

YAMs are Back in the Schools!!

Info & Registration Form

Dear Parents/Prospective YAMs,

At your school this year, we're pleased to tell you that we'll be offering, once again, the **Young Appalachian Musician (YAM)** program. In this program 3rd-5th graders are taught by local musicians to play (by ear) acoustic instruments (guitar, fiddle, banjo, and mandolin). We'll have an approximately 45-minute lesson (depending upon the number of students in each class) per week for 20 weeks during the year, starting in October. These classes will be held at your school right after school on Mon-Thursdays (days/hours to be arranged soon.) A Homework Center will be offered free of charge on the day s/he takes classes. The cost of the weekly lesson is based on the lunch status of the child and this year's rates will be **\$5/wk. for Free lunch students, \$7/wk. for Reduced lunch, and \$12/wk. for Paid lunch. Instrument rental rates will be a flat fee of \$10/month.**

If your child was enrolled in lessons on an instrument last year in the YAM program, s/he will also be able to be a part of the **YAM Band**...if s/he is in lessons on the same instrument this year. The YAM Band is a string band made up of all different instruments and it will be **free** to these eligible YAMs (if they're also enrolled in/paying for other YAM lessons). They are automatically able to be in the YAM Band if they've had at least 1 year of lessons, 2 years at camp, or 20 weeks or more in the Evening Music Program or the equivalent.

Please let us know your interest in enrolling your child in the YAM program for this year. Complete the form below **and return it to your child's homeroom teacher or office staff by Wed, Aug. 31st**. We'll also be having a **Parent Meeting** at which you can find out more about the YAMs, meet the instructor (possibly), and pay any fees. That day will be announced soon, and we hope you and your child can attend. We're really looking forward to **starting in October** and hope to hear from you soon.

Feel free to email Pauline at blackspm1@outlook.com, call Betty at 864-878-4257 or email your School Program Director for more info.

_____, (School) Program Director, Email

Betty McDaniel and Pauline Blackston, YAM Co-Directors

YAM Student's Name _____

**Parent(s)/Guardians'
Name(s)** _____

Cell Phone _____ **Home Phone** _____

Email _____

**YAM student's
homeroom/grade** _____

Which classes/instruments is your child interested in taking? (Please list in order of preference, your child's first and second choice in instrument.)

Beginner Guitar _____, Beg Fiddle _____, Beg Banjo _____, Beg Mandolin _____,

2nd yr. Guitar _____, 2nd yr. Fiddle _____, 2nd Yr. Banjo _____, 2nd Yr. Mando _____,

3rd+yr (Which instrument?) _____

YAM Band (Must have taken at least 1 yr.) _____

Need to rent an instrument? No _____ **Yes** _____ **\$10 for rental rate/month**