: The Homestead Act became the engine of westward expansion after the war. Dr. John Kirn, Jr. will talk about the politics involved in its passage, effectiveness, and the consequences (both positive and negative) of this landmark legislation.

Norwegian Folk Tunes & Hymns: Settle into a seat in the Legends Bar for an hour of Norwegian Folk Music presented by "Den Norske Trio."

Norwegian Finger Weaving: (Pre-registration required) Jill Hanson and her daughters will teach you how to weave some of the ancient Norwegian *fletting* patterns.

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8-11 a.m.	Registration	Conference Hall
8-11 a.m.	Genealogy	St Ben's-Huskies
8-Noon	Hospitality	Rooms 196-198
8-Noon	Vendors	St Cloud-Johnnies
8-Noon	Student Programming	Kids Zone
Noon-5 p.m.	Lag Meetings/Activities	Various
Noon-5 p.m.	Children supervised by Holiday Inn staff	Kids Zone
1:30 p.m.	Student Folk Dancing	Kids Zone
5:30-7 p.m.	Cash Bar	Conference Hall
5:30 p.m.	Banquet Seating	Conference Center
6:00 p.m.	Banquet	Conference Center
7-9 p.m.	Banquet Program	Conference Center

Class/Activity Schedule

8-9 a.m.	Andersonville and other POW camps	Heritage
	Digitalarkivet	Twins
9:15-10:15 a.m.	First Minnesota Volunteers	Heritage
	The Iringa Hope Story	Twins
	Researching Your Civil War Ancestors	Vikings
10:30-11:30 a.m.	15th Wisconsin Regiment	Heritage
	The Homestead Act	Twins
	Women in Nor-Am Communities	Vikings
	Norwegian Finger Weaving	MVP
	Norwegian Folk Tunes & Hymns	Legends Bar

11:00 a.m. (cont'd)

Norwegian Immigrants in Minnesota during the Civil War, Sioux Uprising and Grasshopper Plagues: Author Candace Simar will share her research and writings about the lives of Norwegian immigrants during the Civil War, 1862 Sioux Uprising, and the locust plagues of the 1870s.

12:45 p.m.

They came to America: The long journeys of the 19th Century immigrants from Norway into the Upper Midwest of America --- Routes, ships and travel conditions: Dr. Verlyn Anderson will discuss the various routes our ancestors traveled from Norway to America in the 1800s and what they experienced on the journeys.

Digitalarkivet: The Norwegian Digital Archives: Researcher Dale Hovland will highlight online sources of Norwegian genealogical information, with a focus on the Digital Archives.

Women, Gender, and Norwegian-American Communities: Historical Perspectives: Dr. Betty Bergland, author and professor at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, will explore women's contributions to Norwegian-American communities by focusing on their labor, material productions, and writing.

1:00 p.m.

Rosemaling: (Pre-registration required) Patti Goke will lead you through the process of making your own rosemaled wooden ornament.

2:00 p.m.

The 15th Wisconsin (Scandinavian) Regiment: Gene Estensen's two distant uncles volunteered and served with this brave unit, made up primarily of Norwegians. Drawing on historical research and Civil War letters, Gene will tell the story of this courageous unit's contributions, especially to the brutal battles fought in the Georgia Campaign.

The Homestead Act: The Homestead Act was passed at the height of the Civil War in 1862, and became the engine of westward expansion after the war. No group took greater advantage of it than did the Norwegians. Dr. John Kirn, Jr. will talk about the politics involved in its passage, its effectiveness, and the consequences (positive and negative) of this landmark legislation.

3:15 p.m.

Minnesota's Two Civil Wars: Minnesota was the first state to offer volunteer soldiers to the Union Cause. Stephen Osman, retired senior historian with the Minnesota Historical Society, will discuss both Minnesota's contributions to the Civil War and the impacts of the US Dakota War of 1862.

Beautiful Norway: Slides and Discussion Time: Jean Marthaler has led a number of tours of Norway for Brekke Travel, and shares some of her slides and experiences from the "Land of the Midnight Sun."

Special Thanks to Diane Resvick and Hannah Tilstra
for managing and supervising the Student Program at the Stevne.

Individual Lag Activities

Time is reserved on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon for each lag to schedule its annual meeting and sponsor its own activities. For more details about your lag's plans, check with its registration desk. Lag suites for all lags except Toten are located in the Atrium.

Hadeland Lag *Wednesday:* Lag board meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room. *Thursday:* Open house in lag suite beginning at 7 p.m. *Saturday:* Noon Lunch Buffet in Reception, Lag Picture at 1:00 (meet in Reception) Meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Heritage meeting room. *Sunday:* Farewell Breakfast Buffet 9:30-10:30 in Reception.

Landings Laget *Thursday:* Supper at 6 p.m. in the MVP room followed by visit (carpool) to Munsinger Gardens. Lag board meeting at 9:00 p.m. in the Board Room. *Saturday:* Noon Lunch Buffet in Reception, Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Riverbats. *Sunday:* Farewell Breakfast Buffet 9:30-10:30 in Reception.

Numedalslågen Lag *Thursday:* Open House in lag suite. *Friday:* Open House in lag suite after evening program.

Ringerike-Drammen Districts Lag *Thursday:* Anniversary Book Committee Meeting 1-3 p.m. in the Board Room. Open House in lag suite in the evening. *Saturday:* Lunch & Annual Meeting 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Calvary Community Church, 1200 Roosevelt Road, St Cloud.

Sigdalslag *Thursday:* Open House in lag suite at 5:30 p.m. Lag suite open *Friday* and *Saturday* after evening programs. *Saturday:* Lunch on your own with Reception buffet an option, Annual Meeting at 2 p.m. in Twins meeting room.

Telelaget *Thursday:* Open House in lag suite 622. *Saturday:* Annual meeting at noon in MVP room, followed by visit (car pool) to Munsinger Gardens. Box lunch is \$10 at registration.

Toten Lag *Wednesday:* Board meeting in lag suite 148. *Thursday:* Open House in the lag suite 148 (across from the Hospitality Room). *Saturday:* Option to have lunch in lag suite or Reception Buffet. Annual meeting at 1:00 p.m. in St. Benedict's meeting room.

There are over 25 active *bygdslag* covering most of Norway.
For more information about them, visit
www.fellesraad.org

Friday Session Descriptions

1:30 p.m.

Norwegian Immigration and the US-Dakota War of 1862: Minnesota state representative (18B) and author Dean Urdahl will relate the causes and impact of the war relative to Norwegian immigrants and will give specific accounts of Norwegian participants, including the story of Guri Endreson.

Learning from Our Past: Insights from Norwegian Myths and Legends: Norse myths and sagas are our earliest and most reliable source for understanding the philosophy of our Viking ancestors. Dag Rossman has been a Viking storyteller since 1980 and has published 7 books on Norse mythology.

Life as a Husmann in Norway: Most of our emigrant ancestors were tenant farmers (*husmenn*) in Norway. Genealogist Sharon Babcock will describe the lives they lived and how their circumstances impacted their dreams of a new life in America.

Folkdancing with Furuleiken: Spend the afternoon with our Norwegian entertainers learning the basics of Norwegian folk dancing.

Julekurv (Norwegian Christmas Baskets: (Pre-registration required) Jan Heusinkveld will show you how to make these traditional Christmas ornaments. They're fun and easy to make!

2:45 p.m.

Norwegian-Americans in the Confederacy: Learn about immigrant settlements in South Carolina and Texas, the pro's and con's of southern settlement by Norwegians, and the attitudes and war experiences of Norwegians who fought for the South in the Civil War. Anne Sladky was introduced to the Texas settlements while researching ancestors who traveled to New Orleans with Bosque County TX-bound immigrants.

Researching Your Civil War Ancestors: How do you track down the truth about your family member's involvement in the Civil War? Dr. Linda Lee Larson will show you where to look and what you can find.

From Minnesota to Gudbrandsdal: Lessons (and pictures) from my life as an immigrant to Norway: North Dakota-born author and teacher Bev Stadum married and moved to Øyer, Norway in 2005. In this session she'll share the usual, unusual, and discuss the changes in Norwegian society by contrasting the lives of her mother-in-law, husband and nephew.

Honoring Our Civil War Soldiers

Take a few minutes in the genealogy room to look at each lag's banner honoring the Civil War and U.S.-Dakota War soldiers and militiamen with roots in its home community. Members also submitted the names of their Norwegian ancestor-soldiers from outside the 7-Lag home areas. If your Norwegian soldier isn't listed, we'll be happy to add him to our banners. The banners will remain on display through the Saturday evening banquet.

Schedule for Friday, July 12

8-9:15 a.m., 1-5 p.m.	Registration	Conference Hall
8-9:15 a.m., 1-5 p.m.	Genealogy	St Ben's-Huskies
8-9:15 a.m., 1-5 p.m.	Hospitality	Rooms 196-198
8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Vendors	St Cloud-Johnnies
8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Student Programming	Kids Zone
9:30-11 a.m.	General Session I	Reception
11:15 a.m.	Tour loading	Hotel Lobby
5-6:30 p.m.	Dinner Buffet	Atrium
7-9 p.m.	General Session II	Reception
9:00 p.m.	NSI Meeting	Board Room

Class/Activity Schedule

7-9:30 a.m.	Movie: "Lincoln"	Riverbats
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Movie: "Lincoln"	Riverbats
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Norse Immigration & the US-Dakota War	Heritage
	Insights from Norse Myths and Legends	Twins
	Life of a <i>Husmann</i>	Vikings
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Christmas Baskets Craft	MVP
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Folk Dancing Class	Reception
2:15-4:45 p.m.	Movie: "Lincoln"	Riverbats
2:45-3:45 p.m.	My Life as an Immigrant in Norway	Heritage
	Norwegian-Americans in the Confederacy	Twins
	Researching your Civil War Ancestors	Vikings
9-11:30 p.m.	Movie: "Lincoln"	Riverbats

STEVNE EVALUATION FORM

Before you leave the stevne, please remove this evaluation form from your program and let us know what you thought about your stevne experience. You'll find drop boxes outside the banquet on Saturday night and one will be near the Holiday Inn check-out desk on Sunday. Leaving early? You'll find a box near the Hadeland registration desk during the stevne.

Your comments guide us in planning our stevner. Thanks for joining us! Hope to see you next year in Wahpeton!

Add your comments here:

Special Thanks to Dave Gunderson for underwriting the presentation of "Lincoln" in honor of his great-great-uncle Anders Olsen Tokerud.

2013 7-LAG STEVNE EVALUATION

We welcome your comments and suggestions on the back of this form

Rate Your Over-all Experience

Check one



Had a great time	
Enjoyed the stevne	
Met my expectations	
Not what I expected	
Extremely disappointed	

Previous 7-Lag Stevne Experience

Check all that apply



This was my first 7-Lag Stevne	
Attended at least one other 7-Lag Stevne in the past 5 yrs	
Try to attend the 7-Lag Stevne every year	
I have attended stevner for other <i>bygdela</i>	

Please rate your 2013 stevne experience

1=very poor, 5=acceptable, 10=excellent

1. St. Cloud as a location	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. Holiday Inn as a venue	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. Quality/value of food	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. Overall stevne schedule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. Overall impression of classes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. Genealogy resources/assistance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7. Entertainment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8. Opportunities to meet & socialize	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9. Vendors: variety and value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10. Hospitality Room	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11. Tour Quality Stearns-Kelly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
St. Johns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Camp Ripley-Lindbergh	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Factors considered in deciding to attend a stevne

1=not important, 5=very important

Genealogy/Research	1	2	3	4	5
Entertainment	1	2	3	4	5
History/Culture Classes	1	2	3	4	5
Tours	1	2	3	4	5
Lag Meeting	1	2	3	4	5
Socializing	1	2	3	4	5
Vendors	1	2	3	4	5
Location	1	2	3	4	5
Cost	1	2	3	4	5
Other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5

Your gender: M F

Your age: <40 40-55 56-65 66-75 76+

How many years have you been a member of at least one *bygdela*? >1 yr 1-3 3-10 10+

Which stevne schedule would you prefer?
Wed-Fri Thu-Sat Fri-Sun Other