

# VANDALIA GATHERING

Competition begins at noon on Saturday at the outdoor stages on the Capitol grounds. On Sunday competition starts at 12:30 p.m. at the outdoor stages.

Registration for music contests:

11 a.m. - noon on Saturday and 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. on Sunday

## 2012 MUSIC CONTESTS

### Saturday Competition Categories

**Old-Time Stage** ..... Senior Fiddle (60 and over)  
Youth Fiddle (15 and under)  
Fiddle (59 and under)

**Circle Stage**..... Bluegrass Banjo  
Mandolin

### Sunday Competition Categories

**Old-Time Stage**..... Senior Old-Time Banjo (60 and over)  
Lap Dulcimer  
Old-Time Banjo (59 and under)

**Circle Stage**..... Youth Flat Pick Guitar (15 and under)  
Flat Pick Guitar

**Awards:** \$400 First Place; \$250 Second Place; \$150 Third Place; \$75 Fourth Place; \$50 Fifth Place  
Youth Awards: \$75 First Place; \$50 Second Place; \$25 Third Place for Fiddle and Flat Pick Guitar Only

**AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOLLOWING EACH CONTEST • WEST VIRGINIA RESIDENTS ONLY**

## RULES

1. Each contestant must play two (2) tunes appropriate for the category entered.
2. Each contestant may have a maximum of two (2) accompanists.
3. Each contestant should remember that popular crowd-pleasing tunes may not be in their best interest.
4. Medley-style tunes are not acceptable.
5. No electric instruments are allowed.
6. Scruggs tuners may not be used in the banjo competition.
7. In case of a broken string, the contestant may replay.
8. In case of major tuning changes, the contestant may replay.
9. In case of a tie there will be a playoff.
10. All contestants must be West Virginia residents.
11. All winners are required to submit their Social Security number in order to collect their prize.
12. Youth winners must have their own Social Security number to collect their prize. Parents' Social Security numbers will not be accepted.
13. Awards ceremonies for most contests will take place following contest.
14. First Place winners in the old-time fiddle, old-time banjo, bluegrass banjo, mandolin, lap dulcimer and flat pick guitar contests this year will not be eligible to compete in that category next year.
15. Winners will receive an award check in the mail within three weeks.
16. In order to process your award quickly, winners will need to fill out a standard W-9 form, an invoice form and supply us with **your Social Security number**. Winners in the youth category must have their own social security number and be accompanied by a parent when filling out the form.

## JUDGING CATEGORIES

1. **Intonation** - Tuning and tonal qualities
2. **Timing** - Accurate and consistent rhythm
3. **Difficulty** - Complexity of selections
4. **Technique** - Dexterity in performance
5. **Selection** - Choice of tunes appropriate to category

## JUDGES

A committee of acknowledged out-of-state resident experts will judge all categories. Decisions of the judges will be final. **Final scores will not be given to contestants.**