

## *Instructors and Performers*

As we prepare for our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual **Buckeye Dulcimer Festival** our plan, as always, is to bring to you the best instructors possible. Many of these wonderful folks have been suggested by you as favorites. This year's instructors for the Thursday/Friday **EXTENDED SESSIONS (and weekend mini-sessions)** are:

### *Mountain Dulcimer*

Diane Hochstetler– Beginner  
Joe Steiner – Past Beg./Early Int.  
David Haas – Intermediate/Advanced

### *Hammered Dulcimer*

Melanie Shapiro – Beginner  
Chris Steiner – Past Beg./Early Int.  
Ruth Smith – Intermediate/Advanced

### *Autoharp*

Charles Whitmer – Beyond Beginner

### *Ukulele*

Steve Smith – Beyond Beginner

### *Band-it!* (Acoustic Instruments)

Shari Wolf – Beyond Beginner

Each class will offer approximately 5 hours of instruction each day on Thursday & Friday.

Check our website  
[www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com](http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com)  
for instructor bios, class  
descriptions, schedules & updates.

## **BUCKEYE DULCIMER FESTIVAL**

is held at Recreation Unlimited  
7700 Piper Rd.  
Ashley, Ohio

RU is a nonprofit organization providing programs in sports, recreation and education for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities and other health concerns. In addition, the beautiful campus and facilities are available for a variety of other activities including school group outings, corporate team building, conferences and workshops.

This year-round campus features a 20,000 square foot Life Center, three major residence halls, private housing cottage, Greif House (Pods), multi-purpose Lodge, Creative Center, Dining Hall, Health Services Center, administrative and support buildings.

**Location: Recreation Unlimited is located 35 minutes northeast of Columbus, on Piper Road, 3 miles south of SR 229 between Ashley, Ohio and I-71 north of Columbus, OH.**

### *Saturday*

Saturday will offer multiple mini-sessions in dulcimer, harmonica, autoharp, ukulele, bass, banjo & more!

For beginners, Saturday also offers a 5-hour day of intensive classes for Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Autoharp and a 3-hour Introduction to Harp.

We will conclude the day with dinner, evening concerts and jams.



For more information about:  
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Final Registration Deadline: **April 15, 2025**  
OR UNTIL FILLED.

### *Early Bird Registration*

We are pleased to again offer you “Early Bird” pricing options for the Buckeye Dulcimer Festival.

For participants who register and pay, **IN FULL, before January 10, 2025** there are discounted fees. Be sure to read your registration form carefully.

Buckeye accepts checks, money orders and credit cards. Checks will not be deposited until after January 1, 2025.

# *Celebrating our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Buckeye Dulcimer Festival*

**April 23-27, 2025**  
Recreation Unlimited  
Ashley, OH

### *Featuring:*

*Dave Haas*      *Ruth Smith*  
*Steve Smith*  
*Charles Whitmer*  
*Diane Hochstetler*  
*Melanie Shapiro*  
*Chris Steiner*  
*Joe Steiner*  
*Shari Wolf*

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## HOUSING ... STAY WITH US AT RECREATION UNLIMITED

(Dorm or Semi-private housing)

Or... MOTEL IT or COMMUTE FROM HOME

### DORM STYLE

There are two Residence Halls (A & B). Each consists of two wings with a large lounge and two restroom/shower areas in the central area. The halls have been arranged with more spacing between the bunks and a reduced number of participants per wing. Residence Hall A will be "Ladies Only".

Residence Hall B has been designated as our "Couples" hall. Gents are housed in one wing, & ladies in the other, each wing with their own restroom & showers.

No one sleeps in an upper bunk. There are hospital beds with electric power adjustments available. There are sufficient electrical outlets for CPAP machines, device chargers, etc.

### SEMI-PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS

The Greif house provides semi-private housing options to participants. This newer building provides a fine alternative to "dorm" housing without driving to and from a motel. The Greif House provides semi-private housing for 2, 3, or 6 people in private "pods" which include restroom facilities.

Full pricing details are shown on the Registration Form which is included with this brochure. Area motels will be listed on the website when available.

Check out the website below to see the residence halls and Greif House video walk-through.

<https://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com/bdfhousing.htm>

### BUCKEYE DULCIMER FESTIVAL SHIRTS

Make sure to order your limited edition 32nd Anniversary shirt!

To ensure that we have enough shirts and the right sizes, we're asking that you pre-order on the Registration Form.

If you are unable to attend the festival, but would still like a 32nd Anniversary shirt, please contact Shari by email at [buckeyedulcimer@yahoo.com](mailto:buckeyedulcimer@yahoo.com)

Actual shirt design and color will be posted on the Festival website.



**No shirt orders will be accepted after March 1, 2025.**

## BUCKEYE DULCIMER FESTIVAL IS...

...a unique opportunity for acoustic instrument players to meet, learn and play together. We're focused on making your music experience a rewarding one!

Wednesday afternoon kicks off the festival with an early bird class, jamming, flag raising, dinner, orientation and meeting your instructors. Fun and games! Jamming will start the evening, but make sure to get to bed early so you are rested for the activities to come.

After breakfast, our Thursday and Friday extended sessions include 3 hours of in-depth, intensive instruction for Mountain and Hammered Dulcimer, Autoharp, Ukulele and "Band-it!". After lunch, we will continue the intensive instruction, and then there will be a variety of other activities planned for each afternoon. Evenings present opportunities for a variety of jams; a slower jam for those who enjoy a moderate tempo, and another for those who love the thrill of high speed jammin'. Opportunities for performing on "open stage" will be available.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the Friday and Saturday night concerts by our amazing instructors. Following the concerts will be time for jamming or socializing by the fireplace in the lodge.

Vendors will arrive on Friday afternoon so you will have an excellent opportunity to purchase musical instruments, supplies, books, and CDs throughout the weekend.

The Saturday afternoon schedule will include our popular "cake walk"... make sure to bring your quarters.

Wednesday and Thursday, there will be space available for you to bring in music-related items that you would like to sell.

We are also accepting donations of music-related items that will be silent-auctioned and/or raffled to benefit continuation of the festival. Larger items will also be posted so our "online" Buckeye Dulcimer family can participate, too.

The festival concludes on Sunday morning with our traditional Gospel Sing, brunch, final bids on raffle items, and good-byes.

Due to last year's success, we will again offer the Intermediate/Adv. Mountain & Hammered Dulcimer sessions, and the Autoharp and Ukulele sessions as a zoom/hybrid. Off-site participants will be able to Take the 10-hour extended sessions via Zoom.

As an added bonus, this technology gives in-person participants better sound and a great view via a large-screen TV showing the instructor's hand and instrument close-up.



**Pre-Registration is a MUST.** Return the enclosed registration form today to reserve your spot for learning, fun, and fellowship!

Due to Recreation Unlimited's policies, anyone attending under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a registered adult.

**For any questions, please call 937-216-5176.**