



Now, statistics prove, prove that you've one birthday.  
Imagine, just one birthday every year.  
Ah, but there are three hundred and sixty four unbirthdays!  
Precisely why we're gathered here to cheer!

## Camp Elko Retreat

"A Very Merry Unbirthday"  
September 11 - 12, 2023

Ulrich Lodge at Camp Mack on Waubee Lake  
1113 E. Camp Mack Rd  
Milford, IN 46542

From the archway, take a left, then a right around Hospitality Circle. It will be the large building at the end on the left.

Camp Elko is a two-day, overnight outing that includes attendees from Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall, and St. Joseph counties in Indiana. You will visit with old friends, and make new ones, or you can bring a friend with you. You don't need to be a member of any Extension Homemakers Club to come.

Please join us as we celebrate our unbirthdays for the Monday afternoon party (even more so if it is not your unbirthday). We will have a fabulous tea party, like the ones you had with your dolls and closest friends as a kid. There will be a hat judging for the prettiest, wildest, biggest, and smallest ladies hat during the tea party, so please be sure to dust off and fix up that old hat you don't get to wear anymore. If you would like a gift for your unbirthday, bring in a \$5 gift to give to another beautiful young lady at the party and we will have a gift exchange!

Also back by popular demand, we will end our wonderful time with a drum circle around a campfire, led by The Fort Wayne Dance Collective. Grab a percussion instrument, use one of ours, or create your own, and participate in rhythm and movement!!!

We will hold our usual auction, so please bring a quality item - something you would like to bid on. Baked goods and garden produce usually sell well. We will offer a walking tour of Camp Mack, so bring your walking shoes. You'll also want to bring bedding, towels, and your personal items for the sleepover! You are encouraged to bring a project to work on - knitting, crochet, scrapbooking, embroidery - whatever! We hope to have some time to work together on our projects and maybe even learn a new one! Don't forget to bring a little something crafty to show off during show and tell!

**\*\*\*\*For those coming for Monday evening only - please go to Ulrich Lodge to register and get your meal ticket.\*\*\*\***

## **Our Guest Speakers**

Deb Pepple is a 39 year extension homemaker in Elkhart County. She learned the Iris Paper Folding technique at a club meeting many years ago and has taught it to other clubs, demonstrated during the fair in the Home and Family Arts Building, taught it to her 4-H Club and also to young people from Bashor Children's Home. Anyone from 10-110 can learn to make beautiful cards. There will be a variety of templates available to create generic or holiday specific cards. All materials will be provided, but if you want to bring a roll of scotch tape, that would be helpful.

Ann Bradley learned baking from her mother and grandmother, who decorated cakes. Ann joined 4-H when she was 10 years old, where she learned more about baking and began decorating cakes professionally around the age of 20. She has 27 years of decorating experience and works with family cakes, birthday cakes, wedding and anniversary, bridal shower, baby shower, holiday cakes and all types of cupcakes.

### **Elko Committee**

Cansie Witcher	Chair
Tena Jakubowicz	Vice Chair
Sue Martin	Previous Chair
Lynn Lambert	Secretary
Ruth Dilling	Treasurer
Eleanor Watkins	Asst. Treasurer



### **Members at Large**

Deborah Howard  
Jeannine Martin  
Beth Wells  
JoAnne Woolet  
Julie Poppenfoose  
Peggy Parzygnot  
Jill Cohen



## **Monday**

- 9:00 Registration/check-in (arrive as early as 7:30)
- 9:30 Opening introduction of Elko Committee and first time registrations
- 10:00 Chair yoga
- 10:30 Ann Bradley Cupcake Demo
- 11:30 Try your hand at decorating cupcakes!!
- 11:50 Devotions
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 "A Very Merry Unbirthday" party, tea party ladies hat judging, and each registered person should bring a gift valued around \$10 to give as a gift to another beautiful young lady - so everyone gets a gift!
- 2:00 Free time - Hat Judging, Bingo (everyone gets a prize!), pinata, Tour of Camp Mack
- 4:30 Speaker from Camp Mack
- 5:00 Business Meeting
- 5:15 Songs and Devotion
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:30 Auction
- 7:30 Drumming Circle with the Fort Wayne Dance Collective.

## **Tuesday**

- 7:45 Devotion
- 8:00 Breakfast (Cinnamon French Toast!!)
- 9:00 Deb Pepple - Iris Paper Folding Demo and time to try your hand at the activity
- 11:30 Songs and devotion
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Show and tell
- 2:00 Wrap up and closing

Registration form  
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- Return the completed form and your check no later than Aug. 25, 2023
- No refunds except in cases determined by officers. (i.e. medical or family emergency)
- Please bring a quality item for the auction - something nice that you would buy for yourself. The auction supports our retreat and keeps the cost down. Thank you!
- Don't forget to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for the Unbirthday Party!
- Please feel free to bring a recipe from home to add to our Recipe Table.

Send this registration form and your check made payable to ELKO Retreat to:

Sue Martin, ELKO Past Chair  
3380 N Old Farm RD. W  
Warsaw, IN 46582  
Phone 574.202.0938

**Registration Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Is this your first year attending full-time?                      yes              no  
Are you able to climb one flight of stairs?                      yes              no  
Do you have any dietary restrictions?                      yes              no  
(The kitchen will make a special meal for participants with dietary restrictions)  
If yes, Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check when you plan to attend. Prices include insurance.

_____ Full time: One night and 4 meals, evening party.....	\$98.00
_____ Part time: One day 2 meals.....	\$39.00
_____ Part time: Monday evening meal and party.....	\$27.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_