

BLUEGRASS

Camps for Kids

Hosted by Bearfoot and FolkWest

Pagosa Springs, Colorado

June 2-4, 2010

General Information

Welcome

Ages 6-17. Student campers must have completed first grade. We also request that campers aged 6-7 be accompanied by their parent during lessons, but it is not necessary. This camp is an opportunity to explore traditional music in a supportive environment. Please speak with your children about behavior expectations while at camp.

Registration - \$200

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.folkwest.com/folk_bluegrass_festival.htm. Forms and final payment are due **no later than April 24**.

Location

Reservoir Hill Park, downtown Pagosa Springs.

Camping/Lodging

Camping is available in a designated area on Reservoir Hill beginning on Tuesday, June 1 at 3:00 PM for camp participants. All students must be supervised in the campground by a parent or guardian before and after camp each day. This is not a "drop off" type camp. Pets are not allowed in the campgrounds during the Bluegrass Camp or festival.

Each camp family will have a pass that allows them to drive up and down the hill Tuesday through Thursday and Friday morning. If you plan to stay through the weekend for the festival you must have on-site camping for each person on site age 13 and over as well as a vehicle pass for any vehicle (including camper) that will be staying on Reservoir Hill past

the end of Camp on Friday. You are allowed to move to a different camp area on Reservoir Hill after 11:00 AM on Friday morning. Pagosa Springs has many off-site lodging options for all budgets; online at www.visitpagosasprings.com.

Meals

Please bring your own sack lunches to camp. Healthy 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, Friday, June 4.

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 in Alaska, California, and Idaho. For more information on the band members, go to www.bearfootband.com/bios.

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, or check the box in the registration form indicating that you would like to volunteer. Volunteer jobs include setting up snacks, helping kids to classes, finding instruments, tuning instruments, helping with registration, and other camp jobs.

Class Descriptions

Students will have the opportunity to take 3 of the following classes during camp:

Banjo (age 10 & over due to instrument size)

Class will be offered if enough students sign up. Please indicate your child's level of experience with the banjo (i.e. non, novice, intermediate, advanced).

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 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.

Vocals

Beginning Vocals. No prerequisite. Students will learn fun songs to sing with a group, a guitar, or alone. They will also learn warm-up exercises and a basic bluegrass repertoire of tunes.

Advanced Vocals (12 & older). This class is based around solos, harmonies and specific vocal techniques. Students will talk about the importance of lyrics, touch on how to harmonize, and take solos as well as work on increasing their bluegrass repertoire.

Songwriting (12 & older)

No prerequisite. Students will learn the basics of songwriting, from instrumentation to lyrics.

Jamming

Beginning Jamming. No prerequisite. Younger students will learn how to play simple tunes as part of an ensemble.

Advanced Jamming. Students should be proficient on at least one instrument. 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 during jam sessions.

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 address: _____

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

Credit Card # _____ CVC Code (on back) _____

Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

___ 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.

___ fiddle ___ guitar ___ bass ___ mandolin ___ banjo

___ 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 class choices in order of priority/importance. We will make every effort to give each student their top 3 choices for the 3 blocks.

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

#4 _____

#5 _____

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

FolkWest • P.O. Box 3665 • Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Registration & medical forms can also be faxed to (970) 731-5583 or emailed to crista@folkwest.com.

For questions, please call 1-877-472-4672 or email crista@folkwest.com

Medical / Consent 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: _____