

* **Deadline for Band Applications***

Deadline for Band Applications for 2009 GOF is "December 31st, 2008"

It's that time again! Any band interested in performing at the 2009 Good Old Fashioned Bluegrass Festival, to be held August 7th, 8th and 9th at Bolado Park near Hollister, needs to submit the following materials and information by December 31st, 2008 to:

**NCBS
C/o Penny Godlis
654 N. Santa Cruz Ave. Suite C #104
Los Gatos, CA 95030-4360**

1. **Band Recording:** Ideally the recording (CD or cassette) should have at least five songs and represent the current membership and performance style of the band. It doesn't have to be quality-just clear enough for the band committee to make a good and fair evaluation.
2. **Band Photo:** Prior to the festival we feature photos of performing bands both in this magazine and in promotional materials. Please submit a photo of your current band that you'd like to see in publication (and indicate who is who on the back of the photo). Avoid dark photos that don't scan very well. Photo size is not that important.
3. **Band Description:** Pretend you're a reporter for this magazine who is doing an article on your Band , and write a few paragraphs describing your group. Some important information you might provide in your description includes:
 - . Names of band members and instruments they play, vocals (leads or harmonies.)
 - . Style of music you play (traditional bluegrass, old timey, contemporary, originals, etc.)
 - . Brief biographical "story" of each member
 - . History of your band
 - . How you came up with your band name
 - . Recordings you've done (don't worry, most bands at GOF haven't recorded yet)
 - . Interesting places at which you've performed
 - . Regular gigs you'd like readers to know about

Both the GOF committee and this magazine will use these materials to help promote the festival and your band. We aren't expecting fancy layouts or custom-printed materials - a simple letter is just fine.

4. **Contact Person:** We need the name, phone number, mailing address (and ideally e-mail address) of the band's "agent" or key contact person.
5. **When you can Perform:** Please let us know which days your band can perform at the festival. Please check all that apply:

Friday August 7th (music from 3 pm - 10 pm)
 Saturday August 8th (music from 10 am - 10 pm)
 Sunday August 9th (music from 9 am - 5:15 pm)

Remember the music begins at 3:00 pm on Friday.

Comments:

The more flexible your band is for scheduling the greater your chance of being booked.
See page two for more info.

Some frequently asked questions:

Can our band use previously submitted or published materials?

All bands MUST submit a recording, photo, and band description, BUT you can certainly use previous tapes, photos, and band descriptions if they accurately reflect your current band membership, performance level, and information. We'd prefer a new set of materials though, since last year's band applications/press kits may not be complete anymore. Please call Penny Godlis (831-423-2154 home phone) or (408-234-7641 Cell Phone) if you have any questions. Or email me at pennyg44@gte.net

Are New Bands Welcome?

Definitely! The band committee is always looking for new bands to feature at the festival. The GOF was started mainly to give up-and-coming local bands a venue to perform for a larger bluegrass audience.

We're an established local band and have played at GOF several times--do we still need to send in an application?

YES! To be fair to everyone, all bands need to apply by the deadline to be considered by the festival committee. If all of the Band members are the same and you wish to use a previous year's band packet, please call Penny Godlis.

Questions:

If you have any questions about the band application process, please contact Penny Godlis at (831-423-2154 Home phone) or (408-234-7641 Cell phone) email pennyg44@gte.net

Late Applications:

When we receive the Band packets we work very quickly to get a lineup for publication in the BBB. Bands that apply late may be put on a waiting list.

Thanks!