



The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Association was formed in 1967 due to overwhelming support from two local fiddling contests, thus establishing the **Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention**. With a stated goal of reviving the tradition of old time music, the annual event held on the historic campus of Athens State University is known as the "Granddaddy of Midsouth Fiddlers Conventions."

In 2014, legislation was passed in the State of Alabama recognizing the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention as the official home of 14 state champions, including the Alabama State Fiddle Champion. Each year, hundreds of contestants come to Athens to compete for these coveted titles, joining thousands of fans who come to enjoy the music, along with "shade-tree players" who bring their own instruments to perform in impromptu jam sessions.

In addition to the competitions, which begin Friday evening at 7:00 PM, the 2023 Convention will include top-notch entertainment by Clearview Bluegrass Band, the Appalachian Roadshow, The Grascals, and the Dan Tyminski Band. The Fiddlers experience is further enhanced by dozens of food vendors and over 150 area craftsmen displaying their arts and crafts, offering unique and custom-made souvenirs. Proceeds support student scholarships and various University projects.

## ADMISSION PRICES

WEDNESDAY	FREE
THURSDAY	FREE
FRIDAY	\$20.00
SATURDAY	\$20.00
WEEKEND PASS	\$25.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE WITH PAID ADULT.  
GROUP DISCOUNTS (20 OR MORE) AVAILABLE!

Purchase your tickets online!  
**TVOTFC.ORG**

## BE SURE TO VISIT:

### NANNY'S OLD FASHION LEMONADE CRAFT VENDOR AREA

Over 150 craft vendors offering unique and custom-made souvenirs

### PEPSI FOOD COURT

Over a dozen food vendors offering a wide variety of delicious food

### CONKLIN METAL INDUSTRIES JERRY McGLOCKLIN MUSIC STORE

(Sandridge Ballroom) Vendors selling instruments and accessories & Free Luthier Techniques Demonstrations

### WORKSHOPS

Fiddle, banjo, and guitar workshops for emerging musicians of all ages and all abilities, including the CB&S BANK CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP.

Kares Library | Beginning Saturday at 1 PM

**FREE**

### Delmore Brothers Museum & Fiddlers Museum

Located on the Ground Floor of McCandless Hall

### BANK INDEPENDENT®

BANK INDEPENDENT CASH GIVEAWAY

**\$2,500**

\$500 Thursday | \$1,000 Friday | \$1,000 Saturday



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Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
THROUGH  
Saturday, October 7, 2023

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**\$47,350 in CASH PRIZES**

Top category winners named  
**ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONS**

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CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 — 7 PM



SPECIAL **GOSPEL** CONCERT —  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**APPALACHIAN  
ROADSHOW**

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE  
MAIN STAGE, FOUNDERS HALL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 — 6:30 PM

PREVIEW NIGHT:  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**CLEARVIEW  
BLUEGRASS**

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE  
MAIN STAGE, FOUNDERS HALL



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**APPALACHIAN  
ROADSHOW**

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE  
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 — 6 PM

**THE  
GRASCALS**

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE  
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 — 7:30 PM



**DAN  
TYMINSKI  
BAND**

ALABAMA FARMERS COOPERATIVE  
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COMPETITIONS

LISTING OF EVENTS AND PRIZES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Registration begins at **12:00 PM (Noon)**; Ends 30 minutes prior to each category competition

**BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM (both locations)**

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Founders Hall	Harmonica (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Founders Hall	Mandolin (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Founders Hall	Bluegrass Banjo (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Founders Hall	Dobro (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Dulcimer (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Old Time Singing (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Registration begins at **8:00 AM**; Ends 30 minutes prior to each category competition

**BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM (both locations)**

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
McCandless Hall	Beginner Fiddler (Finals) (Age 10 & Under).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Apprentice Fiddler (Finals) (Ages 11-15).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Guitar Finger Picking (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Guitar Flat Picking (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Beginner Guitar (Finals) (Age 12 & Under).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Beginner Mandolin (Finals) (Age 12 & Under).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
McCandless Hall	Beginner Banjo (Finals) (Age 12 & Under).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Brown Hall	Appalachian Buck Dancing ( <b>2:00 PM</b> ).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Founders Hall	Old Time Banjo (Finals).....	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Founders Hall	Classic Old Time Fiddler (Finals).....	\$1,000	\$800	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Founders Hall	Senior Fiddler (Finals) (Ages 55+).....	\$1,000	\$800	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Founders Hall	Old Time String Band.....	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200
Founders Hall	Bluegrass Band.....	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200
Founders Hall	Tennessee Valley Fiddle Champion.....	\$2,000	\$1,750	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$250

ADMISSION TICKET WILL PAY THE ENTRY FEE FOR ONE CATEGORY OF COMPETITION — ADDITIONAL ENTRIES ARE \$5 EACH

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FINALS

- Appalachian Buck Dancing
  - Bluegrass Band
- Old Time Band
  - Fiddle Champion

Winners in all other categories will be selected from first round competition with no finals.

MORE INFO: TVOTFC.ORG

**IMPORTANT:**  
Fiddle contestants may only enter one fiddle category.

OUTDOOR STAGES - Bring lawn chairs  
NO PETS allowed inside the gates  
RAIN LOCATION - Carter Gymnasium  
FREE CAMPING - No hookups available  
UNIQUE ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS  
DOZENS OF FOOD VENDORS