

Juneau, Alaska

June 23 - 26, 2008

# bluegrass camps for kids

hosted by bearfoot and the Juneau arts & humanities council

## general information

### Welcome

Bluegrass Camps for Kids is an opportunity for children, ages 5-17, to seriously engage actively with music in a comfortable, supportive, and enjoyable learning environment.

We request that campers have completed Kindergarten prior to registration for the camp. We also request that campers ages 5-7 be accompanied by their parent, but it is not necessary.

The workshops and lessons are designed so that children come away from the camp with a strong appreciation for the music and the instruments as a result of their direct participation. This is not a day care service. Please discuss this commitment with your child prior to camp.

### Registration

Class sizes are limited and preferences are honored of registration arrival. Your schedule, books, and other information will be given to you when you arrive at camp. Please be sure to arrive at 12:00pm with your parent or guardian. A medical form is also due with this application. Forms can be downloaded at: [www.bearfootband.com](http://www.bearfootband.com), or at: [www.jahc.org](http://www.jahc.org). Forms are due June 10, 2008.

### Location

Juneau Arts & Culture Center (Former Armory)

### Meals

Please bring your own sack lunches to camp. Snacks will be provided. Water bottles are welcome. Please leave electronic games at home.

### Daily Schedule

12:00pm	Registration, Morning Activity
12:30pm	Block 1
1:15pm	Snack Time
1:30pm	Block 2
2:30pm	Food / Afternoon break
3:00pm	Block 3
4:00pm	Band
5:00pm	Activity
5:30pm	Done for the Day!

### Camp Concert

The end of camp concert will be held at 5:30pm on the last day of camp (June 26, 2008).

### 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. For more information on the band members, go to: [www.bearfootband.com/bios](http://www.bearfootband.com/bios).

## volunteers needed!

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

# class descriptions

## Banjo

### Beginning Banjo:

No prerequisite. Students must be ten or older due to the length of the banjo. This class is an introduction to the three finger style of bluegrass banjo playing. Students will learn basic rolls, chords, and an easy banjo tune.

## 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.

## 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 lesson 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 at least 1 year. This class will teach students how to find and play harmony parts on the fiddle. Students will learn the lead and harmony part to a few different fiddle tunes.

## Singing

### Vocals:

No prerequisite. Students will learn fun singing songs to sing with a group, a guitar, or by yourself. They will also touch on how to harmonize and take solos.

## 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.

# class choices

Students will take an elective class during each block time period in addition to participating in a band. Please select your top two choices for Blocks 1, 2, and 3 and indicate your choices on the Registration Form.

### Block 1 (12:30-1:20)

Beginning Fiddle  
Beginning Guitar  
Beginning Mandolin  
Advanced Fiddle  
Int. and Adv. Guitar  
Vocals

### Block 2 (1:30 – 2:20)

Beginning Bass  
Beginning Guitar  
Beginning Mandolin  
Beginning Fiddle  
Int. and Adv. Mandolin  
Vocals  
Intermediate Fiddle

### Block 3 (3:00-3:50)

Beginning Banjo  
Beginning Guitar  
Beginning Mandolin  
Int. and Adv. Bass  
Twin Fiddle

# registration form

Note: A completed medical form is also due with this form.

Camp Tuition: \$200 (Due with registration.)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in the fall \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, please contact me to volunteer during the camp.

\_\_\_ Yes, I have extra instruments that I can loan during the camp. (Please indicate quantity.)  
\_\_\_ fiddles \_\_\_ guitars \_\_\_ basses \_\_\_ mandolins \_\_\_ banjos

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to borrow an instrument during the camp. (Please indicate quantity.)  
\_\_\_ fiddles \_\_\_ guitars \_\_\_ basses \_\_\_ mandolins \_\_\_ banjos

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to participate in an optional private lesson. (Please indicate quantity.)  
\_\_\_ ½ hour lessons at \$20 each (Please pay at registration. A separate check may be made out to Bearfoot Bluegrass.)  
Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Choices

Please write in your first and second choices for each block:

	First Choice	Second Choice
Block 1:	_____	_____
Block 2:	_____	_____
Block 3:	_____	_____

While we do not guarantee class choices and instruments, we do try our best to get everyone's first choice of classes and instruments.

Please mail or drop off this Registration Form with completed medical form and payment to:  
Juneau Arts & Humanities Council  
350 Whittier St., Ste 101 • Juneau, AK 99801  
For questions, please call 586-ARTS.

# medical release form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/s or Guardian/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: (include food, medicines, animals, insect bites, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any other medical or behavioral concerns that you would like the camp staff to be aware of:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY TREATMENT

I hereby consent to emergency treatment, hospitalization, or other medical treatment as may be necessary by a physician, qualified nurse or hospital in the event of an injury or illness. On behalf of the above student, I hereby waive any liability for injuries/illness sustained at this event "Bluegrass Camps for Kids." I also hereby accept legal and financial responsibility for the above student in the event of injury or illness.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOXES THAT APPLY. BY SIGNING THE BOTTOM, YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE BOXES CHECKED.**

## PHOTO RELEASE

Yes, I agree to let "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" use a photo/s of my child for promotional use. (The child's name and other information will not be released.)

No, "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" may not use a photo/s of my child for promotional use.

## USE OF INSTRUMENTS

If my child is borrowing an instrument, I agree to take full financial responsibility if my child incurs any damage to that instrument while borrowing it. If my child is using their own instrument, I agree to take full financial responsibility for the instrument that my child is using. I also agree to release "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" of any financial responsibility if any damage is done to the instrument. If my child is loaning an instrument to the camp, I agree to release "Bluegrass Camps for Kids" of any financial responsibility if any damage is done to the instrument during the camp. I also agree that if there is any damage done to the instrument during the camp, the person using it at the time will be financially responsible for the damage done.

## PARTICIPATION & EXPECTATIONS

I understand that my child is expected to participate in the workshops in a meaningful and non-disruptive manner. I understand that if he or she is unable to meet this expectation, it will be necessary for he/she to discontinue the Camp. In this event, no refund will be offered.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_