

NEWRY FOLK FESTIVAL

Banjo, Fiddle and Guitar Competition Rules

A banjo, fiddle and guitar competition will be held at the Newry Folk Festival in Newry, SC on June the 13th beginning at 2:00pm.

Prizes will be as follows:

<u>Adult (Ages 15 and up)</u>			<u>Youth (Ages 14 and under)</u>		
Banjo	1st Place	\$75	Banjo	1st Place	\$20
	2nd Place	\$25			
Fiddle	1st Place	\$75	Fiddle	1st Place	\$20
	2nd Place	\$25			
Guitar	1st Place	\$75	Guitar	1st Place	\$20
	2nd Place	\$25			

Participants may register prior to the event at the Oconee Heritage Center or in Newry on the day of the festival. Early registration may be done at the Oconee Heritage Center in person, by calling 864.638.2224 or by emailing info@oconeeheritagecenter.org. There is no registration fee.

Contestants will draw numbers at the festival informational booth between 1:00 and 1:30 for lineup order.

No show tunes may be played in the fiddle contest (*Orange Blossom Special* or *Mockingbird*)

No original tunes may be played in the competition.

Tunes for all instruments may be old-time or bluegrass. Clawhammer and three-finger banjo will be judged in the same category.

Each contest will play one Waltz (or slow tune) and one medium to fast tune. There is a 2-minute time limit per tune.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Presentation	20 points
Tuning	20 points
Tone	20 points
Bowing technique (fiddle)/ Style (guitar and banjo)	20 points
Originality/Authenticity	20 points

Each contestant may have (but is not required to have) up to two accompanying rhythm instruments.

All decisions by the judges are final.