



Sauder Village®

2018 Season

Dear Fiddlers,

We are now accepting registrations for the Annual Sauder Village Fiddle Contest, which will be held in the Sauder Village Barn on

Saturday, July 14, 2018!

Pre-registration Required. All competition contestants must be pre-registered. Acceptance is on a first-come basis.

Special Note for Students. Please note that our student division is for “competition-ready” students.

Competition Rules. Attached are the Guidelines and Rules for competition.

Complimentary Sauder Village Admission. All pre-registered participants will receive up to four (4) free admissions to the Historic Village (a \$68 value) for the day to allow you and your guests to enjoy the fiddle contest, as well as the popular “Summer on the Farm” activities throughout the Historic Village.

Schedule. Competitors who check-in between 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. are invited to fiddle for fun in the Historic Village to entertain guests. As a token of thanks, you will receive \$10.00 in ‘Sauder Bucks’ to spend anywhere in the Village. Competitors who do not wish to play prior to the competition are asked to check in by 12:00 noon. The placement drawing will be held at 12:30 p.m., and the competition begins at 1:00 p.m.

Special Guest Band. Bridge County Bluegrass Band will provide entertainment for the crowd prior to and after the competition.

You are welcome to register by mail, e-mail or phone. If you have any questions, please contact me. I hope you will join us for this year’s contest!

Sincerely,

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Sauder Village®

38th Annual Fiddle Contest Saturday, July 14, 2018

Schedule...

The contest begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. with the Student Division, immediately followed by the Senior Division, then the Open Division. All contestants must check-in by 12:00 noon, with drawing for positions held at 12:30 p.m. If you are able to arrive between 10-10:30 a.m. and fiddle for fun in the Historic Village, we'll provide you with \$10 in "Sauder Bucks" that can be used toward lunch in the Café or anywhere you choose in the Village. (This offer only applies if you arrive prior to 10:30).

Location...

Sauder Village on State Route 2, just minutes south of Ohio Turnpike Exit 25 (just northeast of Archbold and about 1 hour west of Toledo). Weather permitting, the contest will be held on the Village Green; in the event of inclement weather, it will be held on the Festival Building.

Pre- Registration...

Please pre-register by mailing in the form below or sending an e-mail to dawn.hauter@saudervillage.org. Entries are accepted on a first-come basis.

All pre-registered participants will receive four (4) free admissions to the Historic Village for the day.

Contest Divisions...

- Student Division for "competition ready" fiddlers ages 16 and younger.
- Senior Division for fiddlers ages 55 and above.
- Open Division for fiddlers ages 17 to 54. Those eligible to be in the student or senior divisions may enter the open division if they choose.

To register, return this form to: Fiddle Contest, Sauder Village, P.O. Box 235, Archbold, OH 43502 or dawn.hauter@saudervillage.org

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Division: Student Open Senior

E-mail: _____

Do you know another fiddler we should invite?

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Awards & Prizes...

Student Division (Age 16 & younger)

1st Place - \$100 and Trophy
2nd Place - \$75 and Trophy
3rd Place - \$50 and Trophy
4th Place - \$25 and Ribbon
5th Place - \$15 and Ribbon

Senior Division (Age 55 & up)

1st Place - \$100 and Trophy
2nd Place - \$75 and Trophy
3rd Place - \$50 and Trophy
4th Place - \$25 and Ribbon
5th Place - \$15 and Ribbon

Open Division (Age 17-54. Those eligible for the student & senior divisions may also register for the open division.)

1st Place - \$250 and Trophy
2nd Place - \$175 and Trophy
3rd Place - \$100 and Trophy
4th Place - \$75 and Ribbon
5th Place - \$50 and Ribbon

Contest Guidelines & Rules...

1. Each contestant must play a hoedown and a waltz (in that order) using old-time style and techniques. Each piece should be announced to the audience before it is played.
2. Total playing time is not to exceed 5 minutes.
3. Judging will be based on old-time fiddle style technique (10 points), rhythm and timing (15 points), difficulty of selection (10 points), tone quality (10 points) and showmanship and crowd appeal (15 points).
4. An old-time hoedown selection usually includes shuffles and double stops. It cannot be the Orange Blossom Special.
5. A traditional waltz selection will be in $\frac{3}{4}$ time and usually includes double stops.
6. All music should be memorized.
7. Contestants are welcome to have one accompanist using an acoustic guitar, and are responsible for making these arrangements.
8. No amplifiers or electric instruments.
9. Appropriate attire and courteous behavior is expected. Old-time costumes are suitable and welcome if you choose!
10. If you have won your division for two (2) years straight, as a courtesy, we are requesting that you sit out for one year.
11. Have fun with your fellow fiddlers and enjoy the day!



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