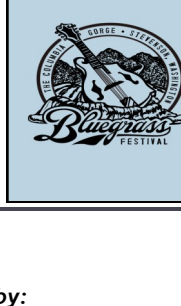


Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival News



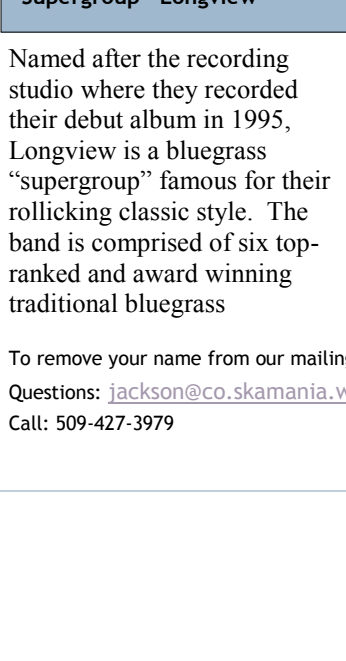
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Early Bird Tickets Available until July 1st

The 2010 Festival, July 22-25, features an all-star line-up led by the legendary group Longview, and boasts the talent of The Freight Hoppers, Sierra Hull, Josh Williams Band, Bryan Bowers, Prairie Flyer, and the Great Northern Planes. This event promises instrument contests, raffle for a Martin D-18 guitar, and workshops for the whole family, featuring Josh Williams, Frank Lee of the Freight Hoppers, and the Chick Rose Kids Academy. We just added fan favorites [Old Circle](#) and [North-ern Departure](#) to our line-up. Please visit <http://www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net/schedule.htm> for more details and Festival updates.

Festival tickets are on sale now. Guarantee your favorite site on our scenic campground when you make your reservation, today. Please note, one weekend pass is included in each Festival Camping Package. Additional and individual Weekend Passes are available to purchase, too. Don't forget JULY 1 is the last day to catch the early bird rate. Visit www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net and click on the "Buy Weekend Pass" and "Festival Camping" links. You will have the opportunity to view our campground map, and select your spot. Click on the space you would like, and you will be directed to another camping page to confirm your site. Reserve early, and guarantee you get your favorite spot, or that one next to your friends.

Legendary Longview Bluegrass Band Joins the Festival



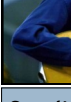
"Supergroup" Longview

Named after the recording studio where they recorded their debut album in 1995, Longview is a bluegrass "supergroup" famous for their rollicking classic style. The band is comprised of six top-ranked and award winning traditional bluegrass

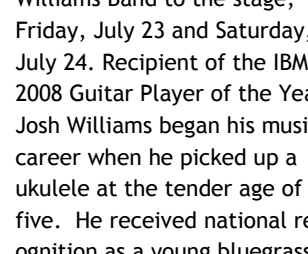
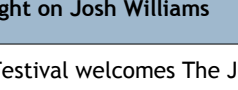
musicians, featuring Don Rigsby on the mandolin, James King and Lou Reid on the guitar, J.D. Crowe on banjo, Ron Stewart on fiddle, and Marshall Wilborn on bass. All accomplished leaders in other bluegrass bands, their talent shines through their trademark three-part harmony. Recalling bluegrass bands of the 1940s and '50s, their sound is classic while maintaining a contemporary twist.

It's a rare gift, the members find time in their busy schedules to unite as Longview. We are proud to announce they will join the Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival Friday, July 23.

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Spotlight on Josh Williams

The Festival welcomes The Josh Williams Band to the stage, Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24. Recipient of the IBMA 2008 Guitar Player of the Year, Josh Williams began his musical career when he picked up a ukulele at the tender age of five. He received national recognition as a young bluegrass prodigy when he appeared in the 1993 IBMA Awards Show as part of the "youth in bluegrass" band, and went on to find success playing with The Young Acoustic All-Stars, Hyperdrive, The Special Consensus, and Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. A talented player of all bluegrass instruments and a great singer and songwriter, Josh stands as a creative force in the "New Generation" of Bluegrass. Accompanied by Jason McKendree on the banjo and Randy Barnes on the bass the dynamic Josh Williams Band is complete, and the future of bluegrass music looks bright.

The Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival is pleased Josh Williams will also join us for a guitar workshop. Watch for workshop updates on the Festival site: www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net

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