

# 28TH ANNUAL LAURA INGALLS WILDER DAYS

## SEPTEMBER 8TH & 9TH, 2018 - PEPIN, WI



# FIDDLE CONTEST RULES

Laura Days Committee, P.O. Box 274, Pepin, WI 54759

The Fiddle Contest begins at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 8th on the Main Stage.

Registration is from 1:00 P.M. until 2:30 P.M. Pre-registration or early registration is appreciated!

**A printable (PDF) form is available on our website OR you can now register directly on-line.**

Order of performance will be: Ages 9 & under; Ages 10-15; Ages 16-29; Ages 30 & up; Trick & Fancy.

Order of appearance will be available at the Main Stage at 2:30 P.M.

Fiddles are to be played under the chin, no cross tuning and no singing.

Tunes such as *Orange Blossom Special*, *Lee Highway Blues*, *Black Mountain Rag*, and *Listen to the Mockingbird* are not allowed as contest tunes **except** in the Trick and Fancy portion of the contest.

Trick fiddling is only allowed in the Trick and Fancy Division.

9 & under contestants should prepare one tune of choice to perform (either fast tune or a waltz).

All other contestants shall come prepared to play a waltz (3/4 time) and a fast tune of choice.

Contestants may choose the order in which they play the tunes. Tunes should be memorized.

A contestant shall play no tune more than once during all appearances in the contest.

Contestants may play alone or with their own accompanist. **We will provide an accompanist if you need one.** Accompanists may not play a bowed instrument. No amplified instruments may be used.

Contestants should be ready to play when their turn comes.

Time limit is 5 minutes. Judges may limit the number of tunes based on the number of contestants.

Judging will be scored on the basis of intonation, timing, and execution, for each age category.

Judges will be asked to break any ties.

The Trick & Fancy competition is not merely an opportunity to play an additional tune.

Trick and Fancy performances should have showmanship, originality, novelty, humor, and be **very** entertaining; judging will be according to these standards.

Prize money - \$800 for five divisions.

There are carved wooden trophies for division winners (except *Trick & Fancy* and *Ages 30 & up*).

**\*\* All contestants will receive a free chicken dinner from Laura's Vittle House. \*\***

**Most of all, come and have some fun playing live music in front of an appreciative audience!**

Thank you for considering our contest.

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