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A Page for Kids

The kids of Oregon now have their very own monthly news page in the OOTFA Hoedowner! We are very excited to provide this resource to kids all around the state, as well as parents, families, fiddle teachers, and others who just want to support kids who play the fiddle. No matter where you live in the great state of Oregon, we encourage you to plan and facilitate fiddling events and gatherings aimed at kids. Through these opportunities, we can strengthen the skills and spirit of many young musicians. In future months, we plan to highlight the achievements of our young fiddlers from around the state, and keep everyone up to date on the events coming up. We will also include a fiddle tune in sheet music/tab each month, for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to all who have made the Junior Hoedowner possible.

Kids Steal the Show at the OOTFA Convention

This year's annual fiddler's state convention was held April 6-7 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, Oregon. A group of kids from several districts kicked off the Friday night show with a great on-stage jam session. The participants, ranging in age from PeeWee to Junior, each led the group for one old-time fiddle tune. The crowd loved the performance, especially the rousing version of Old Joe Clark by Summer Hanson, age 7, from Colton. After the jam, Melissa and Trevor Whitaker (ages 12 and 10) from Independence treated us to a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. In the show that followed, several young people were featured as part of the district showcases. What amazing talent!

On Saturday, we were excited to host the very first "Kids Day @ the Convention" event, which included free workshops taught by Andy Shelton, Eileen Walter, and Amy Booher, kid-friendly food provided by District 8, and a big jam. The jam was led by Les Tucker, Chuck & Pat Gates, Todd Whitaker and Willie Carter stopped in to help the kids out with a great version of Golden Slippers. The event was a big success, with 35 kids attending the workshops, and several area fiddle teachers stopping in to show support for future events. Thank you to all of the people who helped out, including Linda Schaffer, Lisa Kearney, and Peg Tucker in the kitchen, and Katherine Allen, who video taped the event. Lew Holt will be providing all participants with a complimentary 4 hour 13 minute DVD of show Friday night and the workshops Saturday.

Future Kids Events

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events, and provide us with your email addresses so we can offer more information as dates get closer. Contact Lew Holt at Lewholt@aol.com or Amy Booher at willamettefiddleworks@yahoo.com if you have any questions, or would like to host an event and have it listed in the JUNIOR HOEDOWNER.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 4-7 p.m.
Kid's Jam and Potluck at Guthrie Park Community Center
4320 Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas, Oregon 97338

A gathering of friends and families for some great music, food, and visiting!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, time to be announced.
Kid's Fiddle Workshop and Harvest Party Jam at Guthrie Park Community Center
4320 Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas, Oregon 97338

We're hoping to line up a teacher for a workshop this day.... More information to follow!!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd 4-7pm
Holiday Jam and Potluck at Guthrie Park Community Center
4320 Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas, Oregon 97338

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A Fiddle Tune for May

Here is the sheet music for a classic tune. Don't be afraid to change things around. Listen to how others play it. Tunes like this have hundreds of variations.

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Convention State Show:

The stage full of kids at 6:30 from all over sounded like any old time fiddlers' jam. Tunes played were: Boil Them Cabbages Down, Red Wing, Old Joe Clark, Liberty, Ook Pic Waltz, Soldiers Joy, Tavern in the Town, Wabash Cannon Ball, Pig Ankle Rag, Five Foot Two, Faded Love, Whiskey Before Breakfast, Wood Chopper's Reel, Turkey in the Straw. Back up: Les Tucker, Dale Colebank, Caid Sanders and Hal Weiner.

The following young people participated in the Friday night show: Melissa & Trevor Whitaker – Independence; Taj and Kit Morton – Philomath; Alex Hargreaves - Corvallis (14 year old state champion and Jr Division champ at Weiser last June.); Tatiana Hargreaves - Corvallis, Caid Sanders - Sweet Home; Shannon Werlinger - Roseburg; John Howard - Klamath Falls; Robbie Griswold – Lyons; Tabitha Gholi and Kian Dye – Portland; Amada Kobel - Winston.