
Fairbanks, Alaska
June 22-25 (Monday-Thursday), 2009

Sixth Annual Fairbanks Bluegrass Camps for Kids

Hosted by Bearfoot and Fairbanks Folk Fest, Inc.

General Information

Welcome

Ages 5-17. Campers must have been through Kindergarten. We also request that campers 5-7 be accompanied by their parent, but it is not necessary. This camp is an opportunity to explore music in a supportive environment. Please speak with your children about behavior expectations while at camp.

Registration

Class sizes are limited and preferences are honored of registration arrival. Your schedule, books, and other information will be given to you when you arrive at camp. Please be sure to arrive at 10:00am with your parent or guardian. A medical form is also due with this application. Forms can be downloaded at www.bearfootband.com or www.fairbanksfolkfest.org Forms are due June 15, 2009. Campers 5-7 (going into 1st or 2nd grade) are required to sign up for the Exploring Music class during on of the Blocks.

Location

Fairbanks Unitarian Fellowship Hall, Pikes Landing Road, across from the Princess Hotel (near the Fairbanks Airport).

Meals

Please bring your own sack lunches to camp. Snacks will be provided. Water bottles and recorded devices are welcome, but please leave electronic games at home.

Daily Schedule

10:00am – Registration, Morning Activity
10:30am – Block 1
11:15am – Snack Time
11:30am – Block 2
12:30pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Block 3
2:00pm – Band
3:00pm – Afternoon Activity
3:30pm – Done for the Day!

Camp Concert

The end of camp concert will be held at 3:30 on the last day of camp (June 25, 2009).

Faculty

Members of the award winning band, Bearfoot, will be teaching and conducting the camp. These highly qualified music teachers have taught thousands of children across the U.S., Canada, and

Ireland. In addition to teaching music camp, two of the band members are certified elementary education teachers. For more information on the band members, go to www.bearfootband.com/bios. Several talented local musicians will assist.

Volunteers Needed

These music camps take a significant amount of time and effort to put on. If you can help in any way, please contact us. Volunteer jobs include setting up snack, helping kids to classes, finding instruments, tuning instruments, helping with registration, and other camp jobs.

Class Descriptions

Bass

Beginning Bass

No prerequisite. Students will learn how a bass fits into a jam or band. They will learn 4-5 chords and how to back up a guitar on some simple singing songs.

Intermediate and Advanced Bass

Students should have been taking lessons in orchestra or otherwise for at least 6 months. Students will learn chords to back up a guitar, as well as scales, patterns for following new chords, new songs, and how to walk.

Dance

No prerequisite. This is a chance for students to explore different types of traditional dances: square dance, contra dance, waltzes, swing dancing, clogging, and more! Students will learn basic moves of each dance, and how to call a dance.

Fiddle

Beginning Fiddle

No prerequisite. This class is geared towards students who have no or very little background in playing fiddle or violin. Students will learn how to correctly hold and bow the instrument as well as a few basic fiddle tunes.

Intermediate Fiddle

Students should have been taking fiddle for one year or be in Suzuki Book 1. In this class, students will work on becoming stronger players and learn a few basic fiddle tunes in first position.

Advanced Fiddle

Students should have been taking fiddle lessons for 2 years or be in Suzuki Book 3. Students will learn 2-3 fiddle tunes, some basics on how to improvise, different bowings, backup, and other techniques to bluegrass fiddling.

Twin Fiddle

Students must have been playing fiddle/violin for at least 2 years. This class will teach students how to find and/or play harmony parts on the fiddle. Students will learn the lead and harmony part to a few different fiddle tunes.

Guitar

Beginning Guitar

No prerequisite. Students will learn 4-5 basic guitar chords, how to strum with a pick, and a few basic bluegrass songs.

Intermediate and Advanced Guitar

This class is geared towards students that can play several chords comfortably and the boom strum rhythm. Students will learn to flat pick, along with strengthening their chord and rhythm knowledge.

Mandolin

Beginning Mandolin

No prerequisite. This class will teach students the basics of how to hold and play the mandolin. They will learn a few easy mandolin chords, some bluegrass tunes, and mandolin rhythm.

Intermediate and Advanced Mandolin

Students should be quite comfortable playing 2 finger chords. They should also be able to play a few basic tunes. Students will learn how to play closed finger chords, work on their rhythm, and lead on a few new bluegrass songs.

Exploring Music

Required for campers going into 1st or 2nd grade (5-7). No prerequisite. This class is geared for younger students, but all are welcome. We will be exploring the different instruments used in bluegrass and folk music, and how to appreciate traditional music through listening, movement, art, singing, and other forms of appreciation.

Vocals

No prerequisite. Students will learn fun singing songs to sing with a group, a guitar, or by yourself. They will also learn warm-up exercises, talk about the importance of lyrics, touch on how to harmonize, and take solos.

Class Choices

Students will take an elective class during each block time period in addition to participating in a band. Please select your top two choices for Blocks 1, 2, and 3 and indicate your choices on the Registration Form below. Students 5-7 must choose one Block for Exploring Music.

Block 1 (10:30-11:20)

Beginning Mandolin
Beginning Guitar
Intermediate Fiddle
Advanced Fiddle
Beginning Fiddle
Vocals
Exploring Music

Block 2 (11:30 – 12:20)

Beginning Bass
Beginning Fiddle
Beginning Guitar
Beginning Mandolin
Int. and Adv. Mandolin
Vocals
Exploring Music
Twin Fiddle

Block 3 (1:00-1:50)

Beginning Fiddle
Beginning Guitar
Beginning Mandolin
Dance
Int. and Adv. Guitar
Int. and Adv. Bass
Vocals
Exploring Music

Registration Form

Note: A completed medical form is also due with this form.

Camp Tuition: \$ 200 (Due with registration.)

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

____ Yes, please contact me to volunteer during the camp.

____ Yes, I have extra instruments that I can loan during the camp. (Please indicate quantity.)

____ fiddles ____ guitars ____ basses ____ mandolins

____ Yes, I would like to borrow an instrument during the camp. (Please indicate quantity.)

____ fiddles ____ guitars ____ basses ____ mandolins

____ Yes, I would like to participate in an optional private lesson. (Please indicate quantity.)

____ ½ hour lessons at \$20 each (Please pay the teacher directly after the lesson.)

Instrument: _____

Class Choices

Please write in your first and second choices for each block.

	First Choice	Second Choice
Block 1	_____	_____
Block 2	_____	_____
Block 3	_____	_____

While we do not guarantee class choices and instruments, we do try our best to get everyone's first choice of classes and instruments.

Please mail or drop off this Registration Form with completed medical form and payment to:

Fairbanks Folk Fest, Inc.
P.O. Box 84199
Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

For questions, please call or email:
Pete and Peg Bowers
Fairbanks Bluegrass Camp Coordinators
907-455-6528
pbowers@alaska.net

Medical Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/s or Guardian/s: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies: (include food, medicines, animals, insect bites, etc.):

Any other medical or behavioral concerns that you would like the camp staff to be aware of:

Please check the following boxes that apply. By signing the bottom, you agree to the terms of the boxes checked.

Yes, I agree to let "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" use a photo/s of my child for promotional use. (The child's name and other information will not be released.)

No, "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" may not use a photo/s of my child for promotional use.

If my child is borrowing an instrument, I agree to take full financial responsibility if my child incurs any damage to that instrument while borrowing it. If my child is using their own instrument, I agree to take full financial responsibility for the instrument that my child is using. I also agree to release "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" of any financial responsibility if any damage is done to the instrument. If my child is loaning an instrument to the camp, I agree to release "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" of any financial responsibility if any damage is done to the instrument during the camp. I also agree that if there is any damage done to the

instrument during the camp, the person using it at the time will be financially responsible for the damage done.

I hereby consent to emergency treatment, hospitalization, or other medical treatment as may be necessary by a physician, qualified nurse or hospital in the event of an injury or illness. On behalf of the above student, I hereby waive any liability for injuries/illness sustained at this event "Bluegrass Camps for Kids". I also hereby accept legal and financial responsibility for the above student in the event of injury or illness.

For safety's sake, we have a closed campus policy. We require that a parent or guardian come in to sign out their child at the end of the day, or have a handwritten note delivered beforehand.

____ I agree to sign my child out at the end of the day, or provide a handwritten note beforehand.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____