

Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association

Youth Fiddle Contest



November 4, 2007



At SCVFA's Jam Sunday Afternoon

(Check in 1:00; contest begins 1:45 with 8-and-under division)

at Hoover Middle School Park and Naglee, San Jose

Register early! Due to time constraints a maximum of 30 contestants will be accepted. Additional registrants will be placed on a waiting list.

Three Age Divisions: Eight and under, 11 and under, and 16 and under.
Prizes will be awarded (up to the number of contestants) as follows:

8 and under:	11 and under:	16 and under:
1 st Prize \$40	1 st Prize \$50	1 st Prize \$60
2 nd Prize \$25	2 nd Prize \$35	2 nd Prize \$45
3 rd Prize \$20	3 rd Prize \$25	3 rd Prize \$35
4 th Prize \$15	4 th Prize \$20	4 th Prize \$25
5 th Prize \$10	5 th Prize \$15	5 th Prize \$20

New!

Grand Prize Drawing

Contestants' names will be entered into a drawing for a beginner's fiddle outfit.

Donated by Steve Joynes,
Violin Restoration and Sales

Registration fee \$5 if received by Oct. 31, \$10 afterwards (includes one free adult admission, for parent, accompanist or any other adult). Additional adult admissions \$5.

For more information contact Pete Showman at (408) 255-0297, or ContestInfo07@scvfa.org.
See the SCVFA web site, www.scvfa.org, for information and registration form.

Contestants will play two tunes: one tune in a traditional fiddle style and one tune of player's choice.

The playing time for the two tunes should be no more than four minutes total.

Each contestant may have up to two accompanists, who may not play the melody.

SCVFA Youth Fiddle Contest

Sunday November 4, 2007

The **Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association** is holding a **Youth Fiddle Contest** to encourage the playing of traditional fiddle music by young people. The contest will be held November 4, 2007 at the regular SCVFA Jam.

Location: Hoover Middle School, 1635 Park Ave. (entrance on Naglee Ave.) in San Jose (*see www.scvfa.org*).

Schedule: Check-in 1:00-1:30, Division 1 starts at approximately 1:45pm.

Summary of the rules: (*For the official rules, download the information packet from our website.*)

- Three Divisions by age: **Div 1:** 8 and under; **Div 2:** 11 and under; **Div 3:** 16 and under.
- Each contestant plays two tunes: one fiddle tune and one tune of player's choice, up to 4 minutes combined.
- Each contestant may have up to two accompanists, who may not play the melody. (Call if you need one.)
- Scoring will be based equally on rhythm, intonation & tone quality, style, and difficulty (25% each).
- Only one round will be played. At the sole discretion of the Contest Committee, ties based on total points may be resolved, e.g. by considering the judges' individual ordinal rankings, or duplicate awards may be made.

Due to time limitations, **the contest is limited to 30 contestants**, with 5 spots reserved for each division until the early-registration deadline. Entrants beyond 30 will be wait-listed. Register early to reserve your place!

To Register in Advance: fill in the registration form below, and deliver it with your entry fee:

- By mail: SCVFA, P.O. Box 2666, Cupertino, CA 95015-2666. Make checks payable to SCVFA.
- By hand: Bring it to the regular October 7th SCVFA jam, 1-5pm at Hoover School (contest location).

You may also reserve a space by faxing the entry form to us at (408) 255-5775 and sending payment to reach us by the October 31st early-registration deadline. After October 31st, priority will be given to paid applications.

Early Registration Fee: \$5 for payments received by Wednesday October 31, 2007.

After October 31, the registration fee will be \$10.

Registration fee includes one Adult Admission Pass (\$5 value). Bring a parent, accompanist or friend for free!

Check-in for registered contestants and **on-site registration** is from 1:00-1:30. You must check in and get a number, even if you have registered. Entrants who have not checked in by 1:30 may be moved to the wait-list.

Admission: Adults \$5 (or free with Adult Pass). Children 16 and under are free.

Questions or problems? Email or call Pete Showman: ContestInfo07@scvfa.org, (408) 255-0297.

Registration Form - SCVFA Youth Fiddle Contest 2007

Contestant's Name _____ Age _____ (years,
as of Nov 4, 2007)

- Division 1: 8 and under
 Division 2: 11 and under
 Division 3: 16 and under

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone No.(s) (_____) _____ day/eve?

Email(s) _____

Would you like to be notified about future SCVFA special events? Yes No

Optional (but helpful):

Tunes you will play* _____

** If known. The tunes can be changed; just let us know by the time you check in at the contest*

Teacher's name: _____

How did you hear about the contest? _____

Rules for the SCVFA Youth Fiddle Contest Nov 4, 2007

Calling all young fiddlers! Enter the 6th Annual Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association's Youth Fiddle Contest, to be held at the November 4, 2007 [SCVFA Jam](#). Or if you're not a young fiddler, come and cheer on the contestants. It's great fun!

The SCVFA has held contests since 2002 to encourage enjoyment of traditional music by young people.

Official Contest Rules and Details

Divisions & Prizes There will be three Divisions by age, each with cash prizes for first through fifth places:

- Division 1: 8 and under \$40/\$25/\$20/\$15/\$10
- Division 2: 11 and under \$50/\$35/\$25/\$20/\$15
- Division 3: 16 and under \$60/\$45/\$35/\$25/\$20

Note that these are slightly different from the age divisions often used in old-time fiddle contests.



Grand Prize Drawing: At the close of the 2007 contest, the names of all contestants who performed in the contest will be entered into a drawing for a **beginner's fiddle set** (fiddle, bow and case; choice of available sizes) donated by **Steve Joynes, Violin Restoration and Sales**.

Tunes Contestants are to play two tunes: one fiddle tune (a tune in a traditional fiddle style) and one tune of player's choice. There is no restriction on the speeds of the two tunes. Total playing time is limited to four minutes (for the two tunes). Each contestant may have up to two accompanists, who may not play the melody.

Scoring Scoring will be based equally on four qualities: rhythm, intonation & tone quality, style, and difficulty (25% each). We recommend playing less-difficult tunes well (or perhaps playing more slowly) rather than attempting difficult or fast tunes that are not fully mastered. (Only 25% of the score is for difficulty while 75% is for how well the tune is played.)

Due to time constraints only one round will be played. At the sole discretion of the Contest Committee, ties based on total points may be resolved, e.g. by considering the judges' individual ordinal rankings, or duplicate awards may be made.

Schedule **Check-in** for registered (pre-paid) contestants is from 1:00 to 1:30pm. **On-site registration** for unregistered contestants will also be offered during that time. (The late registration fee applies to on-site registrations; see [Fees](#) below.) Division 1 is scheduled to begin playing as soon as possible after 1:45pm. Other divisions' starting times will depend on the number of players entered in each division. Presentation of awards is expected to be finished by approximately 5:00pm.

Registration Due to time constraints there is a limit of 30 contestants, with 5 spots reserved for each division until the early-registration deadline. Additional registration requests beyond those limits will be placed on a wait-list. Wait-listed entrants will be processed in order if there are cancellations or no-shows.

To register, print and fill out the [Registration Form](#), and send it with your entry fee to:

SCVFA Youth Fiddle Contest
PO Box 2666
Cupertino, CA 95015-2666

You may also reserve a space by faxing the registration form to (408) 255-5775; then complete the early-registration process by mailing your \$5 payment to reach us by the early registration deadline (see [Fees](#) below). After that date you can send the \$10 late-registration fee to reach us by Friday November 2 — or just bring it to the contest and complete your registration on site.

Unpaid (faxed) entry forms will reserve your place at least until the early-registration deadline. After that date, paid wait-list registration requests will be given preference over unpaid reservations if we should run out of room. (In 2003, 2004 and 2006 we did not quite fill up, but in 2002 and 2005 we did.)

Fees The early registration fee is \$5.00 for payments received by Wednesday, October 31. After that date the registration fee is \$10.00. Each registration includes one free Adult Admission Pass (a \$5 value). Additional adult admissions are \$5, payable at the door. As with all SCVFA jams, children 16 and under are admitted free.

For more information, download and print the PDF [information packet](#), or the separate [flyer](#), [rules](#) and [registration form](#).

Check-In Check-in is from 1:00 to 1:30. Unless you make special arrangements (call or email us; see below), you must check in by 1:30 at the contest check-in and registration desks **even if you have registered by mail**, to verify your information and get your contestant number. If you do not check in you may lose your place to someone on the wait-list.

Within each Division, the order of play will be determined by a random drawing of the contestants who have submitted entry forms by Friday November 2. Later registrants will be added to the end of the list.

If you have any questions about the Youth Fiddle Contest [email us](#), or call Pete Showman at (408) 255-0297.

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