



SMITHVILLE FIDDLERS' JAMBOREE AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

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38th Annual Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree Promises Down-Home Family Fun and Appalachian Traditions on Town Square

Smithville, Tennessee (June 10, 2009) – The 2009 Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival will be held on the square in downtown Smithville on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th commencing at 9:00 a.m. both days. This well-respected bluegrass festival, in its 38th year, is committed to preserving Appalachian music, dance and craft. Over 150 craft booths, plus a variety of food vendors, will fill the streets surrounding the courthouse this year. Onstage performances are broadcast live on public television, thanks to WCTE-TV Channel 22 out of Cookeville, Tennessee.

New to this year's event are competitions in Youth Square Dancing and Bluegrass Fiddle. These new categories will enhance the already comprehensive line-up of events including Old-Time Appalachian Folksinging, Flat Top Guitar, Clogging (Junior and Senior), Buckdancing (Junior and Senior), Dobro Guitar, Mountain and Hammer Dulcimer, Novelty Event, Old-Time Fiddle Band, Autoharp, Gospel Singing (Solo and Group), Country Harmonica, Old-Time Banjo, Mandolin, Fiddle (Junior and Senior), Old-Time Appalachian Flatfoot Dance (Junior and Senior), Bluegrass Banjo, Bluegrass Band, Square Dancing, and the culmination of the festival – the Fiddle-Off. This festival also features a special set of events just for beginners. On Saturday, children aged 0-12 compete in Buckdancing, Clogging, Dobro Guitar, Mandolin, Banjo, Flat Top Guitar, and Fiddle.

Since its beginning in 1972, the old-time Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival has grown into a major event, drawing hundreds of musicians and craftspeople, plus the many thousands of spectators from throughout the world. Everyone is invited to come and experience this unforgettable event. Peruse the wide selection of arts and crafts, grab a barbecue sandwich or a corn dog and an ice cold lemonade, find a seat near the stage or under a shade tree on the courthouse lawn, and sit back and enjoy one of the best free shows around...your toes are guaranteed to be tappin' in no time!

For more information, visit www.smithvillejamboree.com, or call (615) 597-8500.