

DeKalb County Fiddler's Convention 108th Anniversary Celebration 2016 Presented by the Big Wills Arts Council

This will be our fifth year to implement the standard two year rule, that is, anyone that has won a category for the last two years in a row, will be asked to not enter competition in that category this year. We look forward to your return to competition next year.

Order of events / Rules / sponsorships

Dobro –.....

2 Tunes of Choice

- Dobro will be interpreted as a resonophonic guitar, played with a slide, not to be confused with bottle neck guitar styles played on an acoustic guitar.
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Pee Wee Fiddle (through 10 yrs old) –.....

- 2 Tunes of Choice
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Mandolin –.....

- 2 Tunes of Choice
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Old-Time Banjo –

- 2 Tunes of Choice
- Five (5) stringed only
- Scruggs type tuners are not allowed
- Fretless fingerboard is permitted
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Junior Fiddle (11-21 years) –.....

- 2 Tunes of Choice
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Flat-Top Guitar –.....

- 2 Tunes of Choice
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Upright Bass -

- 2 Tunes of Choice
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm
- May be accompanied by 2 additional

Bluegrass Banjo –.....

- 2 Tunes of Choice
 - Banjo players may not play the tune "Whoa Mule!"
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Sr. Fiddle (22 years & up) –...

- 2 Tunes of Choice
- Fiddlers may not play the tunes “Black Mountain Rag,” “Mockin’ Bird,” or “Orange Blossom Special”
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Ol’ Time Fiddle

- Old time fiddling and tunes only,
- May play solo or with maximum 1 additional accompanist.
- 2 tunes of choice.

Bluegrass Band –.....

- 3 Tunes: 1 required to be vocal, 2 of choice
- There may be no less than 4, no more than 6 members per band.
- No one may be in more than one band.
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

Ol’ Time String Band

- –Old time styles and tunes only.
- Band must consist of at least 3 stringed instruments, no more than 6 members
- 3 tunes/songs of choice, 1 required to include vocals.
- No one may be in more than one band.
- Emphasis on clarity of tone, timing, and rhythm

**Scruggs type tuners are not allowed
The Decision of the Judges is FINAL.**

****The City of Fort Payne and/or any affiliated organizations are not responsible or liable for any accidents, loss, or theft of property.*

Firearms, fireworks or open fires are not permitted.

Drugs, alcoholic beverages, and animals are prohibited. No glass containers allowed on the convention grounds.

Please put trash in properly labeled containers.

**The Big Wills Arts Council wishes to thank you
for visiting the City of Fort Payne.
Have a great time and please plan
to attend our next convention.**