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## SongFarmers “Cultivator”

A newsletter for all SongFarmer Chapter leaders

Hello fellow SongFarmers,

We are seeing continued roots growth of local SongFarmers Clubs. Great work everyone involved. Please never hesitate to contact us, especially myself (jpbrake5@gmail.com) or Penny Lane Diersing (atripwithpennylane@gmail.com).

**ARTWORK:** Penny can help you with artwork logos for your club website and I can offer assistance on how your local meetings and sings can be successful.

**YOUR FACEBOOK PAGE** - set your pages as “SongFarmers of (your hometown or region) so other communities feel like they can also start a chapter. Set your page to “open to the Public” so interested folks can find you. Also, keep and use a traditional e-mail list. Not everyone is going to use Facebook. Share lots of photos. Share videos. Make Facebook Live Video shoots of your club ... the more you post the more fun it looks!

**ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP IN THE WFPA** and make your community filled with as many official SongFarers as possible. The more we grow, the more exciting our front porch world become.

**PATIENCE & LOVE:** always treat those attending with kindness. It not only creates a sense of safe community but also represents SongFarmers the best. When someone annoys the heck out of you take a deep breath and smile. This too shall pass ☺

**SONGFARMER JAMS:** When beginning your club’s jams, you may want to begin with a very short and quick “workshop” to let the folks know what to expect. It’s a good idea to touch on things like volume, being in tune and song selection. Song selection is tricky because you really want to be choosing songs based on the lowest skill level of the group. If difficult songs (more than 4 chords or crazy keys) are played you may lose the less experienced players. This can be different for every jam. Be aware of the players and how they are handling the songs and tunes.

**JOIN SongFarmers Club of America** on Facebook so chapter leaders can share ideas.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1374133242659019/>

**DON’T MISS the SongFarmers Gathering and Music Festival** happens at historic Shaker Village near Lexington, KY Oct 13 and 14. All current members get FIVE FREE TICKETS to attend. Spread the word!

That’s it for August 2017. Be well and play on the porch!

**Perry Brake**

SongFarmers of Tellico Plains, Tennessee  
(yes, I can tune my banjos)