



# Blazin' BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 2009

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL BLAZIN' BLUEGRASS IN THE BIG SOUTH FORK MUSIC FESTIVAL IS FIRED UP AND WILL BLAZE INTO TOWN ON SEPTEMBER 17, 18, & 19, 2009!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **THE BIG SOUTH FORK BLAZIN' BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL** IS COMING TO TOWN FOR THE FIFTH YEAR! If you liked last year, you are going to LOVE this year's festival. We have added some things to make a GREAT FESTIVAL even better! Three days of great music, bluegrass instrument workshops, a corn hole tournament, fireworks, and a guided ATV ride. This year we will have a special ceremony to honor our troops and veterans beginning at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday. Music will be provided by the McCreary Central Choir, colors presented by the McCreary Central J.R.O.T.C.

**The Blazin' Bluegrass in the Big South Fork Music Festival** in Whitley City, KY, at the Sand Hill 4H Camp (Hwy 700) will be a three day event this year, beginning on **Thursday night, September 17**, beginning at 6:00 p.m., will be a mixture of Bluegrass and Bluegrass Gospel, featuring **Barb Wire Bluegrass**, from south Georgia; your Host Band, **Kentucky Wind; Colonel Strings, Gospel Lites; and The Chris Neal Family.**

**Friday, September 18**, beginning at 11:00 a.m., will be **Colonel Strings, Kentucky Mountain Trio, The Song Farmers** from Franklin, KY, **Peggy Inks**, and then more before the supper break. At 6:00 PM, Friday night will start the ALL GOSPEL SING, featuring **The Cupps**, with their gospel chart songs, "*The Man in the Middle*", and "*What's Wrong with Living Right*". Also on Friday will be a favorite every year, the **Shadow Ridge Bluegrass Band**, and **Mavis Neal Hughes**, singing her brand new Bluegrass Gospel CD, another great bluegrass band, **Mountain Connection**, plus the beautiful and talented **Kathy Joy Bell**, and **Brother Jeff Bryant.**

**Saturday, September 19**, kicking off at Noon will be several of the best local and regional bands from Kentucky and Tennessee. If you came to the festival last year, I know you will want to come back and see some of your favorite bands again, plus lots of new bands. and several of the other bands again. This year we have **Brand New Strings** who won at SPBG-



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MA this year, the talented and hilarious **Moron Brothers**, **Avery Trace Bluegrass Band**, **Paint Creek**, **Mixed County Bluegrass Band** and of course our favorite host band, **Kentucky Wind**.

The **Sand Hill Camp** has electric hookups, and also primitive camping. Full hookups are \$30 for the 3-day weekend, plus your ticket; Primitive camping will be \$10 a day, plus your ticket. The price for the Festival is \$15.00 for all three days, or \$5 Thurs., \$5 Friday, and \$8 Saturday. A discounted three day pass is \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. For camping contact **Adam Phillips at McCreary Tourism**, Phone 606-376-3008 Monday-Friday.

We are also offering this year, a **Bluegrass and Rails Package** where you can get a discounted ticket to ride the train at Stearns, KY, which is the Big South Fork Scenic Railway, plus a three day pass to the Blazin Bluegrass Festival. For information on the Rails and Bluegrass Package contact **Becky** at **606-376-5330**.

**Instrument Workshops** are free to all ages and will be on Saturday, as will the **Corn Hole Tournament**, which is offering trophies and money. A guided **ATV Ride** is planned for Friday and is FREE. We want to invite all active and inactive service men, their families out to our **“Special Tribute to our Armed Forces”**, on Saturday morning beginning at 11:00 a.m.

So for one of the best times to be had this summer, come on out for a three-day weekend of fun! Great music, good food, and lots of jamming!

For information about the **The Blazin' Bluegrass in the Big South Fork Music Festival** in McCreary County, KY, at Whitley City, you can contact **Adam** at **606-376-3008**, at the McCreary Tourism Office, or **Doris** at **606-382-5005** or log on to [www.blazinbluegrass.com](http://www.blazinbluegrass.com).

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