

Children and Adults

Learn to play an acoustic instrument

In the traditional way at a reasonable cost

POSAM (Preserving Our Southern Appalachian Music) who sponsors the Young Appalachian Musicians (YAM) are very excited to offer an evening music program (EMP) for 3rd grade-adults in traditional music taught by traditional musicians in the traditional way...by ear. These classes will be offered between 5 and 9 PM in different locations throughout the upstate—Pickens, Easley, Walhalla, Tigerville and possibly others. Note: these classes will take place in addition to the YAM after-school program at our 6 YAM schools.

Following is a form to fill out about your evening music lessons. **Nancy Knowland is going to be the program director for EMP** and feel free to call her at 878-6641 or email her at pknowland@att.net with any questions. I'll be out of town until after Labor Day but you can call me (878-4257) or email me (mcdanibw@bellsouth.net) after that.

As soon as we receive forms and line up instructors/places for instruction, we will send you a schedule. We do need for you to give us first and second choice on instrument and place to have your lesson. If we don't have enough students sign up for your instrument/level/place, we may have to give you your second choice. We hope to begin classes **in September**...after Labor Day, but we'll have to see how our scheduling works out. Please know that we won't be able to offer all instruments/levels at all places but we'll certainly do the best we can; we must have at least 3 students in each class in order to pay our instructors.

We plan to offer evening classes for the entire school year and each student will probably remain at the same level for the year. However, for "accounting" purposes we'll ask that each student pay **\$50 upfront each 6 wks**. The \$50 needs to be paid whether or not you can attend every lesson and once the money is paid, we can't return it. Students can't attend the classes unless they've paid "upfront" or made special arrangements with Nancy or me. We'll also offer instruments to rent at **\$25/6 weeks**. Rental money needs to be paid upfront every 6 weeks. If you own your own instrument, it does need to be appropriate and approved by the instructor.

If interested in EMP, please fill out the following form and return it by **August 27**. You can either mail to Nancy Knowland or email info back to pknowland@att.net. Nancy and I really look forward to being with you this year!

Nancy Knowland, Program Director of the Evening Music Program (EMP)

Betty McDaniel, Director of Young Appalachian Musicians (YAM)

Please return form to Nancy Knowland (see above for contact info) **by August 27.**

Name of Student(s) _____

Age of Student(s) ___ 8-10 yrs; ___ 11-13 yrs; ___ 14-17 yrs; ___ 18 and over

What instrument? Name 1st and 2nd choices. ___ Guitar; ___ Mandolin; ___ Fiddle

If enough interest, we may also offer ___ dulcimer; ___ autoharp

Level of Playing: Check box for each student/instrument

- ___ Beginner—Has never played or plays very little
- ___ Adv. Beginner—Has had 1 year of YAM instruction, played on own or private instruction for 6 months or more. Can play several lead parts and rhythm and can play several songs.
- ___ Intermediate/Advanced—Has had 2 or more years of instruction and/or played in a YAM or other string band. Can play by ear. Can play several lead parts, rhythm, and in at least 2 keys. Can play at least 5-8 songs.

Do you own your own instrument (must be approved by instructor) ___ or do you want to rent ___?

If student is under 18, what school does s/he attend? _____

What area do you prefer classes? Please give 1st and 2nd choices. ___ Pickens; ___ Easley;
___ Clemson; ___ Liberty; ___ Travelers Rest; ___ Tigerville

Contact info: Phone(s) _____

Email _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian signature (if student under 18) _____