



The Boston Bluegrass Union is proud to present:  
 The 15th Annual  
**Joe Val Bluegrass Academy for Kids**  
 Meeting at:  
**32<sup>st</sup> Joe Val Bluegrass Festival**  
**Feb. 17-19, 2017**  
 ([www.bbu.org](http://www.bbu.org) for details)

**2017 Pre-Registration Form**

Registration is required for BGA 2017. Stringed instruments only, please.  
 Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

**BGA REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**YOUR CHILD MUST:**

**1. ATTEND ALL DAYS OF BGA**

**Friday February 17** 6-7:30 PM; **Saturday February 18** 10 AM-Noon and 1:30 PM-3:30 PM; and  
**Sunday February 19** 10 AM-Noon. Participatory Main Stage performance between noon and 1:00 on Sunday.

**2. BE OF SCHOOL AGE (5-17 years) and have some basic skills in the instrument**

**3. SUPPLY HIS OR HER OWN INSTRUMENT (guitar, mandolin, fiddle, dobro, banjo, or bass)**

**FEES:** While the Joe Val Bluegrass Academy for Kids is brought to you in part by the BBU Education Fund and the generosity of our sponsors, we need additional support in order to continue to bring your family this program. We are asking you to share the cost by contributing \$25 per child. Of course, any donations in excess of this amount are also welcome. Checks can be made out to the Boston Bluegrass Union. Your donation is tax deductible and receipts are available. Kids 12 and under are admitted to the festival free with a ticketed adult. Kids 13 & up must pay regular admission fee to the festival.

**REGISTRATION FORFEITURE:** In the event that we have a waiting list, students not present by **6:30 PM Friday evening** will forfeit their registration to the next student on the waiting list. Exceptions granted only for families who cannot arrive on time Friday night.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Send your completed form to: **Ira Gitlin, Academy Director, 609 Little Street, Alexandria, VA 22301.** We expect to have room for all applicants. If you have other questions, you can email Ira at [ira@iragitlin.com](mailto:ira@iragitlin.com)

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print clearly*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time playing this instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Instruction child has had \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like your child to be considered for the Advanced Band. Please see the Kid's Academy web page for complete details and email the Advanced Band Director, Tony Watt, at [tonywatt@gmail.com](mailto:tonywatt@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Dear BBU,

My child will be at the Joe Val Bluegrass Festival all three days and agrees to attend all sessions of the Bluegrass Academy for Kids. My child is of school age and will bring his or her own instrument. I, the undersigned, agree to hold Boston Bluegrass Union (BBU) harmless for any activity associated with my child's participation in the Bluegrass Academy for Kids. This includes personal injury and any damage that might occur to any instrument and personal property being used in the activity. Photos of my child can also be used for BBU promotional materials.

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 Parent or Guardian Signature Date

*The Bluegrass Academy for Kids is made possible through the support of the Boston Bluegrass Union and our sponsors.  
 Help support our education initiatives by becoming a member or making a donation.*

**OFFICE USE ONLY** Date Received: Date Confirmed: