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Winter Newsletter - 2023

50th Annual Blue Skies Music Festival
August 4th - 6th

Welcome to the 2023 Winter Newsletter with news about how to stay in touch on the Blue Skies Mailing List, how to help out with accessibility issues at Blue Skies, how to take part all year long in spreading Blue Skies magic with Blue Skies in the Community, how to register for Kids' Arts Camp and Adult Music Camp, how to enter the t-shirt design contest, how to share your knowledge and enthusiasm by presenting Holistic, Teen or Kids' Area workshops and how you can participate in Blue Skies #50. Whew!





The Blue

Skies Mailing List

What is the Blue Skies Mailing List?

The Mailing List is a database of all of the people who will receive a 2023 ticket request form/lottery card by email in March.

How do I know if I'm on the Blue Skies Mailing List?

Everyone on the mailing list receives an email from Blue Skies in March asking

for your ticket request, whether or not you want to remain on the list, drop off the list or correct your contact information. This keeps the list up-to-date and lets folks drop off the list when we don't hear from them.

How do I get on the Blue Skies Mailing List for the 1st time?

Come to Blue Skies on a Day Pass and write your contact information in the big Blue Skies Mailing List Binder.

That's all there is to it! Hope to see you in 2023! You can also sign up by sending your preferred email and postal addresses to

maillist@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca



Design the 50th Anniversary T-shirt

Would you love to have your design featured on the 2023 Blue Skies T-shirt? It's an extra special year- the 50th anniversary of the Blue Skies Music Festival!

The contest winner will receive 2 free weekend camping passes to the 2023 Blue Skies Music Festival!

To be a winner your design should:

- refer to the 50th anniversary
- refer to music
- actually state "Blue Skies Music Festival 2023"
- be submitted in colour (up to 3 colours in addition to the T-shirt colour)



The deadline is February 22nd

Please submit your design in an editable digital format such as .ai, .psd, .pdf.

Email your design submissions to the address below. No more than 3 designs per person please. We will contact the winner in early March.

tshirtdesign@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

Designs are subject to change due to printing limitations.

Giving a Workshop at the Festival

[Blue Skies 2023 Workshop Proposals KIDS TEENS AND HOLISTIC <----- CLICK HERE](#)



Workshops are a wonderful part of the Blue Skies experience. They can introduce us to different ways of looking at ourselves and the world, and whet our appetite to know more and do more. We are eager to hear your creative ideas for this year's program. As this is a particularly special time for Blue Skies, the **50th Anniversary**, we're particularly interested in workshops that are geared toward the 50th celebration. Ideas we have floated around as being particularly of interest would be, old school decorations, crafts, guided storytelling, memories, songs, legends and lessons, and anything else you can dream up!

Remember that we are looking for workshops for all ages - adults, teens, and kids. This year, submissions for each area can be sent via the form link above. Please remember we have no running water or electricity in the Kids area.

We'd love to hear your ideas - the (blue) sky's the limit!

Please Submit by the 19th of February

Adult Music Camp - Learning, Jamming, Friendship

Blue Skies in the Community presents an immersive music experience in the days leading up to the Blue Skies Festival. From Sunday July 30 (evening) through Wednesday Aug. 2 (noon) we are offering three streams of workshops. There is a Bluegrass stream hosted by **Joey Wright**. **Nicola Oddy** is leading "Let's Sing" - sharing voices in the environment. Singing around the Campfire is under the guidance of **Magoo**. And evenings are spent doing just that. The Adult Music Camp takes place at the Blue Skies Festival site near Clarendon. Participants camp on site. There are 20 places for each stream so book early! The cost is \$200 and registration forms are available on the BSIC site (below). More information can be found at <http://blueskies-in-the-community.ca/wordpress/musiccamp/>

BLUESKIES 2023

ADULT MUSIC CAMP

July 30 - Aug 2

At the Blue Skies Festival site in Clarendon
Pick a stream and let's have some fun

BLUEGRASS
w/ joey wright

LET'S SING!
with nicola oddy

singing around the campfire
with magoo

For more info: <http://blueskies-in-the-community.ca/wordpress/music-camp/>

Blue Skies in the Community

Making Music Happen

The Blue Skies in the Community Committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who work year-round to sprinkle a little Blue Skies magic into the communities surrounding the Blue Skies site. We do this by promoting and financially supporting live music at events in the area, and by organizing and running some programs of our own. We gratefully accept donations to continue our work. Please check out our website to see what we do.

2023 project funds now available!

Does your club or organization want to host a live music performance?

Are you a musician with a school program idea?

Want to enhance your public event with a musical performer?

Blue Skies in the Community provides up to 50% of the costs for eligible projects.

We can guarantee artist's fees for community hall concerts, house concerts and open air events. Call with your idea and we can guide you through the application. Preference is given but not limited to a large area around Clarendon.

Get more information on our website: www.blue-skies-in-the-community.ca

The Blue Skies Community Fiddle Orchestra was able to return to in person sessions this year, much to the joy of its 34 dedicated members. In addition, it has retained weekly ZOOM classes, which allows people who live at a distance, or who are not able to attend in person sessions for any other reason, to participate in the Orchestra. After the two years of shut down due to Covid, Cindy McCall was able to start a Beginners Orchestra again this fall. There are 23 members, which is an all-time record for a Fiddle Orchestra Beginners class. Many experienced members help Cindy with this class.



As well as providing excellent musical training and an enjoyable weekly activity to members, the Fiddle Orchestra is often asked to give concerts to local community groups. As well, the Orchestra was able to return to offering the "Little Christmas Concert" this January. Local fans filled the Maberly Hall to overflowing for a concert that has become an important feature of many local people's winters. For more information contact cindy.fiddlemusic.mccall@gmail.com

Accessibility Is An Important Issue For Us

We have been thinking a lot about barriers that people with disabilities might encounter at Blue Skies. We are working on ways we can be more inclusive, transparent, and helpful. So far, we have created an accessibility coordinator position, an accessibility policy and training for organizers and volunteers. We have also improved the accessibility of one of the outhouses and piloted a process for welcoming service dogs.

How could you help?

Help me collect blueskies'ers experiences using accessible facilities at the festival! I would love to hear if you have experience using the accessible camping area or parking. What was good, not so good? Also, if you have ideas on how we can expand our learning. Email us at accessibility@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca



Blue Skies Kids Arts Camp

This unique day camp is perfect for kids (8-13) who love to dabble in all things artistic and who appreciate the glorious outdoors. With a focus on developing new skills in Music, Art, Drama, Voice, Movement and Social Connections, this camp has lots of wonderful opportunities for everyone. Accomplished instructors are hired to run the workshops and a fantastic leadership team is there to make campers feel welcome and safe and to lead everyone in fun games and activities.

The camp also focuses on the development of leadership skills in youth. For older campers, there are ample opportunities for personal growth and if interested, campers can join the Leadership Team and become a camp Volunteer, and eventually move into the role of CIT and/or Counsellor.

Mark your calendars! The 22nd annual Blue Skies Kids Arts Camp begins Monday, July 24, 2023 and runs to Friday July 28, 2023, on the magical Blue Skies Festival site in Clarendon, ON. Information about the camp and our registration process will be posted on our website www.blueskies-in-the-community.ca in late February 2023. If you have any questions, please contact our camp directors Jenn and Janine at blueskiescamp@gmail.com



Getting Ready for the Big 5-0!

Happy almost 50th!

We hope you are enjoying the winter season. As you start to plan for warmer days ahead, it will soon be time to find your party hat, dust off your dancing shoes, and find a decoration to make your camp site or hill chair festive. We hope this 50th year of Blue Skies will be a fun and memorable time. If you have a great idea or a fun way you'd like to pitch in, please email us at 50years@BlueSkiesMusicFestival.ca.

**Let's really
whoop up a
storm to
celebrate our
upcoming 50
years
of music and
community!**



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