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3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Big Yam Potatoes Fiddle Contest and Gathering

Date of Event: May 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

The Mississippi Fiddlers Association is hosting the third Annual Great Big Yam Potatoes Fiddle Contest and Old Time Music Gathering, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Friends of Old Time Fiddle music will appreciate the setting for Mississippi's only Old Time Fiddle Music Festival. The Great Big Yam Potatoes will be held at Historic Jefferson College in Washington Mississippi just north of Natchez on highway 61.

Registration desk for the fiddle contest opens at 8 am and the Pee Wee division will start the day in the main building after Presentation of the Colors and the National Anthem fiddled by Rachel Ward.

The early morning line up: starts with guitar work by R. W. Gray. Mississippi Reeves Jones explores the music of Mississippi John Hurt, and everybody's favorite musician Johnny Rawls making his Clawhammer banjo sound like falling water playing alongside his wife Beth.

Juniors fiddle at ten o'clock. The lunchtime special will be southern fried chicken cooked by Arthur Davis from the Old Country Store in Lorman Mississippi. Lunchtime music in the main building is the Clinton Ramblers sometimes called the Fried Okra String Band. The outside stage lunchtime group will be Connie & Hal with their Old Timey Gospel tunes and Carter Family ballads.

At (1230) twelve thirty Miss Lizzie Turner will have her quilt and books for a children's hour of storytelling.

The senior fiddle category starts at one o'clock with fiddlers competing for cash awards in four fiddle tune categories.

At one o'clock the Dead Fiddlers collective starts the afternoon on the outside stage.

Old Time southern by the Cane grinders will show us how ladies and gentlemen should behave in society while having a good time.

Pat & Cindy's Cajun Retinue (Rhe te new) will be joined together with a string section for Cajun, Old Time, and cross tuning fiddle.

New this year to the Big Yam Mister Buck Boyle playing Tack head banjo. And from Vicksburg Bridging the Gap.

This year the Mississippi Fiddlers is hosting a photography exhibit at Historic Jefferson College with black and white work from Robert Waldo Gray with an exhibit titled Exposure Zone in the museum.

Great Big Yam Potatoes is FREE AND open to the Public. Primitive camping available and for details go to [www.bigyampotatoes.com](http://www.bigyampotatoes.com)

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