

# **BLUEGRASS**

## **Camps for Kids**

**Hosted by Bluegrass Camps for Kids, Johnson County Arts & Humanities Council, and Big Horn Mountain Festival**

Johnson County Fairgrounds, Buffalo, Wyoming

July 6 – 8, 2011

### **General Information**

#### **Welcome**

Open for Ages 9-18, this camp is an opportunity to explore traditional music in a supportive environment for those who are either new to bluegrass or at a novice or intermediate level. Join us for three full days of instrument, vocal and band instruction that includes a final performance on Friday afternoon on the Main Stage. Students are encouraged to try different instruments and to learn to perform bluegrass music together. Your children can choose from one or more of the following instrument classes: guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and bass. Vocal, dance, and jamming classes are also offered.

#### **Registration - \$175**

Online registration is available at [www.bluegrasscampsforkids.com](http://www.bluegrasscampsforkids.com), or the form may be downloaded and mailed in. A total of 35 students will be accepted to allow a maximum of 1 teacher to 7 student ratio. Class sizes are limited and preferences are honored by arrival of registration. Your schedule, books, and other information will be given to you when you arrive at camp. Please be sure to arrive at 9:30am on July 6th with your parent or guardian. A Release Form is also due with this application. Forms and final payment are encouraged **by June 15. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 14!**

#### **Location**

All classes will be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Buffalo, WY. We will be using the Community Building, the Needle Craft Building and the Cook Shack.

#### **Camping/Lodging/Tickets**

Camping is available in a designated area in the fairgrounds beginning on Tuesday, July 5 for camp participants. Earlier arrival is permissible. All camp fees prior to Thursday, July 7, are payable to the Johnson County Fair Board and to Big Horn Mountain Festival thereafter.

All students must be supervised in the campground or off campus by a parent or guardian before and after camp each day. This is not a "drop off" type camp.

Pets are allowed in the campgrounds but are strictly prohibited in the camp buildings, the main stage concert area, and the horse and animal barns. Please keep them on a leash in the camping area, too.

Each camp family will have a pass that allows them to drive in and out of the fairgrounds Tuesday through Friday morning. If you plan to stay through the weekend for the festival you must have on-site camping for each vehicle/camp unit on site.

All enrolled camp participants will receive a 3 day festival pass. All parents or siblings of camp participants will receive a complimentary Friday festival pass and may obtain a Saturday and/or Sunday festival pass at the advance ticket prices of \$40 (Friday) and \$20 (Sunday). All children age 12 and under will receive a complimentary 3 day festival pass if accompanied by an adult. Buffalo has many off-site lodging and camping options for all budgets; check online at [www.bighornmountainfestival.com](http://www.bighornmountainfestival.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.

### **Instruments**

We feel that playing multiple instruments is a great asset to a child's musical education, and that is why we encourage children to take multiple instrument classes. Understandably, many children may not have those instruments readily at hand. We do our best to provide instruments to each student as an added bonus of the camp, but Bluegrass Camps For Kids does not *guarantee* instruments to borrow. We do borrow instruments from other willing campers and rent instruments from local music stores for the general use of campers. We try our best to count how many students will need instruments, and rent and borrow instruments accordingly, but sometimes it doesn't work out quite right (although, 90% of the time, we have instruments for everyone!) We will have instruments available at camp, but cannot promise one for every student that might need one. If you have an extra instrument that you would be willing to loan to the camp, or one you would be willing to loan when you are not using it, please state that on your registration form. If you would like to be guaranteed an instrument, your best bet is to rent one from a local music store or borrow from a friend.

### **Closed-Campus Policy**

Students are required to be signed out at the end of each day by a parent or guardian, unless the parent signs otherwise. Parents may sign the Release Form to release a student without signature, or provide a handwritten note to Camp Staff. There is no need to sign students in, as we take role each day.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Our FAQ page can be found at [www.bluegrasscampsforkids.com](http://www.bluegrasscampsforkids.com). Questions can be sent to [bluegrasscampsforkids@yahoo.com](mailto:bluegrasscampsforkids@yahoo.com).

### **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, open microphone performances, art and crafts, games, and square dances.

9:30am Registration – First morning only!  
10:00am 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 3:15pm on the last day of camp, Friday, July 8.

### **Faculty**

Bluegrass For Kids Camp Director, Kate Hamre, has hand-picked faculty from the bluegrass community that have extensive knowledge and experience in teaching music to children. Members of the band, Bearfoot, will be teaching the camp for our first annual Big Horn Bluegrass Camps for Kids. For more information

on the faculty please visit  
[www.bluegrasscampsforkids.com](http://www.bluegrasscampsforkids.com)

## 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. Volunteers will also earn festival passes.

## Class Descriptions

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

### **Band**

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 (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**

### **Intermediate Jamming.**

Students must have a basic understanding of their instrument and be able to play one song and/or three chords. Students will learn how to jam with their peers by learning basic jamming tunes, the elements of a jam, and jamming etiquette.

**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 Release Form is also due with this form

Camp Tuition: \$175 (Due with registration)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Release Form and payment to:**

Big Horn Mountain Festival • P.O. Box 819 • Buffalo, WY 82834

Registration & medical forms can also be faxed to (307) 684-2503 or emailed to

[info@bighornmountainfestival.com](mailto:info@bighornmountainfestival.com).

Make all checks payable to: Johnson County Arts and Humanities Council

**For questions, please call 1-307-684-2501 or email [pjarvis@bresnan.net](mailto:pjarvis@bresnan.net)**

# Release 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.): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other siblings enrolled in Bluegrass Camps for Kids (note: we need separate registration and release forms for each):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 and agree to indemnify and hold harmless "Bluegrass Camps for Kids", Johnson County Arts and Humanities Council, and Big Horn Mountain Festival for any loss or damage sustained. 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", Johnson County Arts and Humanities Council, and Big Horn Mountain Festival 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", Johnson County Arts and Humanities Council, and Big Horn Mountain Festival 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 and hereby release "Bluegrass Camps for Kids", Johnson County Arts and Humanities Council, and Big Horn Mountain Festival from any and all claims of negligence, injury or damages. 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_