



The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Association was formed in 1967 due to overwhelming support from two local fiddling contests, thus establishing the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. With a stated goal of reviving the tradition of old time music, the annual event held on the historic campus of Athens State University is known as the “Granddaddy of Midsouth Fiddlers Conventions.”

In 2013, legislation was passed in the State of Alabama recognizing the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention as the official home of 14 state champions, including the Alabama State Fiddle Champion. Each year, hundreds of contestants come to Athens, Alabama to compete for these coveted titles, joining thousands of fans who come to enjoy the music, along with “shade-tree players” who bring their own instruments to perform in impromptu jam sessions.

In addition to the competitions, which begin Friday evening at 7:00 PM, the 2019 Convention will include top-notch entertainment by Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, and Bradley Walker & Lonesome River Band. The Fiddlers experience is further enhanced by dozens of food vendors and over 150 area craftsmen displaying their arts and crafts, offering unique and custom-made souvenirs. There is something for everyone at the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention! Proceeds support student scholarships and various University projects. Join us!



**ADMISSION**

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>WEEKEND PASS \$20.00</b>	

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE WITH PAID ADULT.  
GROUP DISCOUNTS (20 OR MORE) AVAILABLE!

**Tickets now available online!**

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Athens, AL 35611



**53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL**  
**TENNESSEE VALLEY OLD TIME**  
**FIDDLERS CONVENTION.**

**OCTOBER 3 - 5, 2019**

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**ATHENS, ALABAMA**

**PRESENTING SPONSOR**

**HUNTSVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**STAGE SPONSORS**

**FOUNDERS HALL MAIN STAGE:**  
ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

**BROWN HALL STAGE:**  
AETOS SYSTEMS, INC.

**\$18,225 in CASH PRIZES**

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

**Top winners in 14 categories named**  
**ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONS**

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## CONCERTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 7 PM



*Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper*

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE MAIN STAGE  
(THIS PREVIEW CONCERT IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)  
FLAMEKEEPERBAND.COM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 4 PM & 6 PM



*Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder*

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE MAIN STAGE  
RICKYSKAGGS.COM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 6 PM



*Bradley Walker & Lonesome River Band*

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE MAIN STAGE  
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## COMPETITIONS

LISTING OF EVENTS AND PRIZES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Registration begins at 12:00 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 5

Registration for Beginning Fiddler & Guitar Finger Picking begins at 7:45 AM; Registration for all other competitions begins at 8:30 AM  
Registration 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
Brown Hall	Beginner Musician (Finals) (Age 12 & Under).....	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
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

SATURDAY NIGHT FINALS - 8 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.

MORE INFO: TVOTFC.ORG

**\$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.

OUTDOOR STAGES - Bring lawn chairs  
NO PETS allowed inside the gates  
RAIN LOCATION - Carter Gymnasium  
FREE CAMPING - No hookups available  
UNIQUE ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS  
DOZENS OF FOOD VENDORS