

Presented By: The Upperco Volunteer Fire Company



WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

UPPERCO BLUEGRASS BAND COMPETITION & JAM

1ST PLACE	\$300.00 - Booking for the 2020 Upperco Music Festival - Play the Saturday Morning Bluegrass For Breakfast Show Inside at 10am - A full pass for the 4-day festival for each band member
2ND PLACE	\$250.00
3RD PLACE	\$150.00

All band members must purchase either a 4-day festival pass or any one-day regular festival day pass to enter the band contest. (Pass for Thursday, Friday or Saturday)
Any last minute entrants can bring their entry form to the contest on Wednesday, September 18th but space is limited. You may not be guaranteed a spot.

Maximum of 8 bands are allowed for the competition. Starts at 7:30 - 9:30pm.
Any questions should be directed to uppercomusicfestival@gmail.com

Open Jamming starts at 6pm.
Sign up to be one of our Jam Bands next to the inside stage.
Open Jam will continue after our Band Competition later that evening.

Contest Rules

1. Registration: There is not a fee to enter the competition itself but all band members must purchase either a 4-day festival pass or any one-day regular festival day pass to enter the band contest. (Pass for Thursday, Friday or Saturday)
Bands MUST be available to play the Bluegrass For Breakfast Show on Saturday, September 21st on the inside stage at 10am. Participants under the age of 18 need to have an adult present

At least one representative of each band must report to the registration table in the Inside Stage Building by 6:30pm of the contest day to draw for their place in the lineup. Contestants must be present and ready to perform at their scheduled time, or they will be disqualified.
Winners of the band contest will be announced at 10pm.
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2. Competition: Each band will play three selections which should include: a slow vocal song, a fast vocal song, and an instrumental number, in any order. Talking between songs is allowed and encouraged, since it reflects a band's rapport with the audience and since band stage presence is a judging factor. Any type of traditional acoustic music is allowed in this contest, including bluegrass, old-time, celtic, western, newgrass, swing, gospel and etc. While the contest is not restricted to any specific genre of music, contestants must perform with acoustic instruments; no electrically amplified instruments, pickups, or contact mics, with the exception of electric bass, are allowed in this contest. Accident beyond the control of the contestant (such as string breakage) may result in a replay at the bands request and if the judges so merit.

3. Band Members: A band will consist of at least three, but no more than seven members. Songs, material, and dress must be of an appropriate nature suitable for family entertainment. No band member may compete in more than one band. Any contestant appearing under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed on stage. Members of the Upperco Music Festival Committee, Family of the judges and bands on the Upperco Music Festival line up may not enter this contest.

4. Judging Criteria: Contest will be judged on Material Selection, musicianship, vocals/harmony, authenticity/originality and stage presence.

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