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SongFarmers “Cultivator”

Your newsletter for SongFarmers Chapter Leaders



Howdy ALL of our SongFarmers Chapter Leaders, We are here to help you! Never hesitate to contact us, especially myself (jpbrake5@gmail.com) or Penny Lane Diersing (atripwithpennylane@gmail.com) if we can be of any help.

We welcome new Chapters in Panama City, FL, Dixie Co., FL., Big Hill, Hawaii, New Richmond, OH, and Volusia Co., FL! That's GREAT news and it's nice to see our Chapters span our country and across the sea! A Chapter in Japan is not that far from reality!

NEW Hometown SongFarmers Logo – Notice the logo at the top. The Creative Board worked very diligently to come up with a “Brand” describing the type of jamming we do locally. We wanted to move away from song circles and performing. We wanted something different than the vanilla term “jam”. Collectively a “Gathering” of musicians and friends is what we do on a local level. We encourage the chapters to embrace this and start using it as appropriate. Encourage is key. No one is dictating what to do. We are sure the term JAM will still be used – but we are hoping to develop this brand (as was done with WoodSongs, and SongFarmers). Download the logo here: SongFarmers.org/tools

BE PART OF THE CHAPTERS Conference Call – there will be a conference call on Feb 25, 7:30 pm, EST. (515) 604-9926, code 123291. This will be the FIRST Collective call involving both the Creative Board and ALL of the Chapter Leaders. Primary topic of discussion will be the national Gathering of SongFarmers in Berea, KY on October 12 and 13, 2018. We are excited about the new direction we are taking the National Gathering. The Creative Board has decided to focus on Developing the local Chapters and assisting Chapter leaders in doing so. Please plan to be part of the call!

SongFarmers Interactive Map – Our Chapter Interactive map is becoming more useful as the different chapters complete the survey. Please find a few minutes and help us. You can do this by taking the link: <https://getfoureyes.com/s/55C3O/> to access the survey. **Please remember that you can UPDATE your chapter information** to help keep the map current and useable.

Remember to JOIN SongFarmers Club of America Facebook Group so chapter leaders can share ideas ... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1374133242659019/> **ENCOURAGE your local folks to become SongFarmers members**, their small membership fee helps keep the root music program FREE to schools and the Gathering FREE to SongFarmers.

That's it for January 2018. Lets all help 2018 be the Year of the Front Porch!

Perry Brake

SongFarmers of Tellico Plains, Tennessee

Yes, a set of wire cutters is the fastest way to tuna banjo.

All the information you need: SongFarmers.org

