

October 2018, Issue –  
THREE PAGES THIS MONTH!!!

**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](mailto:jpbrake5@gmail.com)).

**Our Highlighted Chapter this month is Buttermilk Falls, Pennsylvania -**

Our solid core of Songfarmers here at Buttermilk Falls has a long history of singing, songing and farming with each other. Some of the friendships go back several decades. Ten years ago we started offering free stringed instrument lessons through a little white church that stands near the top of a forty foot natural waterfall about 40 miles NW of Pittsburgh, in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Over the years we have built and maintain a stringed instrument loaning library and touched many hundred folks, adults and children alike with the lessons as well as a Winter Concert Series that is gearing up for our 11<sup>th</sup> season featuring bands from around the tri-state area of W. PA; E. OH. & N. WV.



Mean while... back at Buttermilk falls we plan on continuing our efforts with the free stringed instrument as we gather information on combining our efforts into the SongFarmer system. We have started a Facebook page but have not the time to devote much attention to it as of yet.

The **National Gathering of SongFarmers** is October 12 and 13, 2018 in Berea, Kentucky. Download the [MOST RECENT DETAILS HERE](#). Workshops, jam circles, food and other activities are planned. Please share your ideas and wants with the office ([info@woodsongs.com](mailto:info@woodsongs.com)). Everyone is invited to participate in preparing for our Annual Gathering. We have included the recent details and Gathering Poster within the last two pages of this newsletter. We are expecting this National Gathering (It will be our Fourth) to be the biggest and most exciting ever! Make your plans now to be part of it. There will be a Jam on the porch of the Boone Tavern on Thursday night for early arrivers.

## Perry Brake

SongFarmers of Tellico Plains, Tennessee

How many instruments do you take to a Gathering?

The Nat'l "Gathering of SongFarmers" Oct 12, 13, 2018 Berea KY  
All the information you need: [SongFarmers.org](http://SongFarmers.org)

The National Gathering of SongFarmers is shaping up to be our best ever and we hope you can be there. The venue is a lovely country theatre nestled on the side of a mountain in historic Berea KY (just south of Lexington on I-75)

The 2018 Gathering of SongFarmers is for all front porch Musicians, Writers, Poets, Painters, Artists, Song Farmers, Fans, Families and Pickers ... and MEMBERS get two free tickets to attend BOTH days!

*Change the way you view your Music!*

# The 2018 Gathering of SongFarmers

Oct 12 & 13, 2018  
**Berea Arena Theater  
Berea, Kentucky**



*We need a Front Porch  
'round the World*  
**SongFarmers.org**

Here's what you need to know:

**TICKETS:** Your SongFarmers member card is your TICKET. Just make sure your membership is current, register that you are attending and bring your membership card with you. Simple!

**REGISTER** on our website to let us know that you are attending. This is IMPORTANT because we will only have room for 350 attendees. You can also register (your name, membership #, how many are coming) by sending a simple email to [WFPA@WoodSongs.com](mailto:WFPA@WoodSongs.com)

**THE GATHERING** will be full of workshops, especially designed to support, help and nurture our fast growing community of SongFarmers Chapters. **We also hope to PREMIER the new 30-minute public TV documentary about SongFarmers, set to air nationwide in 2019**

**SCHEDULE:** the Gathering will begin Friday Oct 12 at 1PM through 6PM followed at 7PM by the public SongFarmers Concert (sign up to perform when you arrive); Saturday Oct 13 9am through 6PM followed by the public SongFarmers Concert (sign up to perform when you arrive) Details will be posted soon on [SongFarmers.org](http://SongFarmers.org)

**BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT:** there will be all-day song circles and music jams, both nights will end with a public concert by our SongFarmers on an outdoor stage

**FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS** a food truck will be onsite. If you have special dietary needs you can bring a bag lunch/dinner on site. There are many cafes and restaurants in Berea in the area around the venue.

**HOTELS and CAMPING** are available but filling up fast. For those who enjoy historic hotels and comfort, we have several rooms blocked off at the Boone Tavern, just up the road from the venue. Ask for WoodSongs or SongFarmers rooms. Here's a list of other affordable hotels: [SongFarmers.org/2018gathering](http://SongFarmers.org/2018gathering)

**WHAT TO BRING:** a folding or lawn chair, your instrument if you play, light sweater for evening, cash for the food truck, a note pad for the workshops.

**SUNDAY:** for those who want to linger there is a HUGE old-time Crafts and Arts Fair withing walking distance of the Gathering, entrance fees are very affordable (\$5, children FREE 10am-5PM)

**QUESTIONS?** Email [WFPA@WoodSongs.com](mailto:WFPA@WoodSongs.com) or call us **859-255-5700** (best 10-4PM EST)

## SongFarmers.org

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The WoodSongs Front Porch Association presents the 4th annual



# Gathering of Song Farmers

## Old-Time Pickin' Party

Oct 12 & 13, 2018 7-9PM

**Berea Arena Theatre**

1835 Big Hill Rd, Berea, KY



**FRI & SAT 7-9PM  
FREE CONCERT!**

*"We need a Front Porch 'round the World..."*

**Free to the Public - Bring a Lawn Chair!**

# FRONT PORCH PICKERS FROM AROUND THE NATION!

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

[SONGFARMERS.org/BEREA](http://SONGFARMERS.org/BEREA)



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