

## **"FIDDLE DEE DEE at GLC" - 2025**

Here we go again folks. Plan for another weekend of music, food and fun for fiddle, piano and guitar at Gull Lake Centre sponsored by the Alberta Society of Fiddlers. Enjoy a weekend of instruction, jams, dancing, concerts, great food, awesome camp staff, wonderful fellowship and lots of fun usually all done with very little sleep. For quilters, scrap bookers, etc. who wish to join us, we will have a room available for you to practice your craft while at camp. Please register as a CRAFTER. This gathering has been referred to as a great big family reunion. Once you have been to a fiddle camp and return the next time you really do have feelings of being involved in a huge family. So put the rest of your life on hold, leave your cares behind and join us for an escape of musical learning and sharing amongst the great big musical family we have created for ourselves. I am excited to announce that Benjamin Christiani is now shadowing Blaine and will one day take the reigns and be the new man in charge. Thank you Benjamin for stepping forward in this rewarding role with the ASF. **Benjamin will be taking care of registrations for this next camp.**

Those under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone. Chaperone may be an adult attending camp other than an instructor. ASF Camp Policies are in effect at this camp, please read, click on blue button link on Fiddle Camps page of ASF website. The purpose of this retreat is to provide people the opportunity to enhance their musical abilities. A fiddler, other than "Fiddles for Littles", should be able to play a handful of tunes while piano and guitar players should be able to play in at least three keys using at least three chords in each key.

**NOTE:** All students will need to bring their own instruments NO MATTER WHICH CLASS YOU TAKE.

**NEW BEGINNER FIDDLE CLASS OFFERED:** A new beginner fiddle class was started last year with the awesome Melanie Doderai as the instructor, however we need to address a few things so we end up with a more uniform group of children and their abilities. Below is a new set of guidelines a youngster needs before they can register for the class.

**To begin with, let's call this class: "FIDDLES FOR LITTLES".**

- Recommended ages: 6-8. Chaperones are encouraged to attend classes with their children.
- Students 5 years of age will be considered, however the chaperone attendance is mandatory.
- This class will be capped at 12 registrants.
- All students registering for this class must meet the following criteria.
- Minimum playing requirements: Twinkle and rhythm variations in the key of "A" and also be able to play "Hot Cross Buns" (fingers needed).
- If your child is just beginning and is over the age of 8 please call Laurie (cell # below) to discuss their progress before registering.

If you are unsure or still have questions about this new class, please call Laurie Maetche at 403-358-4635. She would be happy to discuss and help you make the right decision.

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**WHEN:** February 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2025. (Family Day Long Weekend)

**WHERE:** Gull Lake Centre – southwest of Edmonton and north of Calgary. Directions with confirmation of registration will be sent to you once your registration and payment have been confirmed.

**NOTE:** Due to our current economy there has been an increase in camp fees, but for what you will experience it is still a good bang for your buck.

**YOUR FEE INCLUDES:** Accommodations, instruction for registered students, all events, Friday supper, breakfast/lunch/supper on Saturday and Sunday and breakfast Monday morning. There will also be an evening snack offered around 8:30pm in the Memorial Hall each evening along with on-going coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

**EXTRA THINGS** you may want to bring along with you include: big appetite, camera, water bottle, travel mug, flashlight for night time bathroom trips, bedding (sleeping bag) + pillow, notepad, pens / pencils, music stand, recording device and batteries. Also please bring along a pair of **inside foot wear (or go in your sock feet)** in the hallways, rooms and teaching areas and especially in the Memorial Hall as the floors will get rather wet and messy. There is an outside ice rink at this camp. If you would like to skate at free time, bring skates and also HELMETS are mandatory. There is a gymnasium for basketball, etc. and a games room for your free time activities. **FYI:** Always a good idea to label music stands and instrument cases and travel mug, etc. A robe to wear for night time bathroom trips might be a good idea.

**FOOD ALLERGY CONCERNS?** The food offered at this camp is totally awesome, however there will be no peanuts or nuts used in the menu for the weekend. We can accommodate celiac, gluten free, lactose / dairy free, vegetarian and vegan diets through the caterer. There is no extra charge for this service but please include the correct information on your registration form.

**NOTE:** You cannot opt out of meals provided which are included in the camp fees. Please wear your name badges. It's cool and is your passport to meals.

**SORRY:** No pets, smoking allowed outside in designated areas. **FYI:** This is a dry church camp so there will be no alcohol, drugs or marijuana allowed on property. Thank you for understanding.

**MORE INFO?** Call Blaine at 403-877-5063 or email Blaine at: [blainethepianoman@gmail.com](mailto:blainethepianoman@gmail.com)  
or: Call Benjamin at 587-920-6276 or email Benjamin at: [99benjaminc@gmail.com](mailto:99benjaminc@gmail.com)

**PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE:** the deadline of MIDNIGHT January 31, 2025.

**IF ANY EMERGENCIES ARISE WHILE AT CAMP PLEASE GET AHOLD OF BLAINE AT CELL # ABOVE**

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**CLASSES OFFERED:** Fiddle: Jarred Albright, Deanna Dolstra, Dean Bernier, Samuel Corry, Brianne Thompson, Benjamin Christiani, Lisa Gould & Melanie Doderai (New Class: "Fiddles For Littles").

Piano: one class (minimum 8 - maximum 12) – back up for fiddle with Marlee Heesing.

Guitar: one class (minimum 8 - maximum 12) – back up for fiddle with Braden Gates.

Jam class option: (minimum 8 - maximum 12) - with Blaine the Pianoman – register as a student.

Our roving fiddler this time is Randy Jones. Our evening jam/dance master in the Memorial Hall will be Troy Gates.

**CAMP BURSARY:** Note: Sorry, but due to Alberta Gaming Rule changes, The Whispering Hills Country Music Assoc. no longer provides camp sponsorships. Bursaries are available to students from: Wild Rose Oldtime Fiddlers Assoc., Alberta Society of Fiddlers (ASF), and the Heather Soldan Memorial Bursary. Go to the Fiddle Camps page on the ASF website, click on the appropriate blue button link and follow their specific instructions and guidelines. These bursary providers have deadlines, so time is of the essence. Bursaries need to be applied for and approved 30 days before the start of camp. **Remember to deduct the amount of bursary** applied for from your total camp fees before registering. If for some reason you are not approved for subsidy and would still like to attend, you will owe this amount payable by January 31, 2025.

**BASIC FEE SCHEDULE:** All of the prices listed below are **"AMOUNTS PER PERSON"** (all inclusive pricing). Student: Adult \$450.00 Youth (12-17) \$400.00 11 and under \$370.00

Crafter: \$370.00

Guest / Chaperone: \$350.00

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations (with shower, toilet and 2 sinks in each pod) available to us are 2 lodges consisting of 9 pod cabins with 6 bunk beds and 1 single bed in them (potential of 13 per pod) and 2 lodges consisting of 6 pod cabins with 4 bunk beds, one of which has a double bed on the bottom (potential of 8 per pod). The Green Frog Cabin #21 will be reserved for the senior male folks that attend unaccompanied. I can designate either male, female or family co-ed pods, or if you talk amongst yourselves and form a group that wants to stay together, but try to form a minimum size group of at least 4 to 6. **A limited number of semi-private rooms** are available in the Retreat Centre **(more info on registration form)**. **FYI:** There are no fridges in the accommodations.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Everyone needs to supply their own bedding, towels and toiletries. (sleeping bag and pillow are easy).

**TO REGISTER FOR CAMP:** Fill out all info on the registration form completely, sign and date at the bottom, then email it to: **99benjaminc@gmail.com**. Next you can e-transfer camp fees along with a note stating it is for Winter Fiddle Camp to: **info@albertafiddlers.com**.

**OR:** Mail a cheque payable to Alberta Society of Fiddlers along with your completed registration form to: Benjamin Christiani, 7108 – 103 Avenue, Edmonton, Ab. T6A 0V1.

**YOU WILL** receive confirmation of registration by which ever method your registration was sent.

**A FEW CAMP FEES EXAMPLES:** 3 students (aged 8, 11 + 16) + 1 chaperone: \$1490.00 (less subsidy)  
1 adult student and 1 adult crafter in semi-private room: \$900.00.

CAMP SONG 2024

The Field of Dreams

April 2023

Blaine Lutwick

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*I composed this tune following the ASF Winter Fiddle Camp in 2023 after being inspired by our friend Jennifer Green that there was a Field of Dreams at Gull Lake Centre and she made the remark to me that "If You Build It, They Will Come". How inspiring that was for me.*

*Camp song has become a tradition of ASF fiddle camps for twenty five years or more. We randomly play the tune all together, usually in a jam setting, each time somebody shouts out those two key words.*

*"CAMP SONG"!!!*

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**FIDDLE DEE DEE at GLC – 2025**

**FRIDAY SCHEDULE (will be posted in Dining Room & Memorial Hall)**

4:00 – 5:30pm register and settle in, mingle and jam.

5:30 - 6:30pm Supper

7:00 - 8:00pm All fiddle students play for class placement. Memorial Hall Everyone attend.

8:00 - 8:30pm Class orientation w/ instructor (in designated classroom). 8:30 snack Memorial Hall.

9:00 – 10:00pm Controlled jam. Memorial Hall - everyone attend please.

**NOTE:** Quiet time in all accommodations is 10:00pm. Please wear your name tags (it's your passport to meals).

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY SCHEDULE ( This part will be on the back of name tag )**

8:30 - 9:30am Breakfast

9:30 - 10:30am Class time

10:30 - 11:00am Break - coffee, etc.

11:00 am - 12:15 pm Class time

12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch

1:30 - 2:30pm Class time

2:30 - 3:00pm Break - coffee, etc.

3:00 - 4:00pm Class time

4:00 - 5:30pm Free time

5:30 - 6:30pm Supper

6:30 - 7:00pm Relax

7:00 – 8:30pm Instructors mini concert – slower jam and learn some dance steps on SATURDAY. Memorial Hall.

Concert and dance to follow on SUNDAY. Memorial Hall.

8:30 - 9:00pm Snack time in Memorial Hall

9:00 - ?????? Controlled slower jam Memorial Hall / regular jam in jam class location.

**MONDAY SCHEDULE (will be posted in Dining Room & Memorial Hall)**

8:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast

9:30 - 10:00 am Final meeting with instructor and clean up classroom. Please return these rooms to how you found them on Friday. Thanks. 10:00 - 10:30 am Break - coffee, etc.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Final jam - Memorial Hall - everyone attend please. Bring name tag holder and put in collection box – please help to stack chairs and clean up in hall thank you. Please collect all personal items and vacate camp by 1:00 pm.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE – HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME**



# gull lake centre

creating space to connect

## LEGEND

### BUILDINGS:

- 1 Main Building  
Includes: Office, Gym, Board Room, Lower Meeting Room, Dining Hall and Fireside Meeting Room.
  - 2 Blue Heron Building (Cabins 1-6)
  - 3 Yellow Dragonfly Building (Cabins 7-12)
  - 4 Staff Housing
  - 5 Retreat Centre  
Includes: Upper Chickadee Meeting Room, Lower Bison Meeting Room and Accommodations
  - 6 Maintenance Shop
  - 7 Memorial Hall
  - 8 Red Fox Building (Cabins 13-17)
  - 9 Green Frog Building (Cabins 18-22)
  - 10 Wash House
  - 11 Duck Inn
- ACTIVITIES:**
- 12 Path to Beach
  - 13 Memorial Fire Pit
  - 14 Flag Pole
  - 15 Skate Shack
  - 16 Skating Rink/Basketball Court
  - 17 Narnia Fire Pit
  - 18 Climbing Wall
  - 19 Low Rope Course
  - 20 Archery Range
  - 21 Archery Fire Pit
  - 22 Force Field
  - 23 Toboggan Hill
  - 24 Field of Dreams

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ will attend "Fiddle Dee Dee at GLC" 2025.

**NOTE:** Please include ages for participants under 18 years of age beside their name.

**IF** registrant is under the age of 18, NAME OF CHAPERONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

PROV. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:** Please use names if more than one person on registration.

(New) "Fiddles for Littles" Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiddle Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Piano Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Guitar Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Jam Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest/Chap: \_\_\_\_\_ Crafter: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL DIETARY CONCERNS:** Please check the applicable choice. Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Celiac / Gluten Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy/Lactose Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER DIETARY CONCERNS: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMP BURSARY:** Applied for? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Please deduct this amount from payment.)

WHICH BURSARY DID YOU APPLY FOR? \_\_\_\_\_

**ADD ONS:**

A limited number of semi-private rooms are available in the Retreat Centre. These are available on a first come, first served basis (register early). Based on double occupancy **NO KEYS** (best to find a compatible roommate). **ROOMMATES NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$40.00 per person to your fee(s).

**SUNDAY CONCERT NIGHT: EXTRA SUPPERS for family or friends** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$33.00 each

**NOTE:** Must be purchased at time of registration. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$27.00 (ages 3-12)

**Add these amounts to your fee(s).**

**FEE ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to: Alberta Society of Fiddlers).

**OR:** Fee was e-transferred to ASF via [info@albertafiddlers.com](mailto:info@albertafiddlers.com) Date sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

**ONCE YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED:** You will be sent confirmation of registration the same way that your registration was received.

**FOIP PERMISSION**

Please be advised that photographs and recordings of attendees at this music camp may be used for publication in the ASF newsletters, on their website or for other non-profit purposes. Also so you are aware, cell phones are capturing moments a lot and being posted on social media. By signing and dating below, you are making it known that you are aware of these points, and don't have an issue with them and that all other info above is accurate and complete.

I have read and understand the ASF camp policies and will follow them at camp.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent signature if registrant(s) under 18)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**"THANKYOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLIES"**