

45TH ANNUAL GILA VALLEY FIDDLE CONTEST & Music Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tickets are \$15 for a weekend pass to all daytime events Fri-Sun

The Saturday Night Dance is \$6 or \$10/couple

PRESALE TICKET \$20 FOR WEEKEND PASS + DANCE

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Event Dates & Location

February 8-11th

THE GRAHAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (BUILDING 4)

The Fiddle Contest Takes Place on the Main Stage

Thursday 8th

Early Bird Potluck Dinner and Jam Sessions
4-6PM Pot Luck
6-8PM Gineveve's Open Mic Night on Main Street!

Friday 9th

Opening Ceremonies & KICK OFF CONCERT
4PM - VENDORS AND FOOD TRUCKS OPEN!
4PM - Three Angstrom Flat
5PM - Phoebe Hunt
6PM - The Edgar Loudermilk Band
7PM- OPEN MIC!

Saturday 10th

8:00AM CONTEST Registration

8:45AM Meet the Judges

9:00AM Contest Begins	Ages
Senior	60-75
Half Pint.	0-8
Jr-Jr.	9-14
Young at Heart.	76+
Novice	All Ages

LUNCH

Junior	15-20
Young Adult	21-40
Adult	41-59
Show Your Stuff	All Ages
Band Contest	
~5pm Vocal contest	All Ages

7-9:30 PM SWEETHEART VALENTINE'S Dance and Fundraiser

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE - The Edgar Loudermilk Band, Phoebe Hunt, Madi Deitrich, The DeRusha Family Band, Jess Barry Band, The Sundowners and more!

\$6/Ticket or \$10/Couple

Sunday 12th

8:00-9:30 AM Old Time Hymn Sing and Gospel Show

Special Musical Numbers

8:30 AM Registration Table Open

~10am CONTEST RESUMES

Accompanist
Little Britches Runners-Up Finals (Half Pint - Jr. Jr.)
Runners-Up Finals (Jr. - Young at Heart)
Vocal Finals
Open Division

LUNCH

Twin Fiddle
Little Britches Final (All 1, 2, &3 place winners from the Saturday Age Divisions 0-14)
Trick and Fancy
Band Scramble
Grand Master Finals (All 1, 2, &3 place winners AGE 15+)

~3:00 PM Awards



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2024 Gila Valley Fiddle Contest Rules

THE BASICS

Contestants must register and draw their number(s) prior to the start of their event(s).

No tune may be played more than once by the same contestant in all appearances.

Contestants may have no more than four (4) accompanists.

All categories have suggested time limits. Please check the categories you plan to compete in for details. *Many categories require that you compete in your age division.*

Please confirm your eligibility for each category prior to registration.

FIDDLE - Age Divisions

Fiddlers may only enter one age division.

Fiddlers must play three (3) tunes: a Hoedown, Waltz, and Tune of Choice

A five (5) minute time limit

No trick/fancy fiddling, hokum bowing, plucking, or cross-tuned fiddles will be allowed.

FIDDLE – Championships

Fiddlers must play two tunes: a Waltz and a Tune of Choice

A four (4) minute time limit

No trick/fancy fiddling, hokum bowing, plucking, or cross-tuned fiddles will be allowed.

The Grand Masters Finals will be open to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from their age divisions (Junior, Young Adult, Adult and Senior). Grand Masters Runner-up Finals will be open to 4th place and below from those age divisions. Little Britches Finals will be open to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from the Half-Pint and Jr-Jr age divisions. Little Britches Runner-up Finals will be open to 4th place and below from those age divisions.

ACCOMPANIST

Accompanist is open to anyone who has or will accompany a fiddler during the contest.

Accompanist will play two (2) songs: a fast and a slow. A four minute time limit Only (2) instruments on stage.

TWIN FIDDLE

1. Contestants must have competed in age divisions.
2. Contestants will play two (2) songs: a Waltz and a Tune of Choice.
3. A four minute time limit

TRICK AND FANCY

1. Trick/fancy fiddling, hokum bowing, plucking, or cross-tuned fiddles will be allowed.
2. A four (4) minute time limit

VOCALIST

Open to anyone.

Contestants must sing one song.

A four (4) minute time limit

No more than four (4) instruments on stage.

Vocal Judges will be different from Fiddle Judges.

BAND SCRAMBLE

1. Bands will be drawn
2. Only one band per contestant. (Unless we need to)
3. Band will play two (2) songs, one of which must be a vocal number.
4. An eight (8) minute time limit will be enforced.

OPEN DIVISIONS

1. NEW DIVISION for those who have...
 - a) HAVE BEEN A STATE Open CHAMP
 - b) NATIONAL AGE DIVISION OR OPEN CHAMP
 - c) TOURING PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS
2. Those playing in this division will not play in Age division
3. Same rules apply as Age Division

SHOW YOUR STUFF

1. Open to anyone who has competed in the contest
2. Full 6 minutes to give your all

BAND COMPETITION

1. Choose a band and a name
2. Only one band per contestant (unless it doesn't work)
3. Play 2 songs



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Age Divisions

0-8 Half Pint

9-14 Jr-Jr

15-18 Junior

19-40 Young Adult

41-59 Adult

60-75 Senior

76-100 Young at Heart

Open Division (All ages)

Show Your Stuff (All Ages)

6 minutes to give us your ALL!