

Spring is here, so that means our State OOTFA Convention is around the corner! The convention will be held at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall on April 10-13, 2019. The full convention schedule will be available in the April *Hoedowner*. Here are some highlights for each day, as follows:



- WEDNESDAY – April 10. The back building will come alive with jamming and conversation all day with yummy snacks provided by Districts 7 and 8.
- THURSDAY – April 11. The convention hall opens with workshops, jamming and an evening signup jam. Even if you don't play, it's fun to listen.
- FRIDAY – April 12. More workshops and jamming in addition to the state board meeting. Our public dance will be held on Friday night from 6:30-9:00 with music by sign-up dance bands.
- SATURDAY – April 13.
 - Bi-annual state membership meeting at 10 am
 - The free public “An Afternoon with the Fiddlers” concert from 2-4 pm
 - Raffle Reveal at 4:30 pm (results of silent auction)
 - Spaghetti Feast at 5:30 pm
 - Sign-up jam from 6:30-9:00 pm

The Saturday night dinner is a \$10 per person Spaghetti Feast prepared by Joyce Furlong, OOTFA VP. The dinner will be served by OOTFA officers. This year there will be no head table, program, or raffle. (The raffle results will be revealed about 4:30 pm just prior to the dinner.). The Spaghetti Feast will consist of all the spaghetti you can eat, accompanied only by conversation, relaxation, and door prizes. During dinner more than 30 door prizes will be handed out. Reservations for the Spaghetti Feast must be made by April 3. Send your money to Sharon Gallagher, 1601 Rhododendron Rd, #541, Florence, OR 97439

The raffle or “Tables of Treasures” is always fun to visit many times during the convention as additional items come in. The raffle helps defray the cost of our convention. No one is asked to pay a registration fee to attend the

convention so donating to the raffle helps offset our organization's costs. Start thinking about nice, usable items you think others would enjoy getting, e.g., food baskets, gift cards, music, musical instruments and re-gifted items (gifts you were given, haven't used, won't use, so might as well pass on). All are welcome!!!