

BUCKEYE DULCIMER FESTIVAL ~ APRIL 15 - 19, 2026 TENTATIVE (February 27, 2026) Weekend Schedule of Events ~

SATURDAY NEW PLAYERS/BEGINNER SESSIONS (9:00 am – 2:30 pm)

Note: if you take these classes, this replaces the first 3 sessions. You may choose another class for 4th session.

Autoharp for New Players ~ Phyllis Davis ~ Welcome Center (inside right)

Hammered Dulcimer for New Players ~ Melanie Shapiro ~ Welcome Center (inside left)

Mountain Dulcimer for New Players ~ Shane Braden ~ Cabin A - Lounge

SATURDAY MORNING 'Introduction to Harp' ~ Phyllis Howard ~ LODGE (9:00 am – noon)

Have you ever thought about playing the harp? Playing a folk harp may not be as hard as you imagine! Try it out in this 3-hour introduction. We'll learn about the harp's anatomy, proper harp posture and hand position, how to play a simple tune, and those amazing glissandos. And we'll try some group improv. Several harps will be available for you to try, and a resource sheet will be provided in case you get hooked.

SATURDAY MINI WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

7:30 AM							
BREAKFAST (Coffee Available at 7:00)							
Time / Place	<i>LIFE CENTER – 144 Mountain Dulcimer Past Beg./Early Intermediate</i>	<i>LIFE CENTER – 152 Mountain Dulcimer Intermediate and above</i>	<i>CREATIVE CENTER (next to the Lodge)</i>	<i>LIFE CENTER - 151 Hammered Dulcimer Past Beg./Early Intermediate</i>	<i>LIFE CENTER – 153 Hammered Dulcimer Intermediate / Advanced</i>	<i>STAFF KITCHEN Dining Hall left to the rear</i>	<i>DINING HALL</i>
SESSION 1 9:00 – 10:15 am	Lorinda Jones	Stephen Seifert	Mountain Dulcimer Chromatic 101 Intermediate and Curious Levels Dana Gruber	Civil War Tunes Camp songs, marches, love and home songs – all played a part in the perspective of the common Civil War soldier. We'll share a variety, while also reflecting on their experiences through some family lore and historical accounts. Kathie Hollandsworth	Some BEAUTIFUL tunes in major keys Timothy Seaman	Clawhammer Banjo Beginner Joe Steiner	<i>Vendors Open in the Dining Hall</i> Jam with John Hollandsworth and Shari Wolf
SESSION 2 10:30 – 11:45 am	Lorinda Jones	Old Time Sound in the Key of A Hear it! Play it! Remember it! Stephen Seifert	Mountain Dulcimer Chromatic Repertoire Intermediate Dana Gruber	Along Virginia's Crooked Road The Crooked Road is a 330-mile driving trail through the mountains of SW Virginia. It includes many famous musical landmarks and places where mountain music can be found at its very roots. As we take a virtual trip, we'll sample tunes that relate to several of its stops. Kathie Hollandsworth	Some BEAUTIFUL tunes in minor keys. We'll look to technique to bring out the beauty in our hammered dulcimer. Timothy Seaman	Clawhammer Banjo Beyond Beginner Joe Steiner	
Noon – 1 pm							
LUNCH							
SESSION 3 1:15 – 2:30 pm	Lorinda Jones	Stephen Seifert	AUTOHARP Beyond Beginners John Hollandsworth	All levels Hammer Dulcimer Life Center – 153 "Elegant Sampler" There are lots of musical themes from every genre that translate well to hammered dulcimer's elegant tones. We'll explore some well-known tunes and some not-so-well known gems that can easily add variety to your repertoire. Kathie Hollandsworth	Bowed Psaltery Whether you're new or experienced, let's make it sing! Some loaners to try Timothy Seaman		JAM continues with FROM 1:15 to 2:30 BASS and MARIMBULA "Learn how to do the Root/Fifth or 'Boom-Chuck' Bass line. Will look at walking bass and bass runs, too." Chris Steiner *****
SESSION 4 2:45 – 4:00 pm	All levels Mountain Dulcimer Life Center – 152 SOUND LIKE A DULCIMER ORCHESTRA! Using one piece of music, we'll play in different octaves, generate simple harmonies, strum with accuracy and variety, and play back-up chords. Stephen Seifert		AUTOHARP Beyond Beginners John Hollandsworth	All levels Hammer Dulcimer Life Center – 153 'All Through the Night' Some beautiful parts for all players ... Timothy Seaman		Lorinda Jones	

4:15 – 5:00 CAKEWALK in the LODGE! (Shirley Green) Bring your quarters... **SHOPPING ... RELAX & REST ... ENJOY RU's Campus**
5:15 – 6:30 Dinner (Doors open for the concert in the Lodge at 6:30)
7:00 Instructor Concert: Lorinda Jones ~ Stephen Seifert ~ Tim Seaman ~ Buckeye RoadShow
AFTER THE CONCERT: JAMMIN' in the LODGE & CREATIVE CENTER – last one out, turn off the lights. Quiet time in the cabins is 10:30 pm

SUNDAY
 7:00 Early AM Coffee & Goodies in the Dining Hall
 8:30 – 9:20 Gospel Sing in the Lodge
 9:30 Brunch, Raffle Drawing, Farewells (Dining Hall)