

February 21, 2022

Welcome to the 16th 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 7AM to 11PM.

- 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.
- 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
- Due to the Wallowa School District Bond Project, the gymnasium building, which houses the locker rooms, will not be available. There will be no access to showers located in the locker rooms this year. Please bring a solar shower, or take a shower at the local laundromat - Wallowa Valley Stay & Wash. Outdoor showers are being replaced at Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland and may be available during camp. The Homeland is about a 1/2 mile from Wallowa Elementary.

Camp Highlights

1. Sunday evening concert- Introduce the class instructors and enjoy "sound bites" of their playing.
2. Offer an array of daily afternoon electives based on student and instructor interests.
3. 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

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

Kelsey Juve will be providing a nutritious daily lunch (Monday through Friday) for a list of campers that have pre-paid a \$65 lunch fee as part of their registration.

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 Kelsey 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 (2022) will be the eighth 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.

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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,

Robyn Burns
Wallowa Fiddle Tunes
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2020 Camp Schedule

Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp 2022 Schedule						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8:15 AM		Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
8:45 AM		Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting	Camper Meeting
9:00 AM						
		Morning Session	Morning Session	Morning Session	Morning Session	Performance Practice
10:00 AM						Classroom Clean-up
10:15 AM		Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break	
10:45 AM		Morning Session Continued	Morning Session Continued	Morning Session Continued	Morning Session Continued	Farewell Music and Dance Concert: 10:30
Noon		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch / Goodbyes
1:00 PM						
		Afternoon Session	Afternoon Session	Afternoon Session	Afternoon Session	
2:15 PM		15 Min. Break			15 Min. Break	
2:30 PM		Electives	Electives		Electives	
3:00 PM						
3:45 PM		15 min. break			15 min. break	
4:00 PM	Check-in, Set Up Campsite	Student-led Elective	Dance Band Elective	Free Afternoon	Student-led Elective	Dance Band Elective
5:00 PM						
5:30 PM						
6:30 PM		Free Time	Free Time		Faculty Perform at Courthouse Concert in Enterprise	
7:00 PM	Camper Orientation			Gather at Terminal Gravity Brewing in Enterprise for food, drink and jamming.		
8:00 PM	Instructor Concert	Open Mic	Square Dance		Community Dance - Music by Dance Band Elective	
9:00 PM	Community Dance				Campsite Jams	
9:00 PM	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	Campsite Jams	
11:00 PM	Music Curfew	Music Curfew	Music Curfew	Music Curfew	Music Curfew - Extended to	

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.

High beginner: Perfect for fiddlers with 1 to 2 years experience. Fiddlers 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.

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.

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.

Kidz Fiddle: This class will be run in the mornings so kids can take advantage of the afternoon electives. This class is not intended for a complete beginner, but for kids who have a minimum of 1 year experience with the fiddle.

Guitar level descriptions

Beginner: This class is a multi age class taught for an absolute beginning guitar player by an experienced college music professor. Imagine a semester of beginning guitar taught in a week's time. Bring your guitar and be ready to learn!

Intermediate: Intermediate students should have a working knowledge of their guitar, the ability to tune, and the willingness to learn by ear in a group setting. The tunes will be mostly accompaniment styles for a range of skills.

Advanced: Advanced students are looking for a challenge. They should be comfortable learning by ear, ready to learn flatpicking techniques and a variety of southern and roots tunes.