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# WELCOME

Howdy!

On behalf of all of us at The Kody Norris Show we would like to welcome you to the Mountain City Fiddlers' Convention, celebrating 99 years of East Tennessee musical heritage.

We feel so honored being asked to revive this wonderful event and certainly hope you will enjoy spending your day with us.

Many thanks to everybody who has played a part in the success of today. The outpouring of love and support shown to us from sponsors, volunteers, city, county and state officials, musicians and, most importantly, spectators and fans is more than we could have dreamed!

Make sure you save the dates for our 100th celebration in 2025.

Thank you and God Bless!

*Kody & Mary Rachel*





# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**OPENING NIGHT CONCERT!**  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024



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**6:00pm**

## ***The Tennessee Bluegrass Band***

The Tennessee Bluegrass Band is shining a light on the importance of traditional bluegrass and how music, tastefully played, can be both exciting and inspiring.



**7:00pm**

## ***Ralph Stanley II & the Clinch Mountain Boys***

2024 marks the 78th Anniversary of The Clinch Mountain Boys. Grammy Award winning artist Ralph Stanley II & The Clinch Mountain Boys are touring across the country and internationally.



**8:00pm**

## ***Appalachian Road Show***

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## CONVENTION COMPETITION!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

Please note that the schedule is subject to change without notice.

Registration begins at 9:00am

First category will begin at 10:00am

1. Junior Mandolin - 1st: \$75 | 2nd: \$50 | 3rd: \$25

2. Junior Guitar - 1st: \$75 | 2nd: \$50 | 3rd: \$25

3. Junior Banjo - 1st: \$75 | 2nd: \$50 | 3rd: \$25

*Present Awards for Junior Mandolin & Guitar*

4. Junior Band - 1st: \$500 | 2nd: \$200 | 3rd: \$125

*Present Award for Junior Banjo*

5. Folk Song - 1st: \$75 | 2nd: \$50 | 3rd: \$25

6. Novelty - 1st: \$75 | 2nd: \$50 | 3rd: \$25

7. Harmonica - 1st: \$75 | 2nd: \$50 | 3rd: \$25

*Present Award for Junior Band*

8. Adult Dobro - 1st: \$125 | 2nd: \$100 | 3rd: \$50

9. Adult Bass - 1st: \$125 | 2nd: \$100 | 3rd: \$50

10. Adult Banjo - 1st: \$125 | 2nd: \$100 | 3rd: \$50

*Present Awards for Folks Song, Novelty & Harmonica*

11. Adult Guitar - 1st: \$125 | 2nd: \$100 | 3rd: \$50

12. Adult Mandolin - 1st: \$125 | 2nd: \$100 | 3rd: \$50

*Present Awards for Adult Dobro, Adult Bass & Adult Banjo*



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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13. Junior Fiddle - 1st: \$150 | 2nd: \$75 | 3rd: \$50

14. Adult Fiddle - 1st: \$250 | 2nd: \$150 | 3rd: \$75

*Present Awards for Adult Guitar & Adult Mandolin*

15. Junior Clogging - 1st: \$100 | 2nd: \$75 | 3rd: \$50

16. Adult Clogging - 1st: \$125 | 2nd: \$100 | 3rd: \$75

~ *Intermission* ~

*Present Awards for Junior Fiddle, Adult Fiddle, Junior Clogging  
& Adult Clogging*

17. Adult Band - 1st: \$1,200 | 2nd: \$500 | 3rd: \$300

18. Fiddle Off - 1st: Custom Fiddle | 2nd: \$200 | 3rd: \$100

(Up to 5 contestants in the Junior & Adult Fiddle Categories will compete)

*Present Awards for Adult Band & Fiddle Off*

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# COMPETITION RULES

## GENERAL RULES

1. Registration opens at 8:00 am and closes 10 minutes prior to the preceding category.
2. The schedule for the day will be free flowing dependent upon the number of competitors.
3. Must be two or more contestants to hold the category.
4. FAILURE TO APPEAR BEFORE 3 CALLS TO STAGE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. IT'S THE CONTESTANTS RESPONSIBILITY TO BE READY FOR THEIR CATEGORY AND THEIR TURN.
5. Contestants will perform in the order in which they sign up.
6. Contestants can compete in as many categories as desired.
7. Contestants winning a category for two consecutive years, will have to sit out one year in that category before being allowed to compete again.
8. Vocals are not permitted in Instrumental Categories.
9. There will be a separate entrance fee for each category. The entrance fee is \$10 per category.  
Once you pay for the first category, they will get one guest pass. This pass will allow that person to sit in the theatre.
10. A band must have at least four contestants but no more than six.
11. All band members must be registered contestants in at least one individual category.
12. Contestants can only be in one band.
13. If a contestant plays the same song in preliminaries and finals, one point will be deducted.



# COMPETITION RULES

## GENERAL RULES - continued

14. There is no genre stipulation on the band category. Old-Time or Bluegrass.
15. Junior categories are 16 and under.
16. Junior Band can only consist of only 16 and under contestants.
17. Medleys are not accepted.
18. If a junior contestant decides to move to an adult category, they will not be allowed to compete in both.
19. Contestants shall present their entry number at the start to the Emcee and have it visibly displayed.
20. Judges are unknown and lobbying is not permitted.
21. Contestants are not allowed in the auditorium unless they have also purchased a spectator ticket.
22. No Sheet Music allowed during the contestants' performance.
23. Prize checks will be issued in the name of the individual or band representative.



*After your appearance, make sure you get your photo taken at the Mountain City Fiddlers Convention banner located in the main lobby!*

PLEASE NOTE: Our photographer/videographer will be capturing images over the two-day events which will be used for future advertising, marketing and promotion campaigns.



# COMPETITION RULES

## CATEGORY RULES

1. Bluegrass and Old-time Band will compete together.
2. Individual and Band judging are separate and distinct. Contestants performing with a band will not be judged individually while with the band.
3. Bands will perform two songs: one instrumental and one vocal.
4. Song selection shall be traditional.
5. Song selection should be relayed to the Emcee at the start of each category.
6. Individual contestants can be accompanied by no more than two rhythm instruments.
7. All songs performed shall be kept to three minutes in length or less.
8. Electric, electronic, wind and percussion are not permitted.
9. In the event of a broken string, contestants will be permitted to re-string the instrument and replay the tune with no penalty.
10. No medleys are allowed.
11. Fiddle Contestants will perform a lively piece and a waltz number.
12. Novelty categories include spoons, hambone, washboard, saw, juice harp, etc., but no woodwinds.

## FIDDLE OFF

1. The top THREE finalists in junior and adult fiddle will compete with one tune of choice and no more than two accompaniments for the grand prize. Scores will not be combined from previous performance.



# COMPETITION RULES

## CLOGGING

1. These categories are individual contests. No team clogging.
2. Contestants must clog to one of the following songs; Sally Goodin', Back-Up & Push, Black Mountain Rag or Golden Slippers.
3. Contestants must clog to a live band with the duration of the song lasting no longer than 45 seconds.

## JUDGING CRITERIA FOR ALL CATEGORIES (EXCLUDES BASS)

1. Instrumental and singing events will be judged on:  
A. Tuning, B. Timing, C. Selection, D. Presentation

## JUDGING CRITERIA FOR BASS CATEGORY

1. A. Tuning, B. Timing, C. Approach and D. Difficulty.

## JUDGING OF JUNIOR & SENIOR CLOGGING

1. A. Rhythm, B. Timing C. Energy D. Appearance  
E. Expression F. Authenticity



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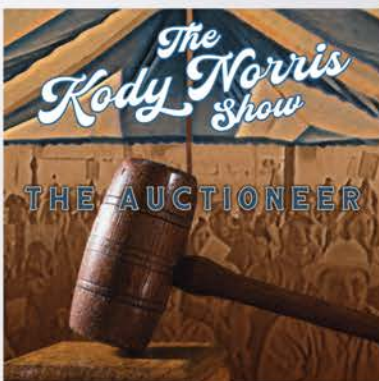




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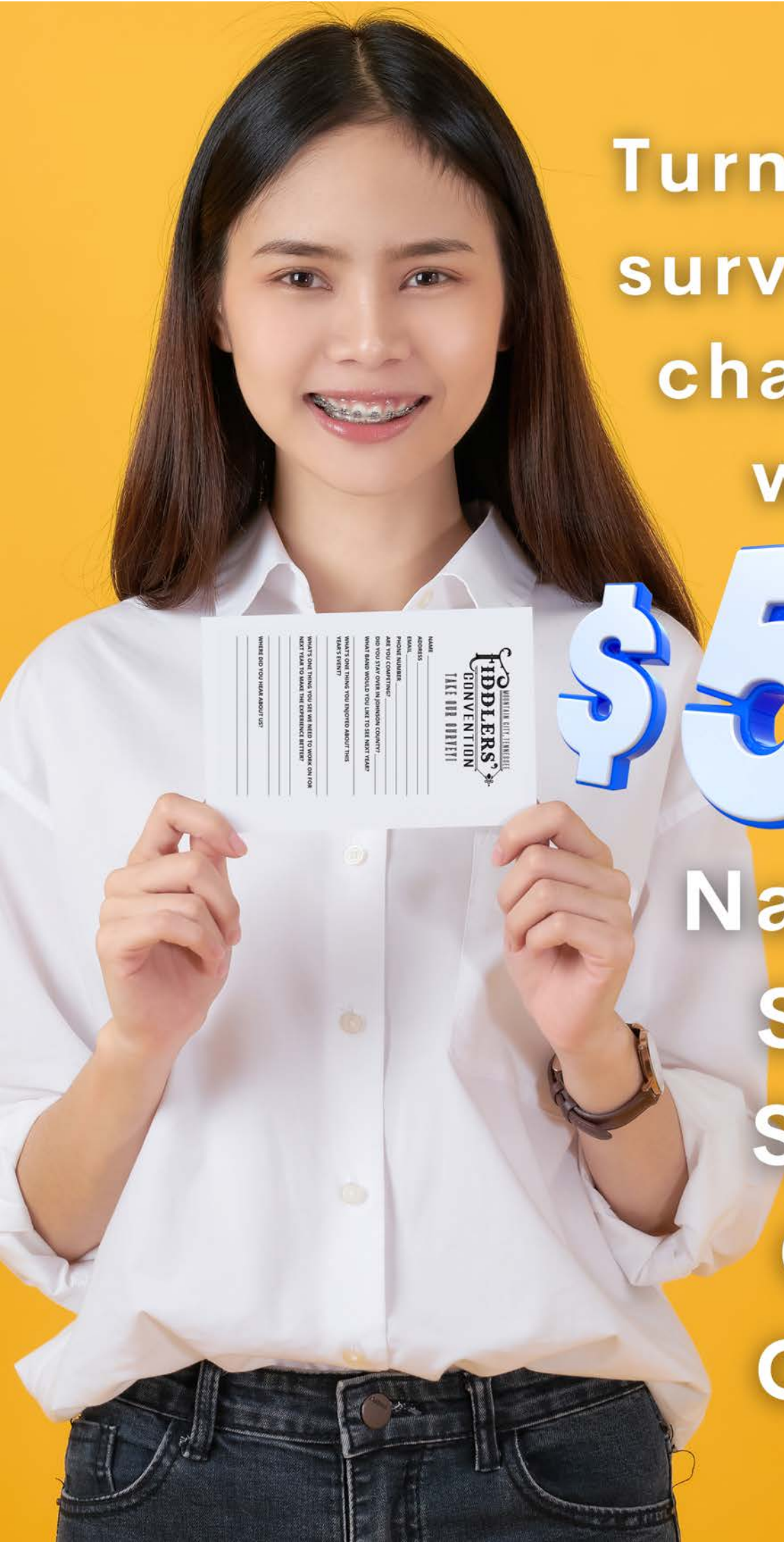
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