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Tennessee Valley Old Time
Fiddlers Convention
Athens State University
Athens, Alabama 35611
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50th ANNIVERSARY



October 7 & 8, 2016

Athens State University

Athens, Alabama

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

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For Further Information Call
(256) 233-8241

\$18,225 CASH PRIZES

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

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No Pets Allowed Inside The Gates.

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 kitchens and onto the stage. 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 annually brings some 200 contestants and an estimated 15,000 folk music fans to the grounds of historic Athens State University located in Athens, Alabama.

Craftsmen from around the area display their arts and crafts at the annual arts and crafts fair held in conjunction with the musical competition.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

REGISTRATION: Begins at 12:00 Noon
CONTEST: Begins at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Registration will close 30 minutes prior to beginning of each category competition.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

REGISTRATION:

Beginning Fiddler - Guitar Finger Picking
7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - All Others

NOTE: Registration will close 30 minutes prior to beginning of each category competition.

CONTEST: Begins at 8:30 a.m.
Finals at 6:00 p.m.

ADMISSION COSTS:

\$15.00 Friday \$15.00 Saturday
\$20.00 Both Days

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE WITH PARENTS

\$500 CASH GATE PRIZES

\$200.00 Friday — \$300.00 Saturday

MUST be present in front of Founders Hall and make presence known immediately. Will have two minutes to make way to stage with proof of identity.

STAGE OUTDOORS

BRING LAWN CHAIRS

**(Contests in Gym in Case of Rain
 Limited Capacity — No Refunds)**

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Advance Reservation Only
 \$115 – All Have Electrical Hookup

(256) 233-8101

—NO FLEA MARKET ITEMS—
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FREE CAMPING - NO HOOK UPS

LISTING OF EVENTS AND PRIZES

Friday

Starting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Saturday

Starting at 8:30 a.m.

Beginning Fiddler (Finals)(Age 10 & Under) Brown Hall	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Apprentice Fiddler(Age 11-15) Brown Hall	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$50
Starting at 8:30 a.m.					
Guitar Finger Picking (Finals) Founders Hall	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Senior Fiddler (55+) Founders Hall	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Old Time Banjo (Finals) Founders Hall	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Classic Old-Time Fiddler Founders Hall	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Guitar Flat Picking (Finals) Founders Hall	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Bluegrass Band Founders Hall	\$1,000	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100
Junior Fiddler (16-34) Founders Hall	\$600	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100
Old Time Band Founders Hall	\$1,000	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100
Intermediate Fiddler (35-54) Founders Hall	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Buck Dancing(Age 15 & Under) Brown Hall	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Buck Dancing(Age 16 & Over) Brown Hall	\$200	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$25
Fiddle Off Founders Hall	\$600	\$400	\$200		

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



TVOTFC 50th Anniversary Special Performance:
 Thursday, Oct. 6th at 7PM
 Bobby Osborne & Rocky Top X-Press
 7PM In McCandless Hall.
 Free Admission - Limited Seating.



Riders In The Sky will perform two shows Friday, October 7th 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT FINALS

Finals Begin at 6:00 p.m.

- APPRENTICE FIDDLER
- 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 in these categories.



Norman Blake, Nancy Blake and James Bryan will perform one show Saturday, October 8th at 5:00 p.m.