

RockyGrass Academy Schedule

July 21 – 25, 2019

Planet Bluegrass Ranch

Sunday, July 21st

TO DO LIST:

- Register at the Blue Heron Tent between 2-5:30 pm
- Check master roster information at the registration desk for accuracy.
- Band scramble – A great way to meet fellow students and have some fun. Sign up when you register. You must sign up for the band scramble by the end of registration at 9:30 am on Monday. *Tuesday night bands will be posted in the Blue Heron Tent during the Monday evening BBQ. Wednesday night bands will be posted during lunch break on Tuesday at the Blue Heron Tent.*

High Noon On-site campground opens

2:00 - 5:30 Adult Academy check-in (PLEASE NOTE - Kids Camp registration is Monday 8:00 – 9:30 am)

Pick up your schedule and songbook, wristbands, reusables, vehicle stickers, laminates and other assorted goodies. Registration continues Monday morning at 8 - 9:30 am. (Blue Heron Tent)

3:00 - 5:30 Mandolin Building Session

All mandolin, mandola, octave mandolin and guitar building students meet in the shop for orientation and kit selection. Please be there on time and, if necessary, pick up your Academy goodie bags after class until 5:30pm or on Monday morning starting between 8 - 9:30 am. (The Workshop)

"Eighty percent of life is just showing up." – Woody Allen

"Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any music in the world. You meet people at festivals and renew acquaintances year after year." – Bill Monroe

Monday, July 22nd

TO DO LIST:

- Check master roster information at the registration desk for accuracy.
- One-on-One session sign ups start Tuesday in the Blue Heron Tent at 8:30 am.
- Band scramble – A great way to meet students and have some fun. Sign up sheets on table in the Blue Heron Tent. Sign up for the band scramble by the end of registration 9:30 am on Monday. *Tuesday night bands will be posted in Blue Heron Tent during the evening BBQ. Wednesday night bands will be posted during lunch break on Tuesday at the Blue Heron Tent.*

8:00 - 9:30 Kids Camp Registration - behind Festival Box Office in Craig's backyard.

8:00 - 9:30 Adult Academy check-in

Pick up your schedule and songbook, wristbands, reusables, vehicle stickers, laminates and other assorted goodies. (Blue Heron Tent)

8:00 Morning Yoga

Feel refreshed and restored with this 60 min Yoga class with Heather Hottovy. Be ready to flow with this relaxing, energetic practice that will leave you feeling long, lean and strong – both mentally and physically – (meet in field near silo)

9:30 Orientation – in the Wildflower Pavilion - be here now!

We'll run through the schedule, cover logistics, answer questions, and prepare you for the week. We'll also have coffee, tea, water, and muffins out at 7:00 am each morning at the bar area outside the workshop to help you start your day. Burritos, OJ and iced lattes are also available on-site at Bloomberries Box Cart along side the bathhouse.

9:45 - 10:45 All Academy Session on Jamming Etiquette

Welcome to this all group session demonstrating the nuts and bolts of the heart of Bluegrass music; the jam session. We'll start off with an impromptu jam session, hear thoughts from instructors, take your questions, and then watch how the band works up arrangements, including the instrumentation, the lead and backup parts and lead and harmony vocals. Then we'll all learn the vocal parts together and warm up our voices before we head out to jam on some bluegrass classics ourselves. (Wildflower Pavilion)

11:00 - 12:30 Song Sessions

Now that you've learned your vocal parts, in the Song Sessions we'll add the instrumentation and work up the entire song. These sessions are your chance to dig into the songbook and learn the parts to some classic bluegrass material. We'll look at both instrumentation and vocal arrangements, and work in big and small ensembles. During

these sessions, you will have the opportunity to meet fellow students and learn from other members of the Academy faculty. We offer three tracks: novice, intermediate and advanced jamming levels as well as an all-group jam. Meeting places are as follows:

- Safety In Numbers (novice) – Wildflower Pavilion
- Small Group Jamming 101 (novice) – Hummingbird Tent
- Small Group Experienced Jamming (intermediate) – Mountain Lion Tent
- Small Group Band Skills Coaching (advanced) – Blue Heron Tent

PLEASE NOTE: Students signed up for the Vocal and Songwriting classes will meet with their instructors during this 11-12:30 period. Meeting areas are listed below:

- Songwriting – Coyote Tent
- Vocal Artistry – Backstage Cabin

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch Break / Practice Time

2:00 - 3:45 Instrument/Songwriting/Vocal Instruction

Please wander to your assigned class area for instrument, singing and songwriting instruction. Each tent classroom is marked with an animal name hanging from the tent, or refer to your map enclosed on the inside cover. To give you the widest range of perspectives and approaches to the music, instructors will be rotating through the different class levels during the week. Class locations are listed below:

GUITAR

- Novice Guitar Class – Blue Heron Tent
- Intermediate Guitar Class 1 – Bear Tent
- Intermediate Guitar Class 2 – Mountain Lion Tent
- Advanced Guitar Class – Trout Tent (near river)

MANDOLIN

- Novice Mandolin Class – Frog Tent (backstage)
- Intermediate Mandolin Class – Horse Tent (way backstage by river)
- Advanced Mandolin Class – Eagle Tent (backstage)

FIDDLE

- Novice Fiddle Class – Lizard Tent (left of stage)
- Intermediate Fiddle Class – Elk Tent (along river by the beach)
- Advanced Fiddle Class – Spider Tent (trees near front of stage)

BANJO

- Novice Banjo Class – Raven Tent (backstage)
- Intermediate Banjo Class – Owl Tent (backstage)
- Advanced Banjo Class – Dragonfly Tent (backstage)

DOBRO

- Intermediate and advanced levels – Turtle Tent (backstage)

BASS

- o Novice Bass Class – Deer Tent
- o Intermediate Bass Class – Wildflower Pavilion
- o Advanced Bass Class – Hummingbird Tent

A SONGWRITING JOURNEY – Coyote Tent

VOCAL ARTISTRY – Backstage Cabin

INSTRUMENT BUILDING - the Workshop

4:00 - 5:00 Monday Electives

During our last session today, we'll explore a variety of topics, many of which won't be covered during other class times. You're free to take part in the electives that interest you.

1. Arranging Songs for Small Ensemble - *Kruger Brothers*
2. Spicing Up Rhythm with Swing Chords, New Voicings, and Dynamics - *Chris Luquette*
3. What Do I Do Besides Chop?- A look at alternative rhythm ideas - *Mike Compton*
4. Fiddle Set Up, Instrument Maintenance and Tech Talk - *Stuart Duncan*
5. The five T's and a P - Tone, Timing, Touch, Technique, Tuning and Practice - *Chris Coole*
6. Songwriting Games - *Abbie Gardner*
7. How to Bluegrass-ify Your Classical Violin Technique - *John Showman*
8. Fiddle Tunes From Around the World, Part 1: Scandinavian - *Brittany Haas*
9. Walking Bass Lines in Early Bluegrass - *Max Heineman*
10. Making the Most of Your Voice - *Stephen Mouglin*
11. Backing Up a Singer - *Sharon Gilchrist*
12. Odd Times: Playing Songs in Odd Time Signatures - *Billy Cardine*
13. The Weird Notes, Learn to Sing Ultra-Trad Harmonies - *Kristin Andreassen*
14. Playing To Your Own Singing - *Courtney Hartman, Jordan Tice*
15. Clean Speed - Insider Techniques, Tips and Ideas - *Frank Solivan*

6:00 - 7:30 Academy Barbecue

The barbecues are open to Academy students and their registered guests. Your wristband is your meal ticket. Head Chef: Markus Chesla. **Please compost everything: plates, cups and all food.**

8:00 - 9:00 Square Dance - Wildflower Pavilion

Tuesday, July 23rd

TIP OF THE DAY:

If you have a Festival related question or problem, please let us know before class or during lunch break today so we can help you work out a solution before the Festival. Use message board as needed to trade/find or sell tickets.

TO DO LIST:

- One-on-One session sign-ups out in Blue Heron Tent at 8:30 am.
- Musical supplies will be available for sale immediately after class today in front of bathhouse! Call in advance if you need something: 303-449-0516
- Band Scramble Prelims in the Wildflower pavilion at 8 pm

8:00 Morning Yoga

Feel refreshed and restored with this 60 min Yoga class with Heather Hottovy. Be ready to flow with this relaxing, energetic practice that will leave you feeling long, lean and strong – both mentally and physically – (field near silo)

9:30 Morning Announcements - Wildflower Pavilion

9:35 - 10:30 All Academy Session with Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen

Welcome to a session hosted by Frank and his band. They'll play some music, take some questions and talk about the inner workings of the band arrangements and music. (Wildflower Pavilion)

9:30 - 10:30 One-on-Ones

You must sign up at the Blue Heron Tent each morning at 8:30 am and meet in the designated area. Please, only *one one-on-one per person during the week*. Each person will receive individual instruction in front of a small group. Each one-on-one session is limited to 5 people per day. Students are expected to stay for entire session.

- Guitar One-on-ones – Elk Tent
- Mandolin One-on-ones – Lizard Tent (in front of stage)
- Banjo One-on-ones – Owl Tent (backstage)
- Fiddle One-on-ones – Spider Tent (in front of stage on left)
- Bass One-on-ones – Blue Heron Tent
- Vocal One-on-ones – Coyote Tent (behind stone building)

10:45 - 12:30 Song Sessions

These sessions are your chance to dig into the songbook and learn the parts to some

classic bluegrass material. We'll look at both instrumentation and vocal arrangement, and work in big and small ensembles. During these sessions, you will have the opportunity to learn from many of the Academy faculty. Meeting areas are listed below:

- Safety In Numbers (novice) – Wildflower Pavilion
- Small Group Jamming 101 (novice) – Hummingbird Tent
- Small Group Experienced Jamming (intermediate) – Mountain Lion Tent
- Small Group Band Skills Coaching (advanced) – Blue Heron Tent

PLEASE NOTE: Students signed up for the Vocal and Songwriting classes will meet with their instructors during this 10:45-12:30 period. Meeting areas are listed below:

- Songwriting – Coyote Tent
- Vocal Artistry – Backstage Cabin

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch Break

2:00 - 3:45 Instrument Instruction/Songwriting/Singing

GUITAR

- Novice Guitar Class – Blue Heron Tent
- Intermediate Guitar Class 1 – Bear Tent
- Intermediate Guitar Class 2 – Mountain Lion Tent
- Advanced Guitar Class – Trout Tent

MANDOLIN

- Novice Mandolin Class – Frog Tent (backstage)
- Intermediate Mandolin Class – Horse Tent (backstage)
- Advanced Mandolin Class – Eagle Tent (backstage)

FIDDLE

- Novice Fiddle Class – Lizard Tent (trees near front of stage)
- Intermediate Fiddle Class – Elk Tent (along river by the beach)
- Advanced Fiddle Class – Spider Tent (trees near front of stage)

BANJO

- Novice Banjo Class – Raven Tent (backstage)
- Intermediate Banjo Class – Owl Tent (backstage)
- Advanced Banjo Class – Dragonfly Tent (backstage)

DOBRO

- Advanced Dobro – Turtle Tent (backstage by river)
- Intermediate Dobro – Bobcat Tent (Backstage)

BASS

- Novice Bass Class – Deer Tent
- Intermediate Bass Class – Wildflower Pavilion
- Advanced Bass Class – Hummingbird Tent

INSTRUMENT BUILDING – the Workshop

VOCAL ARTISTRY – Backstage Cabin

A SONGWRITING JOURNEY – Coyote Tent

4:00 - 5:00 Tuesday Electives

1. Traveling with a Guitar by Car/airplane... Precautions, Myths and Facts - *Uwe Kruger*
2. Breaking down Blake and Doc - *Chris Luquette*
3. Monroe Jam - a Repertoire Class Just for Fun - *Mike Compton*
4. Improvisation - *Stuart Duncan*
5. From None to Fun - Clawhammer Banjo from Scratch in 1 Hour! - *Chris Coole*
6. Working With a Metronome - *Abbie Gardner*
7. Playing In Twos - Exploring Songs as Duos - *Courtney Hartman*
8. Upright or Electric Bass... Which Bass for Which Style? - *Joel Landsberg*
9. How to Sing and Play Fiddle at the Same Time - *John Showman*
10. Composing and Arranging - *Jens Kruger*
11. Fiddle Tunes from Around the World, Part 2: Celtic - *Brittany Haas*
12. How to Sing Louder; Learning to Project your Voice - *Max Heineman, Stephen Mouglin*
13. Starting Songs, Catch an Idea and Do Something With It! - *Kristen Andreassen*
14. How To Memorize the Neck of Your Instrument - *Billy Cardine*
15. Banjo on Mando, Handy Ways to Play Banjo Melodies - *Frank Solivan*
16. The Fundamental Skill of Listening - *Sharon Gilchrist*

5:00 - 6:00 HB Woodsongs Traveling Music Store

The easy way to have items like picks, strings, capos, music, delivered to your tent. Feel free to call them ahead of time with special requests (303-449-0516). They will set up in front of the bathhouse in the courtyard immediately after class.

8:00 - 9:00 Band Scramble Preliminaries

In the Wildflower Pavilion around a single microphone.

*"I was determined to carve out a music of my own.
I didn't want to copy anybody." – Bill Monroe*

Wednesday, July 24th

TIP OF THE DAY: Pace yourself and enjoy!

TO DO LIST:

- Band Scramble prelims in Wildflower Pavilion, 8 pm.
- One-on-one session sign ups in Blue Heron Tent at 8:30 am.
- Box office opens from noon - 3 pm for Academy. No lines!

8:00 Morning Yoga

Feel refreshed and restored with this 60 minute Yoga class with Heather Hottovy. Be ready to flow with this relaxing, energetic practice that will leave you feeling long, lean and strong – both mentally and physically (silo)

9:30 - 10:30 All Academy Session with the Lonesome Ace Stringband

During this morning session, we'll hear from the Lonesome Ace Stringband from Toronto, CA. (Wildflower Pavilion)

9:30 - 10:30 One-on-Ones

To take part in these sessions, please sign up in the Blue Heron Tent each morning at 8:30 am and meet in the designated area. Please, only *one one-on-one per person during the week*. Each person will receive individual instruction in front of a small group. You are expected to stay for the entire session.

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- Bass One-on-ones – Blue Heron Tent
- Dobro One-on-ones – Turtle Tent (backstage)
- Songwriting One-on-ones - Coyote Tent

10:45 - 12:30 Instrument Instruction/Songwriting/Singing

GUITAR

- Novice Guitar Class – Blue Heron Tent
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- Advanced Guitar Class – Trout Tent

MANDOLIN

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1. Songwriting for Guitarists... How to Find your Language - *Uwe Kruger*
2. Navigating a Guitar Duet - Complimenting Each Other in Jams - *Chris Luquette, Jordan Tice*
3. Twin Mandos - *Mike Compton, Sharon Gilchrist*
4. Ensemble Playing - Listening, Comping, Soloing, Singing, Harmony, Twin Fiddle - *Stuart Duncan*
5. Melody Writing - *Abbie Gardner*
6. Song Seeds, An Hour of Object and Freeform Writing - *Courtney Hartman*
7. Getting Comfortable with the Number System for Chords on the Fingerboard - *Joel Landsberg*
8. Taking Fiddle and Banjo Melodies to New Places - *Lonesome Ace Stringband*
9. An Intuitive Approach to Learning Music - *Jens Kruger*
10. Fiddle Tunes from Around the World, Part 3: Canadian - *Brittany Haas*
11. Two and Three Part Harmony Singing - *Stephen Mouglin, Jeremy Middleton*
12. Easy Chords on the Hand, 2 and 3 Finger Shapes - *Frank Solivan*
13. Learn to Comfortably Arrange a Fiddle Tune For Dobro - *Billy Cardine*
14. Finishing Songs, Practical Tips For Moving Great Ideas Across the Borderline - *Kristin Andreassen*

6:00 - 8:00 Dinner available onsite for your convenience

At Bloomberries Box Cart by the bathhouse. Ice cream and drinks also available.

8:00 - 9:00 Band Scramble Preliminaries

In the Wildflower Pavilion around a single microphone.

Thursday, July 25th

TIP OF THE DAY:

Pick up your Festival wristbands early. (Festival Box Office open from 12-9 pm for Academy)

TO DO LIST:

- Academy Camping and Vehicle Transition: **ALL ACADEMY VEHICLES WITHOUT FESTIVAL ONSITE VEHICLE PASS MUST BE OUT OF THE CAMPGROUND BY 1:00 PM TODAY!** Shuttle to parking area available from 12:00-1:15 pm. Please remember that all tents and vehicles in Academy VIP parking without Festival credentials need to be gone by 9:00 am Friday.
- One-on-One sign-ups in Blue Heron Tent at 8:30 am
- Kids Academy performance at 4:05 pm in Wildflower Pavilion.
- Fill out evaluation form and drop it off in box at the Wildflower Pavilion.
- Band Scramble Finals in the Wildflower Pavilion at 8 pm.

8:00 Morning Yoga

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9:30 - 10:30 All Academy Session with the Kruger Brothers

During this morning session, we will feature Academy regulars the Kruger Brothers. We'll have time for music, questions, and a bit of insight into their songs, process and arrangements. (Wildflower Pavilion)

9:30 - 10:30 One-on-Ones

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4:05 RockyGrass Kids Camp Performance (*Wildflower Pavilion*)

4:15 Meet the new Guitar, Mandolins, Mandolas and Octave Mandolins (*Outside The Workshop*)

4:30 Academy Graduation Ceremony

Gospel singing alongside (or in!) the river. (*behind Trout Tent*)

6:00 - 7:30 Academy Barbecue and Instructor Vendibles

Instructors will have materials for sale during the BBQ. The barbecues are open to Academy students and their registered guests. Your wristband is your meal ticket. Head Chef: Markus Chesla. **Please compost everything: plates, cups and all food.**

- Make time to peruse the instructor music CD's, books and other materials during the BBQ.

8:00 - 9:00 Band Scramble Finals

In the Wildflower Pavilion around a single microphone. Big fun, excitement, prizes!

“Bluegrass is wonderful music. I’m glad I originated it.”
– Bill Monroe