



Music in the Mountains

Old Time Fiddle and Banjo Contest

Saturday, September 16, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Pocahontas County Opera House

Registration may be mailed in and must be received by September 13th.
Registration on the day of the event opens at 11:30 am and closes at 12:30 pm.
\$10.00 entry fee for Junior and Adults. \$5.00 entry fee for Youth.

Mail to: Mountain Music Trail
C/O Pocahontas County CVB
PO Box 275
Marlinton, WV 24954

Name: _____

Age: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent Name (if minor): _____

Youth: Ages 12 & under Junior: Ages 13 to 17 Adult: Ages 18 and up

Fiddle Banjo Please circle your age category and Fiddle or Banjo

Accompaniment: _____

Details about yourself: _____

Our thanks to the Marlinton Motor Inn, Dairy Queen, The Men's Shop,
Burton's Enterprises and Allegheny Mountain Radio for sponsoring this event!

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Old Time Fiddle & Banjo CONTEST RULES:

1. Each contestant must play two tunes appropriate for the category entered.
 - a. No tunes are banned and all styles of old-time fiddle and banjo are welcome.
2. Each contestant may play alone or with one rhythm accompanist. Any suitable accompanist is welcome, for example, guitar, mandolin, banjo (4 or 5 strings), cello, reed organ, accordion, tenor guitar or bass. Contestant may have a second violin as backup, but the second fiddler must play chords or backup (no melody or twin fiddling). Solo fiddling is welcome.
3. No electric instruments are allowed.
4. Contestants must play the correct instrument for their category.
5. Contestant must play by ear or from memory. No sheet music is allowed in the stage area. Contestants must have their instruments tuned prior to going on stage, otherwise points will be deducted. A four minute playing time will be strictly adhered to.
6. In case of a broken string, the contestant may replay.
7. The first contestant in each category will have the option (but is not required) to replay at the end of that category.
8. Judging will be based on intonation, timing, difficulty of selection, technical proficiency, and tune selection.
9. In the event of a tie, the judges will confer with each other to decide the best course of action or at the judges' discretion, callbacks will be held. While not required, contestants are encouraged to have additional selections prepared in the event of a fiddle or banjo off.
10. Three judges will independently score contestants. The total combined score from all three judges will decide the winner. a. Contestants will not be given score sheets. b. Judges' decisions are final.
11. The awards ceremony for all contests will be held immediately following the competition

GENERAL INFORMATION

Advance entry is encouraged but not required, however, all contestants must be registered before 12:30 pm, Saturday, September 16th. \$10.00 entry fee for Junior and Adults. \$5.00 entry fee for Youth. Judges' decisions are final. Anything not covered in the Rules will be decided by the judges. Emcee will introduce the fiddler and accompanist. Contestants are asked to conduct themselves with common courtesy and a spirit of fair play. Contestants exhibiting inappropriate behavior toward the audience, other contestants, officials, or sponsors may be excluded from future contests.

DIVISIONS AND ORDER OF PLAY – Individual only

Youth: Ages 12 & under. Junior: Ages 13 to 17. Adult: Ages 18 and up.

Order of play is determined by drawing numbers and will be announced at 12:45pm. Contestants not on stage within five minutes of being announced will be disqualified and the next fiddler called.



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Cash Prizes:

Fiddle:

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First Place: \$25.00

Second Place: \$15.00

Third place: \$10.00

Junior:

First Place: \$50.00

Second Place: \$25.00

Third Place: \$10.00

Adult:

First Place: \$100.00

Second Place: \$50.00

Third Place: \$25.00

Banjo

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