

Celebrating our 33rd Annual Buckeye Dulcimer Festival!

April 15-19, 2026

Recreation Unlimited, Ashley, OH



As we prepare for our 33rd annual **Buckeye Dulcimer Festival** our plan, as always, is to bring to you the best instructors possible.

EXTENDED FESTIVAL WEEK

(Wed - Sun ... Packages 1 & 2)

Each class will offer approximately 5 hours of instruction each day on Thursday & Friday.

Mountain Dulcimer

Stephen Seifert

Dana Gruber

Diane Hochstetler

Hammered Dulcimer

Timothy Seaman

Kathie Hollandsworth

Melanie Shapiro

Banjo

Joe Steiner

Band-It!

Shari Wolf

Autoharp

John Hollandsworth

Harp

Lorinda Jones

FESTIVAL WEEKEND

(Fri. 3:30pm - Sun ... Packages 3, 4 and "Saturday Only")

The Festival Weekend begins on Friday at 3:30 pm with a variety of activities, a great evening meal and concerts with jamming to follow.

Saturday will offer multiple mini-sessions in mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, pennywhistle, autoharp, harp, marimbula, banjo & more!

As another opportunity for **beginners**, Saturday offers a 5-hour day of intensive classes for Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Autoharp and a 3-hour Introduction to Harp.

In addition to the extended week instructors, we will be joined by Chris Steiner, Shane Braden, Phyllis Davis and Phyllis Howard for Saturday mini-sessions.

We will finish the day with dinner, evening concert and jamming to follow.

Sunday morning concludes the festival with the Gospel Sing, brunch, raffles and goodbyes.

Early Bird Registration

We are pleased to again offer you "Early Bird" pricing options for the Buckeye Dulcimer Festival. For participants who register and pay, **IN FULL, before January 10, 2026** there are discounted fees. Be sure to read your included registration form carefully.

Buckeye accepts checks, money orders and credit cards. Checks will not be deposited until after January 1, 2026.

www.BuckeyeDulcimerFestival.com

for instructor bios, class descriptions,
schedules & updates.

Festival Shirts

Make sure to order your limited edition 33rd Anniversary shirt! We will have t-shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, and sweatshirts available.

To ensure that we have enough shirts and the right sizes, we're asking that you pre-order on the Registration Form.

If you are unable to attend the festival, but would still like a 33rd Anniversary shirt, please contact Shari by email at buckeyedulcimer@yahoo.com

Actual shirt design and color will be posted on the Festival website.

No shirt orders will be accepted after March 1, 2026.

Buckeye Dulcimer Festival is ...

...a unique opportunity for acoustic instrument players to meet, learn and play together. We're focused on making your music experience a rewarding one!

Wednesday afternoon kicks off the festival with sessions, jamming, flag raising, dinner, orientation and meeting your instructors. Fun and games!

Wednesday and Thursday there will be space available for you to bring in music-related items that you would like to sell. We are also accepting donations of music-related items that will be in the silent auction or the raffle to benefit continuation of the festival.

After breakfast, our Thursday and Friday extended sessions include 3 hours of in-depth, intensive instruction. After lunch, we will continue the intensive instruction, and then there will be a variety of other activities planned for each afternoon. Evenings present opportunities for a variety of jams. Opportunities for performing on "open stage" will be available.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the Friday and Saturday night concerts by our amazing instructors. Following the concerts will be time for jamming or socializing by the fireplace in the lodge. Snacks provided!

Vendors will arrive on Friday afternoon so you will have an excellent opportunity to purchase musical instruments, supplies, books, and CDs throughout the weekend.

The festival concludes on Sunday morning with our traditional Gospel Sing, brunch, final bids on raffle items, and goodbyes.

As in the past, we will again offer some of the sessions as a zoom/hybrid. Off-site participants will be able to take the 10-hour extended sessions via Zoom. See the registration form for zoom classes available.

Pre-Registration is a MUST. Return the enclosed registration form today to reserve your spot for learning, fun, and fellowship!

Due to Recreation Unlimited's policies, anyone attending under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a registered adult.

Final Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 or UNTIL FILLED



...a nonprofit organization providing programs in sports, recreation and education for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities and other health concerns. In addition, the beautiful campus and facilities are available for

a variety of other activities including school group outings, corporate team building, conferences and workshops. This year-round campus features three traditional residence halls that can sleep over 60 individuals, the

Housing Options

Stay with us at Recreation Unlimited
(included in Pkgs 1 & 3)

Or Motel or Commute (Pkgs 2, 4 & 5)

There are two **Residence Halls** (A & B). Each consists of two wings with a large lounge and two restroom/shower areas in the central area. The halls have been arranged with more spacing between the bunks and a reduced number of participants per wing.

Residence Hall A will be "Ladies Only".

Residence Hall B has been designated as our "Couples" hall. Gents are housed in one wing, & ladies in the other, each wing with their own restroom & showers.

No one sleeps in an upper bunk. There are hospital beds with electric power adjustments available. There are sufficient electrical outlets for CPAP machines, device chargers, etc.

The **Greif House** provides semi-private housing options to participants. This newer building provides a fine alternative to "dorm" housing without driving to and from a motel. The Greif House provides semi-private housing for 2, 3, or 6 people in private "pods" which include restroom facilities.

Full pricing details are shown on the Registration Form which is included with this brochure.

Area motels will be listed on the website when available.

Check out the website below to see the residence halls and Greif House video walk-through:

www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/bdfhousing.htm

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Greif Retreat House which sleeps over 60 individuals in a semi-private "pod style", and two guest cottages that allow for a more private housing arrangement. In addition to lodging, Recreation Unlimited has program facilities that can be utilized, such as a 20,000 square foot Life Center, multi-purpose Lodge, Creative Center, Dining Hall, Health Services Center, administrative and support buildings. Location: Recreation Unlimited is located 35 minutes northeast of Columbus, on Piper Road, 3 miles south of SR 229 between Ashley, Ohio and I-71 north of Columbus.