

Lyons, CO

July 19-22, 2010

Rockygrass Academy for Kids

Hosted by Bearfoot and Planet Bluegrass

General Information

Welcome

Ages 7-15. This camp is an opportunity to explore traditional music in a supportive environment. Read through the information below then return the separate Registration Form – including class preferences and medical form – to Planet Bluegrass by May 1st.

Registration

Your schedule, books, and other information will be given to you when you arrive at camp. Please be sure to register between 8:30-9:30am on Monday, July 19th behind the Festival box office area with your parent or guardian.

Location

Planet Bluegrass Ranch, 500 West Main, Lyons, CO, 80540. For a map and directions visit www.bluegrass.com/rga/map.html

Meals

Please bring your own sack lunches to camp. Snacks will be provided. Water bottles and recorded devices are welcome, but please leave electronic games at home.

Daily Schedule

8:30am – Registration On Monday

9:30am – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – Join Adult Academy in Pavilion

10:30am – Block 1

11:15am – Snack Time

11:30am – Block 2

12:30pm – Lunch (unsupervised)

2:00pm – Block 3

3:00pm – Band

4:00pm – Snack Time

4:15pm – Afternoon Activities

5:00pm – Done for Day!

Camp Concert

The end of camp concert will be held from 4:30 – 5:00pm on Thursday at the Wildflower Pavilion.

Faculty

Members of the award winning band, Bearfoot, will be teaching and conducting the camp. These highly qualified music teachers have taught thousands of children across the U.S., Canada, and Ireland. In addition to teaching music camp, two of the band members are certified elementary education teachers.

Volunteers Needed

This music camps take a significant amount of time and effort to put on. If you can help in any way, please contact Planet Bluegrass. Volunteer jobs include setting up snacks, helping kids to classes, finding instruments, tuning instruments, helping with registration, and other camp jobs.

Class Descriptions

Band

Everyone will be participating in a band class during the fourth block. This is a chance to work up a song with your peers to play during the camp concert. The class will be mostly students of your same age or level, and will include everything from stage presence, to singing and taking solos, to playing rhythm. Everyone is automatically put into a band, so you don't need to worry about signing up for it; we will take care of putting you into a band.

Bass

Beginning Bass

No prerequisite. Students will learn how a bass fits into a jam or band. They will learn 4-5 chords and how to back up a guitar on some simple singing songs.

Intermediate and Advanced Bass

Students should have been taking lessons in orchestra or otherwise for at least 6 months. Students will learn chords to back up a guitar, as well as scales, patterns for following new chords, new songs, and how to walk.

Dance

No prerequisite. This is a chance for students to explore different types of traditional dances: square dance, contra dance, waltzes, swing dancing, clogging, and more! Students will learn basic moves of each dance, and how to call a dance.

Fiddle

Beginning Fiddle

No prerequisite. This class is geared towards students who have no or very little background in playing fiddle or violin. Students will learn how to correctly hold and bow the instrument as well as a few basic fiddle tunes.

Intermediate Fiddle

Students should have been taking fiddle for one year or be in Suzuki Book 1. In this class, students will work on becoming stronger players and learn a few basic fiddle tunes in first position.

Advanced Fiddle

Students should have been taking fiddle lessons for 2 years or be in Suzuki Book 3. Students will learn 2-3 fiddle tunes, some basics on how to improvise, different bowings, backup, and other techniques to bluegrass fiddling.

Twin Fiddle

Students must have been playing fiddle/violin for 2 years. This class will teach students how to find and/or play harmony parts on the fiddle. Students will learn the lead and harmony part to a few different fiddle tunes.

Singing

No prerequisite. Students will learn fun singing songs to sing with a group, a guitar, or solo.

Guitar

Beginning Guitar

No prerequisite. Students will learn 4-5 basic guitar chords, how to strum with a pick, and a few basic bluegrass songs.

Intermediate and Advanced Guitar

This class is geared towards students that can play several chords comfortably and the boom strum rhythm. Students will learn to flat pick, along with strengthening their chord and rhythm knowledge.

Mandolin

Beginning Mandolin

No prerequisite. This class will teach students the basics of how to hold and play the mandolin. They will learn a few easy mandolin chords, some bluegrass tunes, and mandolin rhythm.

Intermediate and Advanced Mandolin

Students should be quite comfortable playing 2 finger chords. They should also be able to play a few basic tunes. Students will learn how to play closed finger chords, work on their rhythm, and lead on a few new bluegrass songs.

Songwriting

For students 11 and up. This class will be an introduction to how to write songs, from instrumentation to lyrics.

Jamming

Beginning Jamming

No prerequisite. Students will learn how to jam with their peers by learning basic jamming tunes, the elements of a jam, and jamming etiquette.

Intermediate/Advanced Jamming

Students must have been playing their instrument for at least one year, and feel fairly comfortable playing it. Students will learn how to jam with others – taking leads when appropriate, and keeping background rhythms for the group. They will also learn a selection of bluegrass standards typically played in a bluegrass jam.