

# VANDALIA GATHERING

## 2017 MUSIC CONTESTS

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

**Registration - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

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

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

**Registration - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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

**Registration - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Circle Stage.....** Youth Flatpick Guitar (15 and under)  
Flatpick Guitar

### CONTEST RULES

1. **All contestants must be West Virginia residents.**
2. Each contestant must play two (2) tunes appropriate for the category entered.
  - a. Remember that popular crowd-pleasing tunes may not be best choices for judging.
  - b. Medley-style tunes are not acceptable.
3. Each contestant may have a maximum of two (2) accompanists.
4. No electric instruments are allowed.
5. Scruggs tuners may not be used in the banjo competition.
6. In case of a broken string, the contestant may replay.
7. In case of major tuning changes, contestant may replay tune.
8. Awards ceremonies for most contests will take place following the contest.

### AWARDS

**Senior (60 and over) and 59 and under categories:**

First Place - \$400  
Second Place - \$250  
Third Place - \$150  
Fourth Place - \$75  
Fifth Place - \$50

**Youth (15 and under) category:**

First Place - \$75  
Second Place - \$50  
Third Place - \$25

### WINNERS

1. To process monetary awards quickly, winners must complete a standard W-9 form, an invoice form, and supply the Division of Culture and History with Social Security numbers.
  - a. Youth winners must have their own Social Security numbers and be accompanied by a parent when completing the forms. Parents' Social Security numbers are not acceptable.
  - b. Winners will receive award checks in the mail within three weeks of Vandalia Gathering as long as all paper work is completed by Sunday, May 28.
2. First-place winners in the 2017 old-time fiddle, old-time banjo, bluegrass banjo, mandolin, lap dulcimer and flatpick guitar contests will not be eligible to compete in that category in 2018.
  - a. This rule does not apply to the Senior (60 and over) category.
  - b. This rule does not apply to the Youth category unless that person placed first in the 59 and under category as well as the Youth category.

### 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

Judging will be done by acknowledged out-of-state experts. Decisions of the judges will be final.

**Contestants will not be given final score sheets.**