

June 28, 2019

Welcome to the 15th year of Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp. Expect to be challenged musically, make new friends, and experience new learning opportunities.

Here are some "basics" for review as preparations for camp begin;

### History of camp

Peter Donovan had attended a similar camp called Kittitas Fiddle Tunes Workshop and returned inspired to begin a similar model of camp beginning in 2004. Under the organizational umbrella of Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, Peter built a wonderful, family oriented fiddle camp in the small Eastern Oregon town of Wallowa, utilizing the generosity of the Wallowa Elementary School and school grounds.

Peter resigned from participation as director of the Fiddle Camp after the 2011 camp, to pursue interests that keep him traveling on the road in his new digs, a home built into a yellow school bus!

### School and facilities Use

The Wallowa School District has requested that we have no alcohol, drugs or firearms on school property. Dogs are welcomed, but must remain on a leash and cleaned up after (you know what!). Quiet hours are 11 AM to 7 PM.

- Tent camping on the grassy, school grounds. Dry camping only. No outside fires. Cars are to be parked alongside across the street, near tent area.
- Tent area surrounds school playground. Do not camp near this location if you don't want to hear the sound of children playing or the sound of basketballs. Early AM log trucks are also part of tent community life. (ear plugs are handy!)
- RV camping on the gravel parking areas at front and back of school. (no shade trees)
- School bathrooms available 24 hours per day.
- School Showers available 6-9 AM and 4-11 PM
- Drinking water available via outside spigot or bathroom faucets.
- Cooled commons area (Beth Johnson Room) available inside school building for lunches, camp meetings and activities.
- Town of Wallowa has a library, grocery store, air-conditioned senior center, and several restaurants.
- WIFI available through school system
- Cell phone service normally good

### Camp highlights

1. Sunday evening concert- Introduce the class instructors and enjoy "sound bites" of their playing.
2. Add a full time "dance master" to teach early morning buck dancing (Appalachian clogging) as well as community dance basics.
3. Offer an array of daily afternoon electives based on student and instructor interests.
4. Give campers a rest on Wednesday afternoon (after 2:30 PM) and an opportunity to explore beautiful Wallowa County, practice alone, or with new friends, as well as jam with others or take a LONG nap.

### Camp meals and snacks

A catered lunch is optional and is not included in the cost of tuition. If this option appeals to you, please sign up on our online camp registration found at [wvmusicalliance.org](http://wvmusicalliance.org)

Beth Gibans will return as our caterer again this year. Beth is a strong supporter of what our camp is about; bringing friends and families together to stretch and grow in musical traditions.

Beth will be providing a daily lunch (Monday through Friday) and an afternoon snack. If you choose to participate in a snack, please make an additional financial contribution to a donation jar. A nutritious, daily lunch is provided for a list of campers that have pre-paid a \$62 lunch fee as part of their registration.

Backyard Gardens Produce & Catering  
[backyardgardensjoseph.com](http://backyardgardensjoseph.com)

### Camp volunteers and chore list

A big thank you to many campers that pitch in to help keep this camp running smoothly, from moving furniture around in classrooms, replenishing bathroom paper products, helping Beth in the kitchen, running the Open Mic, emptying trash, putting up posters, ...the list is long! Keep your eyes open for an opportunity to volunteer with the chore list. Sign up form will be available at camp.

### Keeping Cool

Traditionally, the week spent in Wallowa can be very warm. This year (2019) will be the seventh year to utilize an Industrial Porta Cooler in the gym.

Students are encouraged to bring electric fans to use in the classroom. Please be sure to label

your fan, and take it home at the end of camp.

The school shower room is available in the morning and evening. Sometimes the water temperature is on the cooler side and will be appreciated in a different way during extreme hot weather.

### Camp Evaluation

A short evaluation will be made available at the end of the week. We are always looking for ideas to consider in keeping this camp tradition alive and fresh.

I look forward to another week of music and memories! See you soon!

Sincerely,

Carla and Kristine

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Wallowa Fiddle Tunes  
Camp Director  
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## Kitchen Volunteers

We are looking forward to a great week at camp, and are so pleased that you could join us. Each year, we ask for volunteers to help us with tasks around the camp. This allows us to maintain a pleasant camp environment and keep costs low for you, and is also a wonderful way to meet new friends.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with meal preparation (kitchen shifts) and clean up (dishwashing shifts). We need two volunteers for each shift every day. Shifts are 2 hours long. This is a great volunteer opportunity for individuals who are **not** signed up for instructional sessions, such as students' family members or chaperones. In return for your time, you will receive one **FREE** lunch on the day that you volunteer!

Thank you for considering becoming a kitchen volunteer. Our camp would not be possible without your generosity!

**Please sign up upon arrival at camp on Sunday afternoon.**

## Fiddle level descriptions

Please review the fiddle level descriptions. We can make level adjustments after the first Monday morning session at camp.

*LEVEL 1* – Experienced beginner: Perfect for fiddlers with 1 to 2 years experience. This class will work on playing tunes by ear by use of liberal repetition, and basic bowing techniques.

**Gentle pacing will be adjusted to support the learning of both ends of skills represented by class participants.** Students will be introduced to tunes from Irish, Southern, and Roots genres. (Mornings will be self-contained with primary instructor. Afternoon session will be exploratory, visiting other fiddle teachers.)

*LEVEL 2* – Intermediate : Intermediate students will find these classes have much to offer for the advancing player. Students should have a working knowledge of their instrument and willingness to learn by ear in a group setting. **Medium pacing of instruction will be matched to the average skill level of the majority of the students.** Students will learn tunes from Irish, Southern, and Roots genres.

*LEVEL 3* – Advanced: Advanced students are looking for a challenge. Students must be comfortable learning quickly by ear and experimenting with advanced bowing techniques. **Instruction pace will be matched to the student with the highest skill level.** Students will learn tunes from Irish, Southern, and Roots genres.

			Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp 2019 Schedule						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri			
8:00 AM		Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee		
8:15 AM		Buck Dancing	Buck Dancing	Buck Dancing	Buck Dancing	Buck Dancing	Buck Dancing		
8:45 AM		Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting		
9:00 AM		Session 1	Session 1	Session 1 (50 minutes)	Session 1	Final leveled groups practice: to be determined (60 minutes)			
10:00 AM									
10:15 AM		Morning break	Morning break	Session 2 (50 minutes)	Morning break	Camp Clean-up (10:00 AM to 10:15 AM)			
10:45 AM		Session 2	Session 2						
					Session 3 (50 minutes)	Session 2	Farewell Music and Dance Party: 10:30 AM to Noon		
Noon		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch				Lunch / Goodbyes
1:15 PM		Session 3	Session 3	Free afternoon	Session 3	Sessions Defined:			
2:30 PM		15 min. break			15 min. break				
2:45 PM		Electives	Electives		Electives				
	Check in, set up campsite	15 min. break			15 min. break				
3:45 PM									
4:00 PM		Student-led Elective	Dance band Elective		Student-led Elective	Dance band Elective	Student-led Elective	Dance band Elective	
5:00 PM			Free Time		Free Time	Faculty performs at Courthouse Concert in Enterprise - Get on the bus!	Lisa Ornstein- Fiddle Level 2A John Weed- Fiddle Level 2B Larry Chung- Fiddle Level 3 Emily Muller-Cary- Fiddle Level 1 Basic Duane Boyer-Guitar Level 1 Matt Bell-Guitar Level 2 Maggie Lind-Banjo Patrick Lind-Guitar Level 3 Stuart Mason-Mandolin Alan Feves-Bass	<b>Session 2</b> Lisa Ornstein- Fiddle Level 2A John Weed- Fiddle Level 2B Larry Chung- Fiddle Level 3 Emily Muller-Cary- Fiddle Level 1 Basic Duane Boyer-Guitar Level 1 Matt Bell-Guitar Level 2 Maggie Lind-Banjo Patrick Lind-Guitar Level 3 Stuart Mason-Mandolin Alan Feves-Bass	
6:00 PM	Welcome / camper orientation								
7:00 PM	Instructor Concert	Open Mic	Square Dance Party		Gather at Terminal Gravity Brewing in Enterprise for food, drink and jamming				Community Dance: Music Provided by Dance Band Elective
8:00 PM	Community Dance								
9:00 PM	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	<b>Session 3</b> Lisa Ornstein- Fiddle Level 2B Larry Chung- Fiddle Level 2A John Weed- Fiddle Level 3 Emily Muller-Cary- Fiddle Level 1 Basic Duane Boyer-Guitar Level 1 Matt Bell-Guitar Level 2 w/Voice Patrick Lind-Guitar Level 3 Maggie Lind-Banjo Stuart Mason-Mandolin Alan Feves-Bass -			
11:00 PM	Music Curfew	Music Curfew	Music Curfew	Music Curfew	Music Curfew extended to midnight				