

Fairbanks, Alaska

June 21-25, 2010

Seventh Annual Fairbanks Bluegrass Camps for Kids

Hosted by Fairbanks Folk Fest, Inc.

General Information

The Seventh Annual Fairbanks Bluegrass Camp for Kids will be offered by Fairbanks Folk Fest with experienced bluegrass musicians as music instructors. Note that the camp has been expanded to five days this year, Monday through Friday. Print out this form and the medical form, fill it out, and send in via regular mail to the Fairbanks Folk Fest. We expect spaces will fill up fast, so get your application and tuition payment in early. Applications are due by **June 12th, 2010**.

Welcome

Ages 6-17. We request that campers have completed First Grade or equivalent prior to registration for the camp. We also request that campers 6-7 be accompanied by their parent. This camp is an opportunity to explore traditional music in a supportive environment. Please speak with your child 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.bluegrasscamps.com or www.fairbanksfolkfest.org. Applications are due by **June 12th, 2010**. A discount of \$25 is given if you apply by **May 15th, 2010**.

Location

The 2010 Bluegrass Camp will be at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall at 4448 Pike's Landing Road, across from the Princess Hotel. As you're driving toward the Fairbanks airport, you'll see an odd looking building with an airplane sticking out of the roof on the right. Turn right just after that at Pike's Restaurant, then immediately turn right again on the access road that goes past the airplane. Go about 2 tenths of a mile and turn left (towards the Chena River) on Pike's Landing Road. You'll see Princess Hotel on the left and the Unitarian Church driveway on the right.

Please arrive between 9:30 & 10:00am, Monday, June 21st. Be sure to provide your child's lunch for the day. We will have snacks. Look for the big welcoming red door, which is where we'll have the registration tables set up. You'll get your packet with individual class schedules and song books at that time.

Meals

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

Daily Schedule

*Friends and Family are welcome and encouraged to attend Morning Activities! Morning and Afternoon Activities are all-campus activities, in which campers get to meet their fellow campers, doing activities such as jamming, sing-a-longs, local band presentations, art, games, and square dances.

10:00am – Morning Activity (Registration is the first morning, so bring your parents, and come early!)

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!

Square Dance and BBQ

The potluck BBQ and Square Dance is Wednesday, June 23rd. We will begin re-gathering at the Unitarian Church grounds for the BBQ at 5:30pm, with the dance to follow afterwards inside. This activity is optional, (not part of the regular camp classes and activities), but lots of fun and a great way to introduce your kids to square dancing. Our dance band "Lost Dog" will be playing some hot old time Appalachian style square dance music (the "roots" of Bluegrass Music) with caller TBA. No previous experience is required.

Camp Concert

The end of camp concert will be held at 3:30 on the last day of camp (June 25th). This is an opportunity for you to play the song you have rehearsed with your band, and show your parents and friends what you have learned during the camp.

Volunteers Needed

These music camps take a significant amount of time and effort to put on. If you can help in any way, please check the box on the Registration Form. Volunteer jobs include setting up snack, lunch duty, helping kids to classes, finding instruments, tuning instruments, helping with registration, set-up and clean-up, making a concert program, and other camp jobs. There will also be a sign-up sheet at Registration.

Class Descriptions

Band (*Basic*)

Everyone will be participating in a band class during the fourth block. This is a chance to work up a song with your peers to play during the camp concert. The class will be mostly students of your same age or level, and will include everything from stage presence, to singing and taking solos, to playing rhythm. Everyone is automatically put into a band, so you don't need to worry about signing up for it; we will take care of putting you into a band.

Banjo (*Optional*)

Beginning Banjo

No prerequisite. Students must be ten or older due to the length of the banjo. This class is an introduction to the three finger style of bluegrass banjo playing. Students will learn basic rolls, chords, and an easy banjo tune.

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.

Exploring Music (*Optional*)

Required for ages 6-8. 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 music through movement, singing, playing our instruments, jamming, and art.

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 lesson for 2 year 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 1 year. This class will teach students how to find and play harmony parts on the fiddle. Students will learn the lead and harmony part to a few different fiddle tunes.

Singing

Vocals (*Basic*)

No prerequisite. Students will learn fun singing songs to sing with a group, a guitar, or by yourself.

Teen Vocals (*Optional*)

Ages 11 and up. This class is geared for older students, who will work on harmonizing and the finer techniques of singing, while building their repertoire. You don't need to have any singing experience to take this class.

Guitar

Beginning Guitar

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

Songwriting (*Optional*)

For students 11 and up. This class will be an introduction to how to write songs, from instrumentation to lyrics.

Jamming (*Optional*)

Beginning Jamming

No prerequisite. Students will learn how to jam with their peers by learning basic jamming tunes, the elements of a jam, and jamming etiquette.

Intermediate/Advanced Jamming

Students must have been playing their instrument for at least one year, and feel fairly comfortable playing it. Students will learn how to jam with others – taking leads when appropriate, and keeping background rhythms for the group. They will also learn a selection of bluegrass standards typically played in a bluegrass jam.

Other questions? Email is preferred pbowers@alaska.net, or call 455-6528.

Please mail this Registration Form, Medical Form and \$250 payment to:

Pete Bowers
Fairbanks Bluegrass Camp for Kids Coordinator
Fairbanks Folk Fest, Inc.
P.O. Box 84199
www.fairbanksfolkfest.org

Registration Form

Note: A completed and signed Medical Form is also due with this form.

Camp Tuition: **\$ 250** (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 ____ banjos

____ Yes, I would like to borrow an instrument during the camp. (Please indicate quantity.)
____ fiddles ____ guitars ____ basses ____ mandolins ____ banjos

____ 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 indicate your top five choices in order of importance. We will make every effort to give each student their top 3 choices for the 3 Blocks.

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

#4 _____

#5 _____

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 (1) Registration Form with completed (2) Medical Form and (3) Payment to:

**Bluegrass Camp for Kids
Fairbanks Folk Fest, Inc.
P.O. Box 84199
Fairbanks, Alaska 99708**

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.

Media Release:

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. (The student will not be allowed to be in the end-of-camp picture.)

Closed Campus Policy:

For safety's sake, we have a CLOSED CAMPUS policy. We require that a parent or guardian sign their child out at the end of every day, or provide a handwritten note delivered beforehand. There will be a form and clipboard at the front table for you to sign your child out.

Please choose one of two options:

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

My child may leave campus without my signature. I understand that checking this box will release Bluegrass Camps for Kids of any responsibility for my child at the time that is specified as the end of the day on the Camp Form.

Instrument Release:

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.

Medical Release:

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.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____