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Attention Norwegian-Americans!

You are invited to learn more about your Norwegian heritage at a special gathering in August 2006. The combined Norwegian-American organizations of Gudbrandsdalslaget, Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag and Trønderlag of America will hold their annual "Tre Lag Stevne" in Eau Claire, Wisconsin from August 2-5, 2006 at the Plaza Hotel & Suites. The event is open to the public.

The stevne (gathering) will include genealogy labs and research assistance with all the resources of the bygdelags (organizations): books, films, maps, family histories. Six genealogy classes will also be offered.

There will be multiple seminars on genealogical, cultural and historical Norwegian-American topics. The program includes a tour to settlement areas of Norwegian emigrants in Trempealeau County, a visit to the Chippewa Valley Museum and Paul Bunyan Logging Camp, Norwegian food and music. Keynote speaker, local historian Dick Feeney, will tell us about the Norwegian settlement of Eau Claire. Other seminar topics include: "Norwegian Settlement in Dunn County," "Learning to Sing Norwegian," "Norwegians in Science," "The Birkebeiner," "Learning to Speak Norwegian," "A Sample of Bunads," "The Selbu Community in Washington State," Readers Theater: Three Hedmark Writers" and more.

And, of course, there will be opportunities to visit with others of Norwegian ancestry at the Kaffe Stue. Participants can also enjoy a social hour followed by a banquet on Friday evening. Bunads are welcome! Entertainment will be provided by the Norske Folke Sangere. The stevne concludes on Saturday with a luncheon and entertainment by Lewis Peterson on "Han Ola & Han Per."

Advance registration for the event is requested. Tours and meals must be reserved by July 15.

Additional information, including hotel information, the program schedule and registration forms are found on the Trønderlag web site: www.tronderlag.org/ or www.nhohlag.org/ or contact Dixie Hansen at dx@dxhansen.com, 651-690-0872 (evenings)