Venues that have been researched as potential Zimfest sites (from 2013 on)

Oregon

- Reed College, Portland – They are committed to Chamber Music NW Summer Festival June to July and cannot accommodate Zimfest at the same time. Dorms go offline in August so there is no summertime date possible.
- Lewis & Clark, Portland – no acceptable concert venue, too expensive
- Portland State University – urban campus with heavy summer school schedule, few acoustically isolated breakout rooms available, no good marketplace/outdoor stage site
- Willamette University, Salem – Only possible concert venue a gym with possible noise curfew issues
- Pacific University, Forest Grove (Portland outskirts) – no acceptable concert venue, facilities doubtful for a group our size.
- Linfield College, McMinnville (north of Monmouth) – per person per day fees too expensive for Zimfest budget
- U of Oregon, Eugene – Had been negotiating for 2015 or 2016 but was more expensive than WOU. Re-opening negotiations is possible.
- Oregon State University, Corvallis - No one has approached them since Zimfest was last there in 2010. Returning there is possible but many found the dorm rooms and cafeteria food not as attractive as other sites.

Washington

- Seattle University, Seattle – a definitive no; they cannot accommodate our afternoon concerts and workshop “noise” in their dense urban campus.
- University of Washington, Seattle – likely too expensive even if we got the sponsorship of a student group. Many rules and regulations, including prohibition against advertising events in the Student Union off-campus. Perhaps arrange room and board there if we found an off-campus concert venue?
- Seattle Pacific University, Queen Anne, Seattle – too small to accommodate our activities or concerts BUT could potentially provide room and board if we had activities close by (such as Seattle Center?)
- St. Martin’s College, Olympia – Not possible, too small to accommodate us.
- University of Puget Sound, Tacoma – Per person per day fees proved to be too expensive
- Ft. Worden, Port Townsend – no space during 2017 because of precedence to legacy clients (Centrum) and a movie being made there; will consider requests each January for following summer 18 months out.
- Western Washington U, Bellingham – Preferred concert hall subject to 10 PM noise curfew; otherwise concert venue would be a gym. That gym was under renovation, may possibly be more attractive to Zimfest audiences than it was in 2005.
- Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma – Possible openings in 2018 with restricted choices of housing. Dancing no longer allowed in the two venues we have used previously; evening concerts to be held in largest room in Univ. Center.
- Whidbey Island Fairgrounds (a camping festival) – Possible openings in August in future years; ownership/responsibility for fairgrounds has changed to the Port since we made our request. We do have a proposal on file.
- Bremerton, WA, forested site of 43 year-old Puget Sound Guitar Workshop (a cabin and camping festival). Totally booked June through August for the foreseeable future.
- Pilgrim Firs Camp & Conference Center, Port Orchard WA (cabins and lodges) Associated with United Church of Christ. Very few summer dates available; dining lodge accommodates only 120.
- Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend, WA - could be a possibility, camping and showers are available and separate from the campground/showers, more research needs to be done.
- Fort Flagler State Park, Nordland, WA - There are music camps that happen here, but more research needs to be done to help determine if it could fit our needs.
- Millersylvania State Park, Olympia, WA - Again, more research needs to happen. Might be too small for Zimfest.
- Kittitas County Fairgrounds, Ellensburg, WA - they fill up pretty fast, more research needs to happen. Camping is available.