



WINTER 2024

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...A TONIC FOR MODERN ILLS!...

Wheatland Music Organization is pleased to announce we have been awarded a \$13,500 Operational Support grant from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC). This grant will help us meet our mission of serving as a regional resource center for the preservation and presentation of traditional music and arts.

A portion of the award was made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This funding will strengthen the overall organization by helping 300+ share their creative expression and toward administrative and other costs necessary to enrich live with quality traditional arts programs during 2024. Wheatland offers a wealth of arts experiences – the annual Wheatland Music Festival, Traditional Arts Weekend, Summer Wheat and Winter Wheat, monthly dances, jamborees, Wheatscouts, ongoing Community Education programming, Archiving and Scholarships. Wheatland’s success reflects the work done by 3 paid staff, 13 board members, 1000+ volunteers and hundreds of donors and members.

We’re looking for the 2024 T-Shirt Design!

Wheatland Music is in search of the design for our 2024 Wheatland Festival t-shirt and other merchandise. Tap into your creative spirit and turn your artistic talents into a prize.

Designs need to include the following:

Remus, Michigan, 51st Annual, and the year. Submissions will be accepted through April 30, 2024, with the winner being announced May 21st, 2024. Digitized submissions are preferred, and should be in vector format for scalability. Hand-drawn designs will also be accepted. The artist of the chosen design will receive a prize of \$200, one weekend festival pass, and one merchandise item of their choice.

The chosen design will be used for merchandise, marketing, and branding purposes for Wheatland Music Festival 2024 and/or future content.

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Email digital photo: wmo.office@wheatlandmusic.org ‘T-Shirt Design’ as the subject line or Mail physical copy (sketch, painting, crayons, printed image, etc) to: Wheatland Music Organization | ATTN: 2024 Festival T-Shirt Design | PO BOX 22 | Remus MI 49340

All t-shirt design submissions will become the property of the Wheatland Music Organization.



Scholarship News

Wheatland Scholarship Committee is announcing a new Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund Group Application that music and arts instructors may use to seek awards up to \$1,500 in nonprofit or school groups serving youth ages 3-18 that live or attend school in Mecosta, Osceola, Lake, Newaygo or Montcalm Counties where there is financial need and instruction is offered to children. Awards may help purchase traditional arts instruments or art "tools" at \$50 or less per unit for youth to own and take home. The Funds are not for the cost of instruction. The application may be downloaded or submitted online at wheatlandmusic.org.

To make inquiries before submitting a request, email scholarship@wheatlandmusic.org.

Summer Wheat Music Camp

A Traditional Music Camp for Adults | June 17-22, 2024

Experience the joy of a week of fun, music, concerts, dance, food, and summer goodness at Wheatland's Summer Wheat Music Camp, designed for adults ages 18 and up.

Students learn from the best of the best in today's traditional music scene. Classes include lap dulcimer, hammer dulcimer, fiddle, guitar, singing, songwriting, mandolin, banjo, upright bass, harmonica, and ukulele. Musical styles include (but are not limited to) Irish, Old Time, Blues, and Cajun. Music Theory, Storytelling, Tai Chi, Performance Skills, and Sound 101 will also be available.

Featuring a lineup of internationally and nationally renowned award-winning instructors, the Wheatland Summer Wheat Music Camp takes place on the beautiful grounds of the Wheatland Music Organization in mid-Michigan.

Participants develop their skills in one-on-one sessions and in small group lessons. Musicians, from beginners to seasoned professionals, can join for a day, a few days, or a full week. Dedicated to providing an immersive musical and educational experience, this camp is for those wanting to enhance their current skills or build a solid foundation in a new area.

Students will be inspired by daily performances, receive coaching, and see the inner workings of their collaborative creative process. Camp includes meals, beverages, snacks, camping, hot showers, and optional electrical hookups.

This camp is designed for adult players of all levels. Young folks able to sustain an adult level of participation are welcome (parent or guardian required for those under 18). There is a discounted option for non-musical spouses, partners, and parents to join the fun.

Hellos & Goodbyes

Have you made any additions to your Wheatland family since the 2023 festival? For "Hellos," please tell us their name, when he or she was born (and/or when he or she joined the family), and his or her parents' / guardians' names. If you have had to say goodbye to a special Wheatie since the last festival, consider letting the many people who read the festival program book every year know of their passing. For "Goodbyes," we would like to know the person's name, when he or she passed away, how many festivals he or she attended, and what the person liked best about Wheatland. If you have a black and white or high contrast color photo of your loved one you would like to share, we might be able to include it in the program book. Send info for "Hellos and Goodbyes" to WMO, PO Box 22, Remus, MI 49340 or email us at wmo.office@wheatlandmusic.org. The deadline for all entries is July 15, 2024

Summer Wheat Music Camp



CAMPGROUNDS and Squeeze Please

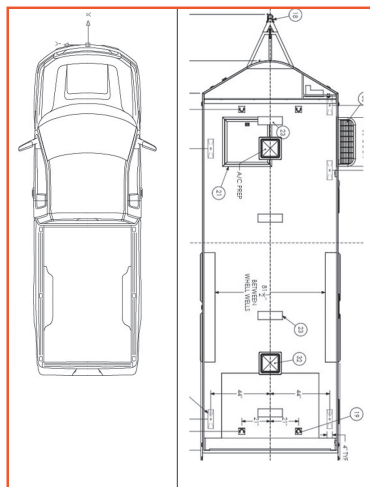
Wheatland 2023 celebrated its 50th anniversary. A lot of changes have happened over the years and camping is one of them. In 2023 available camping space for some was no problem, unfortunately others were inconvenienced and experienced frustrations. First and foremost, a big **THANK YOU** to those who worked with the volunteers to get settled and we apologize for any inconvenience and frustration experienced.

The board of directors and the campground volunteers are working together to not have these problems in 2024. Any solution Wheatland identifies will need the support and compliance from you, the patrons. Despite what has been suggested, that Wheatland over sold tickets for the 50th, we did not. Over the years we have observed more trailers and fewer tent campers, which makes sense to us. Another challenge is the number of vehicles parked on the Wheatland site.

As most campers know, the Wheatland group camping area requests a “**Squeeze Please**” approach and while everyone tries, some are more successful than others.

A brief review of the Squeeze Please request seems appropriate.

- Campgrounds are for campsites.
- Group gathering tents have been accepted.
- Move additional vehicles to long term parking.
- Groups wanting to camp together should arrive together.
- Compress the campsite to the minimum width along the fire lane.
- As usual trailers should have the hitch point towards the fire lane.
- Motor homes should also face the fire lane.



*Space for:
Trailer Awning
(rolled out), Small
Tents, or Group
Gathering*



Photo Contest

DEADLINE MAY 30, 2024

While we continue to be awed by the photographic eye of Peggy Brisbane, whose photos you see each year in the festival program book; she can't make it to every jam session or out into the far reaches of the campgrounds.

We'd like to add your photographs to the collection, Wheatland shutterbugs. Get in the pages of the summer newsletter by submitting your photos from recent festivals to the this Wheatland Photo Contest!

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS

- Select copies of your favorite black and white or color photos.
- Indicate what's going on in the photo, where when and when it was taken.
- Include your name, address and phone number.

Send your photo electronically to wmo.office@wheatlandmusic.org.

- 5 PHOTO LIMIT
- Type FESTIVAL PHOTO CONTEST in the subject line
- ATTACH photo files to your email (photos copied and pasted into the email may be disqualified)
- Email photos to wmo.office@wheatlandmusic.org
- Remember PHOTOS MUST BE SENT AS AN ATTACHMENT
- DEADLINE: May 30, 2024

All of the photos received will be reviewed by a panel of judges (or the Wheatland Board of Directors), and winners will be selected and notified.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- **1st Place** – two (2) tickets to the 2024 Wheatland Music Festival plus \$25.00 in Wheat Bucks
- **2nd Place** – two (2) 2024 Festival Tickets
- **3rd Place** – one (1) 2024 Festival Ticket plus one (1) 2023 festival t-shirt
- **4th Place** – one (1) 2024 Festival Ticket
- **5th Place** – one (1) 2024 Festival t-shirt plus \$15.00 in Wheat Bucks.

Between three and five photos will be printed in the Summer QuarterNotes, with photo credits given to the winning photographers.

NOTE: we accept photo contest submissions year 'round. If it's easier for you to remember to send copies of your festival photos to us as soon as you get them developed, that would be fine. We'll just hang onto them until we need them.

We also reserve the right to use the photos submitted to the photo contest for future use in our program book, newsletters and web site.

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The mission of the Wheatland Music Organization is to serve as a regional resource center for the preservation and presentation of traditional music and arts.

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Membership

2024 Memberships are available through September 1, 2024. 2025 memberships go on sale October 1, 2024.

Whether you are a new member or a long-time supporter, your contribution makes a difference. Your gift shows that you recognize the value of joining the Wheatland family in preserving our rich heritage of traditional arts.

As a member of the Wheatland family, you will:

- Able to purchase adult festival tickets early (2 per Level 1, 4 per Level 2 or 6 per Level 3-5)
- Helping to preserve and present traditional arts
- Helping to support Wheatland as a regional resource center
- Receive Quarter Notes
- Receive information on the annual Festival and Traditional Arts Weekend, Summer Wheat, Winter Wheat, and monthly events like Jamborees and Wheatscouts, and occasional events like concerts and dances
- Receive discounts on ticketed events with advance purchase
- Receive recognition as a supporter
- Eligible for a tax deduction as allowed

YES! I'd like to become a member.

I would like to make the following donation _____.
I understand donations are tax deductible as allowed by law, minus any value returned.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Place of Employment (optional): _____

CHECK OR MONEYORDER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____

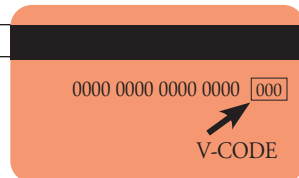
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EXP. DATE: _____

V-CODE: _____

May we publish your name as a donor or member?

YES NO



Membership Levels

MEMBERSHIPS VALID JAN 1 - DEC 31

Level 1.....\$60

\$5 discount for 2 adult or senior festival tickets, 10% discount on TAW tickets, and 5% discount on Summer Wheat Music Camp registration.

Level 2.....\$90

\$5 discount for 4 adult or senior festival tickets, 10% discount on TAW tickets, and 5% discount on Summer Wheat Music Camp registration.

Level 3.....\$175

\$5 discount for 6 adult or senior festival tickets, 10% discount on TAW tickets, and 5% discount on Summer Wheat Music Camp registration.

Level 4.....\$550

\$10 discount for up to 6 adult or senior festival tickets, 1 of which can be Early Entry, 10% discount on TAW tickets, and 5% discount on Summer Wheat Music Camp registration.

Level 5.....\$1,100+

\$10 discount for up to 6 adult or senior festival tickets, 2 of which can be Early Entry, 10% discount on TAW tickets, and 5% discount on Summer Wheat Music Camp registration.

Names of all paid members are published in the festival program unless otherwise requested.

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