

Shawnee Spinning Spools Quilt Camp

Tips and Ideas

Location: Shawnee Masonic Lodge, 555W. Kickapoo Spur St.

Hours: 8:00am to 10:00pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

There is a covered entryway you can drive under to unload. Once you have unloaded, please park in the parking lot on either side of the building. Remember to lock your vehicle.

Camp fee is \$10.00 per day to be paid to the Treasurer before you set up your machine. If you have not paid your dues of \$30.00 for the year that will also need to be paid to the Treasurer prior to setting up as well. You may choose to come sew for one day, two days or all three. Tables are on a first come, first served basis.

Meals, Snacks and Beverages

Quilt camp meals are potluck. The guild does not provide food; the guild provides paper products and plastic silverware for meals and serving utensils. The hosts plan a theme for meals on Friday and Saturday lunch. Lunch is served at noon each day. Dinner is leftovers; some choose to go find take-out. Sunday is take-out.

The hosts for the weekend will post on Facebook the theme of the meal and ask campers to bring side dishes to accompany. Please respond with a general idea of a dish you will be bringing to share. There is a fridge, to put food in and a gas stove and oven in which to warm foods if needed. It is your responsibility to make sure your food is heated, and ready at serving time.

With the meal being potluck, it is somewhat difficult for others to cater to one or several people's food restrictions. If you have restrictions or allergies, it may be best to bring your own. If you bring a special diet food that needs to be refrigerated, make sure it is clearly marked, "Special Diet" and your name and inform the hosts to prevent it from being set out in the food lineup. Many folks have food allergies or food issues and, in a potluck, setting it is hard to expect others to accommodate everyone's issues.

The lodge has a coffee pot and an ice machine. The hosts make coffee and usually there is tea. You can bring your own beverages just be sure to have a container with a lid to prevent an accident of your drink spilling. If sharing a table with someone and an open container accidentally spills it could ruin someone's project or machine. No open container drinks please.

After the meal, please pick up your dish and do as you wish with any leftovers. The hosts will clean up any serving silverware, clean counters and empty garbage if needed.

Electricity and Extension Cords

The building has pretty good electrical outlets, and there is one wall plug for each group of tables. The guild has heavy duty extension cords available, but most campers have their own heavy-duty cord, surge protectors or power cubes. Just be mindful when plugging into someone else's surge protectors or cube to ensure that you are not overloading the units which could cause a fire at the wall plug or damage your sewing machine. Just because the surge protectors or cube has 12 outlets does not mean you can plug in 12 things.

Equipment, Tools and Space

There are things to understand about the sewing space-both your individually and the space as a whole. The room does have adequate lighting, but some corners of the room are a little dim. Consider bringing a table light if you are one who likes extra light. The guild has irons and ironing boards that are set up for all to use along with a couple of large cutting mats. There are a few rolling chairs at the lodge, or you can bring your own chair if you prefer. Small cutting mats and small pressing stations are a great idea, especially if you have a table to yourself. Sometimes there is one person to an 8 ft table and sometimes two people need to share a table. *With two people sharing a table, please be courteous to not encroach on anyone else's space.*

Pack Up

As good campers say, pack it in, pack it out. While we want to sew until the last minute, it's good to hit the pack up as mindfully as we packed to come to the camp. Be sure to unplug your iron and give it time to cool down.

If you borrowed a chair from the lodge, return it. If you borrowed quilting tools from a fellow quilter, remember to return those items.

Also, tidy up the area. Sometimes needles, small scraps of fabric and threads find their way to the floor. Please pick those up so they don't become an issue with the cleaning equipment. Most importantly, if you have food in the fridge, don't forget to take it home with you.

Quilt camp is a lot of fun with lots of laughter and connecting with fellow quilter. Come and enjoy. Hope to see you soon Quilters.

If you would like to be a Quilt Camp Host this year, please contact the Quilt Camp Co-Ordinator. We cannot hold Quilt Camp without hosts.

**** Host Duties for Quilt Camps are outlined in the Policies and Procedures document on the website.**