



# GENERAL INFORMATION

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lorain County Fair Fiddle Contest

Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

@ Lorain County Fair's **SHOW BARN**, Wellington, Ohio.

Check-In & Registration: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Contest: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



- **First of all, this is all for fun and enjoyment! If you are new to fiddle contests, please do not let all of the information scare you off. We will help you through it and our spectators & judges are very supportive of new folks. So please come on and join in the fun with us.**
- The Lorain County Fair Fiddle Contest is intended for bluegrass, old-timey, folk, or other related genres (please, let's not argue about this, you know what we mean).
- Acoustic instruments only. (Any electrical capabilities cannot be used and must be turned off.)
- No entry fees.
- All **pre**-registered participants will receive up to 4 free admissions for the day to allow you and your guests to enjoy the Contest, as well as the popular food and activities throughout the Fair.
- Competitors who check-in between 1:45 – 2:15 p.m. are invited to fiddle for fun in and around the Fair "Park" to entertain guests. *(And what a great way to get warmed up and play off the jitters too!)* Traditional costumes are suitable and welcome if you choose! As a token of thanks, you will receive a \$10 Meal Ticket to spend at any participating food vendor around the Fair.
- Competitors who do not wish to play prior to the competition are asked to check in between 3:00 – 3:30 pm. At that time you will draw a number which will determine order of play.
- The competition begins at 4:00 p.m. and we will open with a predetermined group tune (or two).
- Contestants arriving late may still enter any division as long as that division has not yet started.
- The M.C. will introduce fiddlers, their age (?), where they're from, and their "Fun Fact".
- Fiddlers are asked to announce each tune. (And introduce their accompanist(s) if they wish.)
- All contestants are expected to be present when prizes for their division are announced.
- The Lorain County Fair Fiddle Contest is being held to add fun to the Fair. Relax and enjoy the contest, do not let your competitive spirit get in the way of having fun or treating other contestants or the judges in a patient and respectful way.
- In all cases, the decisions of the Judges and Contest Coordinator will be final. (The Contest Coordinator reserves the right to alter various aspects of the contest as needed.)
- Have fun with your fellow fiddlers and enjoy the day. (Consider sticking around to jam afterwards.)

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You are welcome to register by mail, e-mail, or phone. If you have any questions, please contact me. ***I hope you will join us for this year's contest!***

Suggestions for improving the contest are welcome and may be sent to Doug Allen.  
**Anyone interested in sponsoring fiddle awards please contact Doug Allen.**

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