

Howdy All,

Wow, I can't believe the 44th Annual Washington State Fiddlers' Contest will be here so soon! Once again, I hope everyone has made plans to be in East Wenatchee to support YOUR contest and fiddlers! The contest will be held on Friday - May 15, Saturday - May 16 and Sunday - May 17. The Judges are Eileen Walter, Sheri West and Darin Meeks. The amazing Frank Brown will be back handling the sound. Gary Schimelfenig Photography will be available for hire, so plan ahead for those treasured pictures of your favorite fiddlers!

Sadly some of our annual volunteers will not be at the contest this year. Anyone willing to help out, even for a few hours, please call or email Earl Calvert. The most critical position I need to fill before the contest is in the tabulation room.

The Contest is held at the Eastmont Junior High School. **DO NOT CALL THE EASTMONT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR CONTEST INFORMATION!**

Eastmont Junior High School  
905 8<sup>th</sup> Street N.E.  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Driving Directions to East Wenatchee and Eastmont Junior High School:

*From Seattle:* Follow Hwy 2/97 across the Columbia River (North end of Wenatchee) to Highway 28. Turn Right (heading South) to 9<sup>th</sup> Street stoplight. Turn left onto 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

*From Spokane:* Follow Highway 28 from Quincy to East Wenatchee, then to 9<sup>th</sup> Street stoplight. Turn right onto 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

To Eastmont Junior High School: Continue on 9<sup>th</sup> Street through 4-way stop (Valley Mall Parkway). Continue uphill past Gold's Gym and East Wenatchee City Hall. Proceed straight through signal light on Eastmont Ave. 9<sup>th</sup> Street will curve to become 8<sup>th</sup> ST NE. *RV'S:* turn left onto N. Grover Street, then first right into school. Park in basketball court parking lot (no parking allowed in bus turn around). *CARS:* continue past N. Grover Street and turn left just past school at cross walk signs.

Free dry camping is available at the Eastmont Junior High School. We will have some porta-potti's and a dumpster for your convenience. Tents are also welcome. Please be respectful of the school's request and **DO NOT ARRIVE** before 4pm on Friday, May 15th.

I did not block any hotel rooms for the contest weekend, but the good folks at several Wenatchee hotels will be thrilled to have your business, so please call soon and reserve your rooms! Here are some hotels to contact for rates and availability:

Value Inn 509-663-8115  
Cedars Inn 509-886-8000  
Super 8 Wenatchee 509-662-3443  
Red Lion Hotel 509-663-0711  
La Quinta Inn & Suites 509-664-6565

For those of you online, please go to <http://www.wenatcheevalley.org/lodging.html> for Wenatchee hotel information.

All contestants must be registered and signed in a half hour before the start of your division. A tentative schedule will be posted at the contest. The registration table will open at 5pm on Friday, May 15. Once again, please take the time to pre-register as it saves us LOTS of work, and you will avoid the \$20 late registration fee.

Please check out the WOTFA website, [www.wotfa.org](http://www.wotfa.org) or the Washington State Fiddlers Contest MySpace page, [www.myspace.com/washingtonstatefiddlerscontest](http://www.myspace.com/washingtonstatefiddlerscontest) for any breaking news or forgotten announcements. If you do not have a computer and web access, always feel free to call Earl Calvert at 509-886-1614 if you have any questions.