

Pemi Valley BG Festival Kid's Academy Registration

Sugar Shack Campgrounds Thornton, NH

Is your child interested in learning how to play a bluegrass song? Then the Pemi Valley BG Festival Kid's Academy is the way to go. The Pemi Valley Kid's Academy is a free three-day learning program held Wednesday through Saturday at the Pemi Valley Festival. The goal of the program is to teach children (age 8-17) to play, sing and perform bluegrass music with a key component of learning how to play by ear.

The curriculum consists of sectional instruction with their assigned instrumental teacher (fiddle, guitar, banjo, upright bass, mandolin, dobro) and ensemble practices with the whole group to practice arrangements and harmony singing. The program's grand finale is a performance Sunday morning on the Main Stage. Tunes for the weekend are tentatively: Keep on the Sunny Side and Cottoneyed Joe (more info to come).

Ellen Carlson has been teaching at Kid's Academy's at different festivals for 10 years. She teaches at Grey Fox and Joe Val and has also taught at Strawberry Park. Currently, she co-runs the Fiddleheads Acoustic Music Camp, leads the New Hampshire Fiddle Ensemble (a ensemble focused on learning and performing fiddle music of various styles in the traditional way), plays with Newfound Grass, High Range and other groups, and has taken her Masters of Education from the classroom to private fiddle lessons and school programs that bring fiddling and music from the 1800's into schools. She will be joined by other top-notch musicians.

Participants must attend all days of the bluegrass festival and have an interest in learning and performing with the group.

How To Register: Mail your completed form to Pemi Valley Productions PO Box 1346 Campton NH 03223-1346.

Name of Child _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Instrument _____ Length of time playing this instrument _____

Type of Instruction child has had _____

I agree that my child will be at Pemi Valley BG Festival from Wednesday, August 2nd through Saturday August 5th and agrees to attend all sessions of the Kid's Academy. My child is between ages 8-17 and will/ will not bring his or her own instrument. I, the undersigned, agree to hold Pemi Valley Productions, all instructor's and the Sugar Shack Campground harmless for any activity associated with my child's participation in the Pemi Valley BG Festival Kid's Academy. This includes personal injury or any damage that might occur to any instrument and/ or personal property being used in the activity.

_____ Parent or Guardian Signature and Date