

Catch a fiddle — and guitar! — tune in Wallowa County

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WALLOWA — The last few years have been tough, and musicians are ready to bring a smile to everyone's face this week with fiddle and guitar music, courtesy of the Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp.

"People have been so devoid of enjoyment," said Robyn Burns, camp director.

The camp is starting up after a two-year hiatus. It happens July 10-15 at Wallowa Elementary School.

About 75 campers have registered, Burns said. A typical year brings about 110.

Although registration is closed to join the camp, Burns wants to invite the public to a number of free events that showcase instructors and campers.

She's also hoping the shows will pique interest for future camps.

"Maybe next year you'll want to sign up, too," she said.



Wallowa County Chieftain, File ABOVE: Youth and adults of varying skill levels will again gather at Wallowa Elementary School for the annual Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp, July 10-15, 2022.



Robyn Burns/Contributed photo
Robyn Burns is director of the Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp, along with co-director Mike Burns.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

Both campers and instructors will appear in several locations during the week for performances that are open and free to the public, sponsored by Wallowa Valley Music Alliance. Here's the schedule:

MONDAY, JULY 11

Open Mic Night: Campers will perform starting at 7 p.m. at Wallowa Elementary School.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Jams at Terminal Gravity, 803 School Street in Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Courthouse Concert Series: Camp instructors will perform starting at 5:30 p.m. on the courthouse lawn in Enterprise.

Community Dance: Folk dancing for all ages, no partner or experience necessary, begins at 8 p.m. at Wallowa Elementary School. The dance caller is Laura Skovlin.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Farewell Concert: Enjoy live music at 10:30 a.m. at Wallowa Elementary School.

CAMP HISTORY

The camp started in 2005. The focus of the camp, Burns said, is to help musicians learn how to play together. "We are giving the tools to navigate playing music together," she said. "Learning that common language." To learn more, visit wvmusicalliance.org/wallowa-fiddle-tunes-camp-2022.



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