

Crawford County Fair

Fiddle Contest

When: Saturday, August 17, 2024: Time: 12:00 P.M.

Where: Crawford County Fairgrounds 13291 Dickson Rd, Meadville, PA 16335

Registration: By mail to PO Box 78 Darlington, PA 16115; Email to echovalleybluegrass@gmail.com or day of event before 11 AM.

Pre-registration is required as we are limited to 20 contestants at a first come first serve basis.

Fiddle divisions:

\$1200 total prize money!!!

- Junior (Ages 12 and under)
- Teen (Ages 13-19)
- Championship (ages 20-60)
- Senior (Ages 61 and over)

Contest Rules:

- All contestants will draw for their order of appearance. The number one fiddler in the **junior division** will be permitted to replay at the end of the division if they choose. Their best score will be considered as their final score.
- Fiddlers are not permitted near the judging area before, during or following their performance. All fiddlers will be judged blindly and must play in the order of the draw.
- Contestants are allowed one (1) optional guitar accompaniment.
- If a string breaks, the FIDDLER will have the option to continue or stop at that point. If the tune is completed, it will be judged as played. If the fiddler stops, he will be allowed to begin with that tune and complete the program.
- Contestants must first play a hoedown; second, a waltz; and third, a tune of their choice other than a hoedown or waltz. A **five minute time limit** will be in effect. Ten points will be deducted from the total score for each 30 second interval or portion thereof. A. A hoedown will be considered as a reel, hornpipe or any tune in 4/4 time that is not a march, two step or rag. B. A waltz will be considered as any tune that is in 3/4 time. C. A Tune of Choice can not be another waltz or hoedown.
- Show tunes such as "Listen to the Mockingbird," "Black Mountain Rag" and "The Orange Blossom Special" will not be permitted. Contact microphones/amplified instruments are not permitted.
- No trick or fancy fiddling allowed during the contesting appearances. Fiddles must be played in the standard EADG tuning. Judging will be scored for intonation, rhythmic accuracy, creativity and tone quality.
- No sheet music shall be displayed in the contesting area.

Contact Emily Anderson at 724-714-5999 or send an email echovalleybluegrass@gmail.com with any questions or comments. We look forward to seeing everyone and thank you for your participation. Feel free to share this information with other fiddlers.

