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Tennessee Valley Old Time
Fiddlers Convention
Athens State University
300 N. Beaty Street
Athens, AL 35611

The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention was first started with a few musicians meeting in a rural Limestone County kitchen. These musicians decided it was time to bring fiddling out of the kitchen and onto the stage where everyone could enjoy the harmonious tunes. After a surprisingly enthusiastic response in two local fiddling contests held in Athens as a test, the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Association was formed in the summer of 1967, and the annual convention was established.

The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention has been named by tourism groups as one of the top 20 attractions in the Southeast. It has long been known as the “Granddaddy of Midsouth Fiddlers Conventions” for its role in reviving the tradition of competition in old time music.

The Convention, which is where the Alabama State Fiddler Champion is crowned, brings some 200 contestants and an estimated 15,000 folk music fans to the grounds of historic Athens State University in Athens, Alabama each year. Additionally, area craftsmen display their arts and crafts at the annual arts and crafts fair held in conjunction with the musical competition, offering unique and custom-made souvenirs. There is something for everyone at the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention!

For more information, please visit TVOTFC.ORG or call (256) 233-8241.

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PERMIT 122
Athens, AL 35611
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51ST ANNUAL
TENNESSEE VALLEY OLD TIME

FIDDLERS CONVENTION.

OCTOBER 5 - 7, 2017

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Midway between Nashville & Birmingham
Junction I-65 & U.S. 72

Sponsored by:

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

GREATER LIMESTONE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

\$17,750 in CASH PRIZES

\$1,200 Cash Prize to Top Fiddler:
Alabama State Fiddle Champion

MORE INFO:

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CONCERTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

THIS CONCERT IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



7 PM
ALABAMA FARMERS
COOPERATIVE MAIN STAGE

**MARK KUYKENDALL,
BOBBY HICKS &
ASHEVILLE BLUEGRASS**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6



Dailey & Vincent

TWO SHOWS: 4 PM & 6 PM
ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE MAIN STAGE

DAILEYANDVINCENT.COM

COMPETITIONS

LISTING OF EVENTS AND PRIZES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Registration: Begins at 12 PM (Noon); Ends 30 minutes prior to each category competition

BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Founders Hall	Harmonica (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Mandolin (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Bluegrass Banjo (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Dobro (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Dulcimer (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
McCandless Hall	Old Time Singing - 8:00 PM (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Registration: Beginning Fiddler & Guitar Finger Picking - Begins at 7:45 AM

All other competitions - Begins at 8:30 AM; Ends 30 minutes prior to each category competition

BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Brown Hall	Beginning Fiddler (Finals) (Age 10 & Under)	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Brown Hall	Apprentice Fiddler (Finals) (Ages 11-15).....	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$50
Founders Hall	Guitar Finger Picking (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Old Time Banjo (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Classic Old Time Fiddler.....	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Founders Hall	Guitar Flat Picking (Finals).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Senior Fiddler (Ages 55+).....	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Founders Hall	Bluegrass Band.....	\$1,000	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100
Founders Hall	Junior Fiddler (Ages 16-34).....	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Founders Hall	Old Time Band.....	\$1,000	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100
Founders Hall	Intermediate Fiddler (Ages 35-54)	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Brown Hall	Buck Dancing - 2:00 PM.....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Founders Hall	Fiddle Off.....	\$600	\$400	\$200		

ADMISSION TICKET WILL PAY THE ENTRY FEE FOR ONE CATEGORY OF COMPETITION

ADMISSION

THURSDAY	FREE
FRIDAY	\$15.00
SATURDAY	\$15.00
WEEKEND PASS	\$20.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE WITH PAID ADULT

GROUP DISCOUNTS (20 OR MORE) AVAILABLE!

This project is made possible in part by a grant from the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area.

SATURDAY NIGHT FINALS

BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

- Senior Fiddler
- Classic Old Time Fiddler
- Bluegrass Band
- Junior Fiddler
- Old Time Band
- Intermediate Fiddler
- Buck Dancing
- Fiddle Off

Winners in all other categories will be selected from first round competition with no finals.

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MORE INFO: TVOTFC.ORG

OUTDOOR STAGE - Bring lawn chairs

NO PETS allowed inside the gates

RAIN LOCATION - Carter Gymnasium (limited capacity; no refunds)

FREE CAMPING - No hookups available

ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS - Unique, hand-made items available

\$500 CASH GATE PRIZES
\$200 Friday & \$300 Saturday

MUST be present in front of Founders Hall and provide proof of identity on stage within two minutes to win.