

Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival News

We're Getting Ready for 2010!

The 2009 Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival was a sensation! Thanks to everyone who joined us for our 26th turn. We had a great time celebrating with you, and are hard at work planning the 2010 event. The next Festival hits the Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson, WA, July 22-25. Again, we will welcome award winning acts to our stage. The all-star line-up is led by the legendary group Longview. The band is comprised of six top-ranked traditional bluegrass musicians and vocalists. The group features Don Riggsby 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. They all contribute



The 2010 line up features the Bluegrass "supergroup" Longview

on vocals, rounding out their soulful sound. They join The Freight Hoppers, Sierra Hull, The Josh Williams Band, Brian Bowers, Prairie Flyer, and the Great Northern Planes for the 27th annual event. Stay tuned for additions to the show.

Look for the 2010 Festival to carry on the traditions that make it one of the best Bluegrass events in the Northwest. Long-time fans will welcome back the Thursday Night Jammers Jamboree, Friday's Old Timey Dance, and Saturday's Country Dance. Again, the event features instrument contests, instrument raffle, workshops for all ages, and jamming throughout. Visitors will be treated to an assortment of fine craft and music related booths, delicious food, coffee and espresso, and micro brew beers, too.

Pre-festival plans include the first annual "Most Outrageous Banjo Video Contest" Proudly sponsored by Nechville Banjos, the winner will receive a banjo and passes to the Festival. Look for official contest guide



A Nechville banjo will be awarded to the "Most Outrageous Banjo Video"

lines to be announced, soon.

The Festival is proud to announce 20% of this year's sponsorship funding will benefit the local Stevenson High School band program. Recent studies demonstrate a link between early music education and a higher level of life-long learning skills. The Festival wishes to strengthen this bond and offer thanks to our supportive community. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please call 509-427-3979.

Weekend Event Pass purchase and camping reservations will be available on line in the new year. Visit: www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net or become a fan of the Festival on Facebook, to catch up on our latest news. Happy Holidays! We'll see you in 2010!



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Join us for our 2010 celebration!

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