

10TH ANNUAL
**SUSANVILLE
BLUEGRASS**
MUSIC CAMP

June 18 thru 21, 2019

This year we are providing you with a great and affordable opportunity to improve your instrument playing capabilities, vocal skills as well as jamming knowledge in a relaxing classroom atmosphere, including one-on-one time with some of the best Bluegrass musicians/instructors in the industry today. Our instructors specialize in guitar, banjo, mandolin and bass instruments as well as vocal techniques and the art of bluegrass jamming. Our list of specialists are tough to match with the likes of Rick Sparks, *Music Camp Director*, who will also "triple duty" as the *Vocal class and Jam class Instructor*; Jeff Autry, *Guitar Instructor*; Edgar Loudermilk, *Bass Instructor*; Zack Autry, *Mandolin Instructor*, and Curtis Bumgarner, *Banjo Instructor*. We're still working on adding additional instructors in fiddle and dobro so please check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Music Camp Instructor Profiles



Edgar Loudermilk, Instructor / Bass - Influenced greatly by his father and grandfather, Edgar Loudermilk cut his teeth on bluegrass by learning to play bass to the legendary record, "Bluegrass Album Band Volume 1." Surrounded by music at an early age, Loudermilk was only nine when he began playing bass in his family's band. Loudermilk was also exposed to the great music of some of his famous relatives, The Louvin Brothers. He continued to play in his family's band until he was 20 years old when he joined the group Carolina Crossfire. Carolina Crossfire had quite a following in the Georgia area and it wasn't long before Loudermilk decided to expand his options and try his hand at playing professionally, a decision that has made him a staple for elite artists in bluegrass music.

In 2001, Loudermilk auditioned for and was hired by Rhonda Vincent. About a year later, he was encouraged to audition for one of the greatest voices in country music who he had heard was making a move to bluegrass--Marty Raybon. In December of that year, Loudermilk became the bass player and tenor singer in the newly formed group Full Circle and would back up Marty Raybon for almost five years.

In 2006, Loudermilk heard that Ray Deaton was leaving Illrd Tyme Out and that opened up a whole new prospect for the bass-playing singer. "I'd been singing tenor for Rhonda and Marty and knowing that Ray was a great singer, I practiced really hard for that audition with Russell." Loudermilk became the newest member of Illrd Tyme Out, replacing Deaton in July, 2007. "I really love the music of this band," stated Loudermilk. "Singing with Russell Moore is the compliment of my life because I don't believe there's a better singer anywhere."



Jeff Autry, Instructor / Guitar - Jeff Autry was born in 1965 in Decatur Georgia. At age 12, he began learning chord forms on guitar and playing with his dad in a local bluegrass band. He began his music career at 19 working with the Georgia based bluegrass band Clearwater where he stayed for three years. At 26, he joined the bluegrass swing band, The Texas Rangers performing guitar and lead vocals. The band, which included banjo master Scott Vestal, played an eight month tour of Japan. After returning to the U.S., Jeff joined Rounder recording artist The Lynn Morris Band and toured the bluegrass circuit throughout the U.S.

Jeff is highly regarded as one of the most talented guitarists of our time performing and recording with many of the bluegrass legends he grew up admiring, including Sam Bush, Vasser Clements, Ricky Skaggs, Peter Rowan and the John Cowan Band. His recording credits include the award winning instrumental series Bluegrass 96 through Bluegrass 2001, his own solo album titled Foothills (all on Pinecastle Records), Leftover Salmon mandolinist Drew Emmett's solo album, as well as the John Cowan Band's Sugar Hill Records release, Always Take Me Back.

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Zack Autry, Instructor / Mandolin - Zack Autry comes from a long line of music lovers and musicians, coming by it naturally. He grew up singing and playing music in church and at family gatherings. He started playing the mandolin at age 8 and the fiddle around 9-10 years old. He is a self taught musician and singer who, although not instructed necessarily, but was nudged in the right direction by his musical mentors; notably, his father Jeff Autry and grandfather Bobby. Jeff is one of the best acoustic flat pickers alive today and Bobby was a well-known upright bass and guitar player from North Georgia. Zack grew up on a strong foundation of Gospel, Bluegrass and country music, and through his grandfather, a love and appreciation of the hundreds of fiddle tunes written and played around his home. Zack plays mandolin and fiddle chiefly, although he also plays guitar, and has a smooth, strong voice capable of a wide range. Zack plays his Randy Wood model F-5 Mandolin, given to him by Randy personally in March 2016. You can read more about Zack's endorsement here: "ZACK AUTRY ENDORSED BY ACCLAIMED GEORGIAN MASTER LUTHIER RANDY WOOD"



RICK SPARKS, Instructor / Vocals Class and Jam Class - Rick is a Wernick Method Jam Instructor, having taught jam camps in Nevada, California, Oregon, Texas and Arizona. Having picked up the banjo at age twelve, Rick has spent most of his life with an instrument in his hands. Rick has taught banjo, guitar, mandolin and dobro for the past twenty years. His patience and great skill at playing by ear is a perfect match for Bluegrass music. In addition Rick gives private and group lessons in the Reno area.



Curtis Bumgarner, Instructor / Banjo - In late 2017, banjo player Curtis "Bum" Bumgarner joined the band. Bluegrass fans will recall seeing Curtis playing banjo with Adkins & Loudermilk, as well as a stint with Blue Mafia. Curtis, a seasoned veteran in the music industry, can "drive the five" or can easily transcend into the swing tunes Loudermilk and Autry do so well. Curtis' diversity of technique is the perfect fit for this musically diverse band.

Music Camp Costs: \$175.00. We are offering a \$5.00 per night of camp discount on camping: RV with water & electric (first come first served) - \$25.00 per night • RV with no hookups (sorry, no sharing services) - \$20.00 per night • Tent camping - \$15.00 per night.

Locals Night - Bluegrass and BBQ

On Wednesday evening, June 19, 2019 we will have a free "Locals Night" with music from several bands including the Greg Blake Band, along with others still to be determined.

*- Tri-tip beef or chicken dinner with all the fixins
will be available for \$20.00 each -*

