



SongFarmer



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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).

We are often asked by new Chapter Leaders “How do we run our Jam”? Well, that is going to be up to you and your Chapter. With close to 50 Chapters we have 50 different ways of running the Jam. Some are jam circles where each player chooses a song in turn, and everyone plays along. Other chapters are more like song circles where one person chooses and plays a song while most listen. Others run an Open Mic format where performers sign up to sing and play. There is no prescribed format for SongFarmer Chapters other than Have Fun! Try to visit other SongFarmer Chapters to see how they do their Jamming.



Our Chapter Highlight this month is SongFarmers of Conway, Arkansas. They meet at the Faulkner County Library on Saturday mornings, but sometimes they take our show on the road!. They are a diverse group, representing many musical genres, professions, and ideologies.

SongFarmers of Conway originally met as "The Pickin' Porch", named in honor of a much-loved tradition in our part of the world. They first met as a very small private group on the porch of an old log cabin, pictured here in the photo of our group at the museum open house. Later, re-formed at the library, and became an ongoing library program. They were very pleased to be welcomed into the SongFarmers fold last year. Today, the chapter is comprised people of all ages participating, with up to 15 musicians, and many library patrons who come on by just to listen.

A little tip – Always carry a few extra batteries (AA, AAA, 2032). Inevitably someone’s tuner is going to go into a coma. Also carry some super glue. It’s perfect for sealing up punctured fingertips and minor cuts from string changing.

We are anxiously anticipating RETURNING for our FIFTH Annual National Gathering October 18 and 19th, 2019.

Perry Brake

SongFarmers of Tellico Plains, Tennessee

Remember to always be kind to each other and encourage beginners

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