



Arbuckle Wilderness Presents:  
**THE 41st ANNUAL FUNFEST**  
**2026 BAND, CHORAL & STRING COMPETITION!**

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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email (director): \_\_\_\_\_

Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

CHORAL: April 20 thru 24, April 27 thru 29

BAND / ORCHESTRA: Apr 29 thru May 1, May 4 thru 8

**MUST complete a SEPARATE entry form for **EACH** performing group!!!**

Performance times: 9am, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 1pm, 1:45. In general 6 groups daily.

1st Choice: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ or Time Range \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ or Time Range \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP: Elem. \_\_\_\_\_ Jr Hi / MS \_\_\_\_\_ HS \_\_\_\_\_

Choral: Mixed Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Girls Chorus \_\_\_\_\_ Boys Chorus \_\_\_\_\_ Show Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Instrumental: Begin Band \_\_\_\_\_ Concert Band \_\_\_\_\_ Jazz Band \_\_\_\_\_ Orchestra \_\_\_\_\_

Guitar \_\_\_\_\_ Bell Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Mariachi \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Needed: PA \_\_\_\_\_ Piano \_\_\_\_\_ CD player \_\_\_\_\_ Choral Risers \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Members:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Important for stage set up)

**MUST INCLUDE PAGE 2 TO COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY!!!**

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION INCLUDED ON PGS. 2 & 3!!!!**

**Please help by entering by April 10.**

**After start of contest entries or changes are more difficult to arrange.**



# IMPORTANT CONTEST INFORMATION here and on pg. 3!!!

1. Since this contest has a casual type atmosphere (open air "wilderness" stage) it is suggested that groups forgo formal contest attire and dress casual - ie. group t-shirt, etc. Also consider weather on the day of your appearance.
2. Fun "spring concert" type music is also suggested. Contest literature is fine but remember, this is a casual contest. Also photocopy scores are fine.
3. Judges will give a short vocal critique to performers on stage at the end of your performance.
4. Trophy will be awarded at the end of your performance while still on stage. "Best of the Day" trophy awarded at the end of each day when 3 or more groups perform. "Best of the Week" trophy presented at the end of each week.
5. \*\*\*\*\* It is **MOST** important to **ONLY** perform 2 selections. Time can be a problem. Most contests have a warm up room & 30 minutes on stag for entry, perform and exit. At Arbuckle your 45 minute stage time includes: entry, set up, warm up, performance, vocal judge critique, trophy presentation and exit\*\*\*\*\*
6. \* \* \* \* \* Please inform us if you are running late or cannot attend on scheduled day so we can adjust our schedule accordingly.\*\*\*\*\*
7. Equipment available: Choirs: Electric piano, PA, CD player, risers. Bands: Chairs, stands, wind clips **AND NOW...** A concert bass drum, 4 tympani, xylophone and marimba. (Compliments of Rheuben Green and Hank Patterson)
8. **Entry Fee** - \$135.00 per group (non-refundable). **MUST** complete separate entry forms for **EACH** performing group!
9. If Safari is scheduled, the fee includes Safari wristbands for director, bus driver & a sponsor. (Total 3 free). **Remember, there are no free lunches included.!!**
10. EMAIL entry form & P.O. to donfunfest@gmail.com or mail until April 10 to: Don Franks, 602 S. McLish Ave., Tishomingo, OK 73460. Please mail checks to: Arbuckle Wilderness, Attention: Funfest, 6132 Kay Starr Trail, Davis, OK 73030. For any questions concerning Funfest, including food or rides, please email me at: donfunfest@gmail.com or call Don Franks at: (580) 257-0165.

**Contest Entry:** Qty.   1   Group =   \$135.00  

**Options:**

\*\*\* Please **estimate** how many lunches will be required (parents eating **MUST BE INCLUDED**)\*\*\*

**Lunch: \$6.00** Large Pizza slice, Chips, Dessert & Drink. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Wristband Packages -**

\*\*\* Please **estimate** how many of each will be required \*\*\*

Option 1: **\$13.00** Bus Safari **only** with large.cup of feed. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13 = \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2: **\$8.00** Gem Mining Mill **only** with bag of gems. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3: **\$19.00** Bus Safari w/feed & Gem Mining Mill w/gems. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19 = \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Safari feed available @ \$2 per cup. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2 = \_\_\_\_\_

( Total cost should reflect contest entry plus any food and rides ) **Total Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Directors:

The Funfest 2026 #2 entry form is a fillable PDF if you have Adobe software. Off the form to the right is a column of tools. Scroll down to see "Fill & sign". Clicking on that lets you 'click' a box on every line to input your information. Please complete **entirely** and email it back to me. **In your email "Subject" line please have either "Arbuckle" or "Funfest" as part of the subject.!!!** I get so many emails I use these to quickly search for entries. If possible, also email your PO to me. My email and my home address are on the form. Please **DO NOT** mail the entry to Arbuckle. This will delay your entry being received by me by at least a week. **Send your payment to Arbuckle.** Their address is on the form. I will email you an invoice **after your performance** to insure it is accurate.

We try to give you your 1st date and time requested. Those that enter very late might not get their 1st request. Only 2 entries per day causes Arbuckle to lose a considerable amount of money on that day due to expenses involved with the contest. We need to have at least 3 entries per day just to break even. If we have only 1 or 2 entries on a day I must ask you to come on a different date. After the contest starts my time for working on entries, or adjustments, is limited since I am also one of the judges. I would get back to you, and attend to your contest needs, as soon as my contest day ends.

Also, from a contest standpoint, we like to have **actual** competition each day. You always receive an award trophy for your performance, on stage, as soon as you complete your performance. Due to increased trophy cost, and wanting to award a really nice trophy, we need at least 3 entries per day to award a "Best Group of the Day". We ALSO award a very large "Best Group of the Week" trophy!

The last 5 years Arbuckle has vastly improved the Safari and everyone has raved about the experience! Last year there were big improvements to the front area including a **NEW** lunch area.! I hope you take advantage of the Safari's unique opportunity. Your cost, at Funfest, is nearly half the normal cost.

The Gem Mining attraction is a nice addition. Students 'pan' for gems like gold miners once did. Any gems 'mined' are theirs along with a 'bag or sack' used to retain the gems to take home.

**\*\*\*\* If you plan on the attractions and / or food we need close approximate numbers to co-ordinate all events and make sure food is prepared.** The food venue is open, **ONLY** during contest, **AND ONLY** to those shown on the entry form. **If parents are coming with you and plan to eat or ride the Safari buses they MUST be included on the form!** Parents may buy Safari tickets in the gift shop, on the day of your performance, and take their personal car thru the park **BUT** if they plan to ride the Safari busses or eat with your group it is **imperative** that I have their numbers included on the form.\*\*\*\*

I understand it might be impossible to know exact numbers at the time you enter so we can make changes closer to the date of your performance. That would also be the time to change student numbers due to eligibility rules.....etc.

If you have any other questions please feel free to call me.

Looking forward to seeing you and hearing your groups!

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