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Fiddlers Info 2012

Admission Costs

**Friday Only**  $8.00

**Saturday Only**  $10.00

**Both Days**  $15.00

*Children under 12 admitted free with parents.

**NOTE:** Admission ticket will pay the entry fee for one category of competition. Entry fees for additional categories is $3.00 each. Registration will close 30 minutes prior to beginning of each category competition.

**No pets are allowed inside the convention gates.**

**No personal coolers are allowed inside the convention gates.**

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**General Rules and Regulations**

**GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

1. Contest rules and regulations may be amended depending on the situation and events at hand during the convention.

2. The judges’ decision will be final.

3. The judges will not be permitted to enter or play in any contest category.

4. No electrical instruments or drums will be permitted in any category.

5. No contestant will be permitted to register for any category after the registration for that category has closed. After registration and before the event starts, all contestants will draw for position at the staging area behind Founders Hall. NO exceptions will be made.

6. Contestants must be present and in proper drawn position for entry on to the stage when name is called for the staging area. Late arrivals or no-shows will be eliminated from the event. Allowances may be made for broken strings and other happenings judged to be beyond the control of the contestant(s).

7. In the interest of fairness to each contestant, a time limit of 2 1/2 minutes per tune is allowed.

8. Contestants must have instruments tuned and ready to play when called to stage. Tuning on stage may result in loss of points.

9. Judges will NOT be allowed to advise contestants in their selection of tune to be played.

**GENERAL CATEGORY RULES (Rules that apply to more than one category):**

1. Contestants in the Dulcimer, Guitar, Harmonica, Mandolin, Dobro, Bluegrass Banjo, Old Time Banjo, Old Time Singing and Beginning Fiddler (ages 10 # under) will perform one tune (song). First through fifth place winners will be selected.

2. Contestants in the Classic Old Time, Junior and Senior Fiddler categories will play two tunes in both the eliminations and the finals. Beginning Fiddlers (ages 11-15) will play one tune, a tune of his/her choice in the eliminations and two tunes (a breakdown and a waltz) in the finals.
   a. Five finalists will be selected in each category.
   b. The contestant may have a maximum of two accompanists, to include any combination of a guitar, a banjo, or a bass fiddle.
   c. Classic Old Time Fiddler will play two tunes, a breakdown and a tune of choice (i.e. polka, march, schottische, rag, reel, waltz). Beginning fiddlers will play a breakdown in the eliminations and a breakdown and a tune of choice in the finals.
   d. The Junior and Senior Fiddler will play a waltz and either a breakdown, or another traditional fiddle piece (such as a reel, a hornpipe, a jig, or a schottische) during the eliminations, finals, and fiddle-off.

3. Old Time String Bands and Bluegrass Bands will perform one tune in the eliminations and two tunes in the finals. A band and individual band members may enter only ONE band category, i.e., Bluegrass or Old Time, but not both. The tunes may be either vocal or instrumental. Band members and instruments played must be the same in the eliminations and the finals (no substitutions allowed).

4. Tunes performed in the eliminations may not be repeated by the same contestant (or contestants, in the case of the bands) in the finals.

5. Any contestants (to include bands) who has won first (1st) place for two (2) consecutive years will not be allowed to compete in the same category the following year. They may perform, but will not be judged.
Riders in the Sky are returning to Athens and will be the headliners at the 46th Annual Tennessee Valley Fiddlers Convention. Made up of Ranger Doug, Woody Paul, Too Slim, and Joey the Cowpolka King, these men have been together for 30-plus years making music and people laugh. Influenced by Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and other cowboys, they are carrying on the tradition of the singing cowboy. They are known for their numerous television appearances and their very own Saturday morning show. Riders in the Sky have had songs featured in childhood favorites “Toy Story 2” and a companion CD for “Monsters Inc.” They have had an international weekly radio show for many years and since 2006, they have had a weekly show on XM Satellite Radio. Young ones and the young at heart will enjoy hearing Riders in the Sky play and sing. It will be a time of good music, many laughs, and watching these guys do what they love. Hopefully you’ll get a chance to hear them this year if you missed them the last time they were at Fiddlers. For updates on “America’s Favorite Cowboys,” you can follow them on twitter @HarmonyRanch or visit their website ridersinthesky.com.

**Last Years’ Fiddlers Convention Winners**

**Harmonica:**
First: Isaac Vick
Second: Robert (Bambo Bob) Perdue
Third: Jim Owens
Fourth: Tommy Bounds
Fifth: Ken Tenpenny

**Mandolin:**
First: Joel Whittinghill
Second: Tyler Andal
Third: Bobby Nobley
Fourth: Rob Pearcy
Fifth: David Akins

**Bluegrass Banjo:**
First: Weston Stewart
Second: Jody Hughes
Third: Allen Watkins
Fourth: Joey Gibson
Fifth: Sarah Ward

**Dobro:**
First: Damion Kidd
Second: Rob Pearcy
Third: Jackie Wilson
Fourth: Steven Smiley
Fifth: Tony Mims, Jr.

**Dulcimer:**
First: Bobby Nobley
Second: Rob Pearcy
Third: Tommy Bounds

**Old-Time Singing:**
First: Charlie Hunter & Duncan Blair
Second: Jack Horner & Anna Pennesi
Third: Ray Rogers
Fourth: Brittany Cash
Fifth: Frannie & Cara DiGiovanni

**Beginning Fiddler (10 & under):**
First: Matthew Lin
Second: Jaelee Roberts
Third: Benjamin Lin
Fourth: Elijah Miller
Fifth: Christina Joneikis

**Guitar-Finger Picking:**
First: Jerry Miller
Second: Chris Casbarro
Third: Patrick Lowery
Fourth: Ken Hinkle

**Old Time Banjo:**
First: Jim Holland
Second: Van Burchfield
Third: Thomas Hale
Fourth: Charlie Hunter
Fifth: Laura Vines

**Dulcimer:**
First: Bobby Nobley
Second: Rob Pearcy
Third: Tommy Bounds

**Guitar-Flat Picking:**
First: Rob Pearcy
Second: Joel Whittinghill
Third: Jesse Turner
Fourth: Aaron Clegg
Fifth: Adam Chouning

**Beginning Fiddler (Age 11-15):**
First: Samantha Cunningham
Second: Caleb Bryant
Third: Kelly Hagan
Fourth: Emma DeJarnette
Fifth: Lauren Clardy

**Senior Fiddler:**
First: Roy Crawford
Second: Wayne Jerrolds
Third: Chuck Reeves
Fourth: Edward Cosner
Fifth: Tony Haley

**Classic Old-Time Fiddler:**
First: Jim Holland
Second: Bill J. Birchfield
Third: Mick Kinney
Fourth: Scott Miller
Fifth: Charlie Hunter

**Bluegrass Band:**
First: Breaking Grass
Second: Free Indeed
Third: The Bluegrass Express
Fourth: Hickory Hollow
Fifth: Cadillac Creek

**Junior Fiddler:**
First: Johnny Ray Watts
Second: Joel Whittinghill
Third: Adam French
Fourth: Bethany Breakall
Fifth: Tyler Andal

**Old Time Band:**
First: Georgia Crackers
Second: Hogslop String Band
Third: Roan Mtn. Hilltoppers
Fourth: Chigger Ridge
Fifth: Flying Jenny

**Buck Dancing (15 & under):**
First: Alysa Matheny
Second: Jaelee Roberts
Third: Brianne Hargrove
Fourth: Devon Sharp
Fifth: Myleigh Campbell

**Buck Dancing (16 & over):**
First: Jay Bland
Second: Matthew Campbell
Third: Danny Campbell
Fourth: Palmer Osborne
Fifth: Tommy Jackson

**Fiddle King:**
Johnny Ray Watts
Meet The Judges

Bill Rogers, better known as “Fiddlin’ Bill,” started fiddling in 1981. He has performed in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida, and conducted fiddle workshops in Mississippi and Louisiana. He enjoys various fiddling styles, including bluegrass, Celtic and old-time, but his favorite is traditional fiddle tunes played in the Southeastern style.

Rogers says, “The TVOTFC is a tremendous event. Not only am I looking forward to judging, but having a chance to meet people, get in on a few jams, and hearing some great music.” Bill makes his home in Collins, Mississippi.

Susie Coleman has won numerous first place folk-singing awards since she began competing at festivals in 1997. A lifelong musician, she is a teacher of rhythm guitar and is a founder of Folksingers, an organization of women who meet regularly to swap traditional and contemporary folk, bluegrass and gospel standards. She has served as judge at the Macon Co. (TN) Lions Grove contest at the Wilson Co. (TN) Fair. Susie makes her home in Pegram, Tenn.

Eric Payton is an outstanding fiddle player and has served as a judge at several conventions, including the Tennessee Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Eric comes to us from Millwood, Kentucky.

Tony Rothrock of Windows, Ind., is a very talented musician who plays several instruments, including banjo, guitar and harmonica. He has won contests in Tennessee and Kentucky and is highly respected by contestants and peers.

Jake Landers will serve as an alternate judge. Jake is well known in the bluegrass music field. He is a singer, professional writer and musician. Numerous professional groups have recorded songs written by Landers. In addition to writing, Jake performs with his group, The Jake Landers Band. They have their own unique blend of bluegrass music, and the original material they incorporate into their shows makes them a favorite at festivals and concerts.

Bill Lowery of Rossville, Ga., serves as the judge coordinator. Bill is an accomplished mandolin player and has 15 championship titles to his credit, including championships from the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers, Kentucky State Upper Cumberland and Tennes-see State conventions. He will also serve as an alternate judge if needed.

Chris Goertzen is a guitarist who ended up as a writer and teacher. He played and sang in coffee houses during the 1970s, mostly in Texas and Germany. At the same time, he was teaching guitar and related instruments full time as well as building instruments. He eventually went back to school and earned graduate degrees in Musicology, and became a teacher of music history and world music at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Carol Ponder, born and bred in the Appalachian Mountains of western North Carolina, was raised with the habit of song. She sang on stage for the first time in 1958 when she was four, singing “Lazy John” and “Cherry Riddle.” The occasion was her Uncle Hubert Hayse’s Mountain Youth Jamboree and her grandmother Veatrice Trantham Ponder taught her the songs and to play the autoharp.

Although she began her professional life as an actress who sang a lot, including many Mountain-themed plays, in 1998 her mid-life crisis took the form of a new devotion to singing the old songs and ballads in the styles handed down for generations. It was, overall, a better choice than a red convertible. She has performed at the Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage; the Uther American Folk Park in Omagh, Northern Ireland; Café Lena in Saratoga Springs, NY, and many other venues around the country.

Dr. Charles Wolfe was her mentor. He encouraged her to sing with her own voice rather than imitating her grandmother, for example, and fueled her desire to make a cappella balladry and other folk styles relevant in the 21st Century.

Carol collaborated with Dr. Jette Halladay at Middle Tennessee State University to create an Appalachian piece with students that toured Middle Tennessee and Ireland.

Roy Crawford, affectionately known as “Mr. Roy,” is an outstanding fiddler having won numerous contests, including the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers contest. He was the 1975 TVOTFC fiddler champion. Mr. Roy is one of the most humble people you’ll ever meet, yet he is a competitor. We are very pleased to finally have him as a judge. Mr. Roy lives in nearby Cullman, AL.

Barry Palmer of Cleveland, Ga., returns to Athens after being absent for several years. Barry is an accomplished musician/musicologist. He plays banjo and sings with the bluegrass band Bluegrass Alliance, serving as their spokesperson/emcee. He is also very active in the promotion of the Georgia State Fiddle Championships. Barry, welcome back to Athens!

Ron Curry, a native of Front Royal, VA., in the Northern Shenandoah Valley, is an area steeped in the rich musical traditions that The Birthplace of Presidents has to offer. He began playing strings at an early age and began playing the ukulele at age 7, banjo at 11, mandolin and guitar at 15, bass at 16, violin (fiddle) at 17. He has since picked up dulcimer and autoharp. Ron played trumpet and baritone horn in his high school marching band. He later branched out to trombone and cornet as well.

Currently, Ron enjoys making visual art. Through the year he has worked in painting and printmaking, sculpture, furniture, gold and silver casting, found object assemblage, and collage. His most recent love in art has been making wooden jigsaw puzzles for kids. Ron moved to Richmond, VA., in 1984 to attend Virginia Commonwealth University and has resided there since. During those 28 years in Richmond, Ron played in dozens of musical groups, sometimes three groups at once, in a wide variety of styles (bluegrass, blues, old time, rock, jazz, Hawaiian, to mention a few).

He has performed in 28 states and has traveled to several foreign countries. The Broad Street Ramblers, a trio that plays early 20th-century music, is the only group that is currently active. Ron states that, “After all these miles I conclude that America and its citizens are the best that the world has to offer”.

Susanne Buttry of Chapmansboro, Tenn., will serve as a judge for the Bob Sin dance competition.

Diane Franklin of Hendersonville, Tenn., will also serve as a Buck dancing judge.
Fiddlers 2011 Pictures

Pictures courtesy of Guy McClure and Brianna N. Wise.

Join us at these Career Advancement Events!

September 20, 2012: 5:00 – 6:30pm
Sandridge Ballroom
Business Professionalism:
What Employers Expect
Presenters: Jennifer Robinson, Craig Technologies & Kevin Smith, SAIC

October 16, 2012: Carter Gym
Fall Job Fair

October 25, 2012: 5:00 – 6:30pm
Sandridge Ballroom
Strategic Federal Job Search “What You Need to Know to be Effective”
Presenter: Paul Summer – Recruiter, Missile Defense Agency Human Resources

November 7, 2012
Graduate School Symposium

November 15, 2012: 5:00 – 6:30pm
Sandridge Ballroom
Successful Interviewing
Presenter: Christopher Whitaker – Talent Connector, Verizon Wireless

Call Career Services to register for these events (256) 233-8140

Athens State University Alumni

Call Athens State University /AthensStateUniversity @AthensStUniv Athens State University Alumni
Athens State University will host the 46th annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention on Oct. 5-6 at the school’s campus in Athens, Alabama. The musical competitions will be held on the steps of historic Founders Hall and other locations throughout the campus. A total of $11,870 in prize money will be awarded.

The convention is sponsored annually by the Athens State University Foundation and the Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the convention fund student scholarships and other university projects.

The convention has historically attracted more than 15,000 people for the two-day event, with more than 200 musicians participating in the musical competition. There are 18 different categories, including several fiddle and guitar categories, harmonica, mandolin, bluegrass banjo, dulcimer, old-time singing, banjo, and buck dancing. The festival culminates on Saturday night with the naming of the “Fiddle Champion.” Being named Fiddle Champion is highly competitive and is a coveted prize.

Johnny Ray Watts was named “Fiddle Champion” at last year’s convention. He won the “fiddle off” which traditionally pits the top fiddlers from the junior and senior divisions. This year’s fiddle champ will earn a total of $1,000 in cash and a trophy.

Headlining the 46th annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention at Athens State University will be Riders in the Sky. The group will perform on the Founders Hall stage at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7.

For thirty years, Riders In The Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, reviving and revitalizing the Western musical field. Remaining true to the integrity of that genre of music, they have become modern-day icons by branding a group with their own legendary humor and wit. Riders In The Sky are the only exclusively Western artist to have won a Grammy, actually they have won two! Riders In The Sky is made up of four character musicians: Ranger Doug, Joey, Woody Paul and Too Slim. The group is based in Nashville.

Approximately 150 booths featuring old-fashioned arts and crafts are part of the convention. Convention goers will see everything from traditional artwork to coal-fired metal works. Food vendors will also be on hand to provide anything from a quick snack to a full meal.

Contests begin Friday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. following the Riders in the Sky performance and resume on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 8:30 a.m. with the gates opening at 8:00 a.m. Cost is $8 for Friday, $10 for Saturday and $15 for both days. Children ages 12 and under are admitted free with a parent. Advance tickets are available from the Athens State Business Office located in Founders Hall at 300 N. Beaty Street.

For more information visit http://www.athens.edu/fiddlers/
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ASU Unveils New College-Level Writing Rubric

Kevin Dupre
Director of Building Success
Through Writing

With support from the Institutional Success Team, Building Success through Writing, ASU’s Quality Enhancement Plan, unveiled the College-Level Writing Rubric to all faculty during the three college’s faculty meetings on August 16.

Most recently, Mark Gale, Kevin Dupre and Tony Ricks led workshops for faculty who will be using the College-Level Writing Rubric in their Foundations and Capstone courses this fall semester. These implementation workshops were held on Thursday, September 6 and Monday, September 10. Workshops were designed to help faculty install the Writing Rubric in their courses in Blackboard for later use when grading certain specified writing assignments. Building Success through Writing will continue to support faculty as they transition to using the College-Level Writing Rubric in the fall and over the coming semesters.

An ad hoc committee working with Building Success through Writing developed the College-Level Writing Rubric in the spring semester and several faculty members piloted the Writing Rubric during summer 2012.

Special thanks to the writing rubric committee members, Professors Leigh Bunn, Tedi Gordon, Mary Harris, Bonnie Heatherly (College of Education); Mark Anderson, Gary Valcana, Debra Vaughan, Teresa Wanbaugh (College of Business); James Gadberry, Derek Newland, Del O’Neal, and Quanda Stevenson (College of Arts and Sciences).

Check out the finished College-Level Writing Rubric on the opposing page.

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Athens State University provides personal counseling services—at no cost to staff, faculty, and students.

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4. Where does the 1975 Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention fiddle champion currently live?

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Dear Student Body,

For those of you who haven’t found us yet, the Student Government Association has relocated to the classroom building! We are now in the office that Financial Aid used to be in.

In the next few months we hope to get the gaming consoles set up in the classroom building lounge, which is where we hold our weekly SGA meetings.

Please, get involved! We’re going to have tons of fun this semester. If you’d like to apply for Founders Queen, the deadline to get your applications in is September 21, 2012.

Welcome Back Week is September 24-27. Monday we will be kicking off Welcome Back Week with a game of horse shoes.

Tuesday of that week, we will be having a cookout and you know you want to come eat with us!

Wednesday, we are going to play flag football and have a water balloon toss. On Thursday, we’ll have washers (corn hole) set up on the lawn for everyone to enjoy.

The Annual Fiddlers Convention is October 5-6. The SGA, as well as The Athenians will be helping with registration and making sure everyone gets on stage on time.

I’m so excited for all the things to come this year! I hope everyone gets involved. Let’s make the 2012-2013 academic year something to talk about.

If you’d like to join us in our adventures this year just come by the office and pick up an application, or you can call us at 256-233-8128, or email me at sgibson2@my.athens.edu.

Thanks so much,
Shae Gibson
SGA President