

Hello friends and music-lovers,

We are very excited to present the 2016 Smithers Fiddlefest, August 29-September 2, 2016.

Come join us for four days and four nights of friends, fiddle music, folk dancing, and fun.

We are hosting inspiring instructors from all over Canada who will provide mentorship and workshops.

The camp is open to aspiring players of fiddle, mandolin, guitar, bass and keyboard, from ages 7-107, with instruction in your instrument(s) and workshops that include drumming, choir, art, improvisation and tune writing. Five and six year old fiddlers who have already played fiddle for one year may also join in the camp. Children 0-4 are welcome to come delight in all the music and dancing.

The camp will begin with a very special concert: The Valley Youth Fiddlers will open for a performance from our amazing instructors. The camp will end with The Student Concert, where together we will showcase what we have been working so hard on all week.

Need more information? See poster below, or contact us

at: smithersfiddlefest@gmail.com

Sincerely,

the Fantastic Fiddlefest Committee

See important registration details below poster.

Early bird registration until July 20!



The poster for the 2016 Smithers Fiddlefest features a blue background with a grassy foreground. It includes two violin illustrations on the sides and a central grid of nine black and white photos of the mentors. The text is organized into sections: WHO, WHERE, COST, WHAT, WHY, ACCOMMODATIONS, and CONTACT. The event dates and times are prominently displayed in a yellow banner.

2016 SMITHERS FIDDLEFEST

WHO
All aspiring players of the fiddle, guitar, mandolin, bass, and piano. All ages and abilities welcome.

WHERE
Rock Nest Ranch Camp,
Houston, BC
7907 Barrett Hat Road

COST
Single \$200 / Double \$350 / All additional participants \$75 / Family cap: \$550
(*food and accommodation not included)

WHAT
Come and learn new fiddle tunes from around the world with fabulous mentors including: James Stephens, Gordon Stobbe, Emilyn Stam, Jaron Freeman-Fox, Andrew Hillhouse, Julie Fitzgerald, Madeline Lough, Ingrid Johnson, Colin Butchart, Courtney Campbell and other incredible mentors.

WHY
Are you kidding me? Because it is going to be a terrific week of music by the lake!

ACCOMMODATIONS
Rustic Log Cabins and A-Frames with bunks. Tents and Campers welcome.

CONTACT
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WHEN Monday, August 29th 7:00 pm - Friday, September 2nd 4:00 pm (4 days, 4 nights)

Mentors: James Stephens, Gordon Stobbe, Emilyn Stam, Jaron Freeman-Fox, Andrew Hillhouse, Julie Fitzgerald, Madeline Lough, Ingrid Johnson, Colin Butchart.

Important registration details:

- **Early registration lasts until July 20.** On July 21, a late fee of \$50/family will be added. Please register as soon as possible to help us get camp ready for you!
- A cancellation fee of \$25/person will be charged until August 15 for registrants withdrawing from camp. No refunds will be given after August 15.
- **Registration closes August 15** so we have time to get classes set and food prepared.

Here's what you need to register:

SNEAK PREVIEW OF ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Application steps:

1. When you open the registration form (using the Link above), the first page will ask for your contact information, the number of family members you have staying at the camp, and the number of family members who are taking classes.
2. The next page asks for information about the first family member attending classes. For each family member attending classes, you will need to:
 - Pick an instrument to play in the **morning sectional and orchestra** classes, and let us know the level of their playing, and their ability to learn by ear.
 - List their three choices for the **first afternoon workshop** (fiddle, guitar, keyboard, bass art, choir, folk dance, drumming and groove, improvisation, etc.). After we have everyone's choices, we will decide which workshops we are able to offer, and we'll try to let everyone know before camp which workshop they will attend. Those registering early will have first choice of workshops that fill up. Please also note that adults may skip an afternoon workshop.
 - List their three choices for the **second afternoon workshop**.

You will also need to let us know:

- if they would like to pay for meals during the camp. Based on the birthdate you provided for the family member, you will see a price for babies, children 6 and under, or children aged 7 and up to adults.

4. For family members not attending classes, please click "Add another person" and let us know:

- if they would like to pay for meals during the camp.
- which accommodation choice they would prefer.
- that they agree to the code of conduct for the camp
- that they agree to the waiver

5. When you have completed the information for all family members, please click "Complete", and you will be asked for your payment information.

Looking forward to spending a week sharing music with you!