Central Florida Dulcimer Festival 2026

*Continuing the Music-*

*“Fall in Love with your Instrument”*

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**Dates:** Thursday, February 12th - Saturday, February 14th, 2026

Welcome to the Central Florida Dulcimer Festival! – “Falling in Love with your Instrument”

***PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION PACKET CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT YOUR REGISTRATION and CLASS SELECTION FORMS.***

This year we will be offering workshops for Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Autoharp, Bowed Psaltery, Pennywhistle, Ukulele, Steel Drum and other instruments. We have many exciting and talented new and returning instructors. Be sure to check the workshop descriptions thoroughly before selecting your classes for your musical instrument.

The location of the festival is at the **Mount Dora First Baptist Church Family Ministry Center** (1000 E. 1st Ave. & Highland St. Mount Dora, FL 32757). See map on website for further directions if needed.

Festival registration and workshops are **LIMITED**; send your registration early to ensure you get your desired classes before they fill up. Early Registration is due by January 1, 2026, there is an additional $25 fee if you send your registration in after this date. Keep a copy of your registration and class selection forms for your records.

All classrooms are on the ground floor (no stairs) with covered walkways between the buildings. Contact Ellen Waldrop via email- [centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com) with any special needs or assistance requirements. *(Handicapped parking spaces are available in front of the Family Ministry Center on Highland St. and in the main church parking lot on 1st Ave.)*

Lunch and Dinner for Friday and Saturday are available for purchase. We have vegetarian and meat options. Meals are available through pre-purchase with your registration. See menu below and choose accordingly.

**Schedule:**

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| **Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026** | 10:00am-2:00pm | Instructor/Vendor Setup-Family Ministry Center |
|  | 2:00pm-5:00pm | Attendee Packet Pick up, Vendor Shopping & Instrument Petting Zoo-Family Ministry Center |
|  | 5:00pm-7:00pm | Dinner (On your own) |
|  | 7:00pm-9:00pm | Jam-Family Ministry Center |
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| **Friday, Feb. 13, 2026** | 8:15am-6:45pm | Registration & Info Desks Open-Family Ministry Center |
|  | 8:15am-6:00pm | Vendor Shopping-Gym |
|  | 8:45am-10:00am | Session 1 |
|  | 10:15am-11:30am | Session 2 |
|  | 11:30am-1:00pm | Lunch-Cafeteria/Vendor Shopping-Gym |
|  | 1:00pm-2:15pm | Session 3 |
|  | 2:30pm-3:45pm | Session 4 |
|  | 3:45pm-4:15pm | Break/Vendor Shopping-Gym |
|  | 4:15pm-5:15pm | Session 5 |
|  | 5:30pm-6:45pm | Dinner-Cafeteria |
|  | 7:00pm-9:30pm | Concert-Sanctuary |
| **Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026** | 8:15am-7:00pm | Lobby Open-Family Ministry Center |
|  | 8:15am-6:00pm | Vendor Shopping-Gym |
|  | 8:45am-10:00am | Session 6 |
|  | 10:15am-11:30am | Session 7 |
|  | 11:30am-1:00pm | Lunch-Cafeteria/Vendor Shopping-Gym |
|  | 1:00pm-2:15pm | Session 8 |
|  | 2:30pm-3:45pm | Session 9 |
|  | 3:45pm-4:15pm | Break/Vendor Shopping/Raffle Drawings-Gym |
|  | 4:15pm-5:15pm | Session 10 |
|  | 5:30pm-6:45pm | Dinner-Cafeteria |
|  | 7:00pm-9:00pm | Jam-Family Ministry Center |

**Meals:**

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| Friday Lunch: | Meat: Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Croissant, chips, pickle, cookie  Vegetarian: Pasta Salad, cookie |
| Friday Dinner: | Meat: Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert  Vegetarian: Veggie Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert |
| Saturday Lunch: | Meat: Build Your Own Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie  Vegetarian: Veggie Wrap, chips, pickle, cookie |
| Saturday Dinner: | Meat: Chicken Marsala, California Blend Vegetables, bread, dessert  Vegetarian: Stuffed Peppers, bread, dessert |

***Drinks:*** *Bottled Water and Canned Soft Drinks (Coke, Diet Coke and Sprite) are available for a donation. Coffee and tea will always be available in the cafeteria during festival hours.*

**Concerts:**

***Instructors Friday Night Concert-***

**The Friday night concert is included with your registration fee for all Festival Attendees.** Additional tickets may be purchased at time of registration for $10. Before the concert or at the door tickets will be $15 each. So, save some money and order your additional tickets with your registration. Concert tickets are Non-Refundable, any additional tickets purchased and not needed will be a donation towards the Scholarship Fund.

***Stephen Seifert and Rick Thum Sunday Concert-***

Stephen Seifert and Rick Thum will once again be joining up to do a concert on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at Congregational Church of Mt. Dora. Tickets for their concert are available for purchase with your registration or during the festival for $20. This concert **IS NOT** included with your registration. Go to [www.rthum.com](http://www.rthum.com) for more information.

**Scholarship Raffle Alert:**

***Chance Raffle:*** We are excited to once again have our Chance Raffle. Tickets will be available for purchase at the festival for your chance to win one or more of the items we will have. Stop by the Registration and Information desks for more information.

***Scholarship Raffle:*** Many thanks to our vendors who donate items each year to help make this raffle a success! Tickets are available with your registration and during the festival.

Drawings for both the Chance Raffle and Scholarship Raffle will be done during the afternoon break on Saturday in the Gym. Winner does not need to be present to win. Winners will be posted at the Information Desk for prize pick up.

**2026 Festival Scholarships:**

***Doug & Lee Felt Scholarship:***

The Doug & Lee Felt Scholarship is available each year to qualified participants and covers the cost of the Festival Registration Fee. (Meals not included.)

***Dennis Waldrop-New Mountain Dulcimer Scholarship:***

The Dennis Waldrop Scholarship is to be awarded to a NEW Mountain Dulcimer Player. This scholarship will cover the cost of the Festival Registration Fee. (Meals not included.)

Requests may be made for yourself or another person. Contact Ellen Waldrop at [centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com) for an application. All applications are due no later than January 1, 2026. The funds for these scholarships are provided through the sale of the Scholarship Raffle and Chance Raffle each year.

**Know Your Playing Level:**

***Playing levels: All levels require attendees to have a TUNED instrument ready for the workshops. Some instruments may be available for RENT during the festival. See Registration Form for more information.***

**Beginner:** *I have just begun, and I am still learning.*

**Beginner/Novice:** *Not new, but not ready to move on.*

**Novice:** *Plays a few tunes, proficient strums (MD), understands rhythm changes & knows major I, IV, V chords.*

**Intermediate:** *Repertoire of tunes, good right hand & left-hand skills, understands & uses chords & embellishments.*

**Advanced:** *Experienced player, tunes & skills learned quickly, developing ones styles, arranging & embellishing tunes.*

*The levels listed on the class schedule are a suggestion only. The class may be a little higher or lower based on the teaching material of the instructor. Please consider your level of playing skill carefully when selecting workshops! However, every class provides an opportunity for learning. Many concepts from whichever level provide a chance to improve skills and challenge the attendee.*

Mail **COMPLETE REGISTRATION and CLASS SELECTION FORMS with PAYMENT** to:

Ellen Waldrop, 1343 5th St. Orange City, FL 32763

Make checks payable to ***Ellen Waldrop***

***Cancellation: A refund will only be given if you cancel before January 12, 2026***

***Keep a copy of your registration and class selection forms for your own records. An email will be sent to confirm receipt of forms and payment. We will NOT be sending a copy of your class selections. If you do not have an email, please send a SASE with registration and confirmation will be sent by USPS.***

If you have any questions please contact our festival team via email: [**centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com**](mailto:centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com) and they will get back to you as soon as possible. We are looking forward to another exciting year and helping you “Fall in love with your instrument”.

***PLEASE READ the FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT YOUR REGISTRATION and CLASS SELECTION FORMS.***

1. Fill out the entire top portion of the registration form with your name and contact information.
2. Select registration for the entire festival or for just 1 day (either Friday or Saturday).
3. Select any additional concert tickets needed for Friday’s concert **(Friday’s concert is included for those registered for the festival).** Pre-sale for Stephen Seifert and Rick Thum’s Sunday’s concert are available.
4. Select any pre-sale merchandise desired. Prices go up at the festival.
5. If you need to rent an instrument (MD or HD) please indicate on your registration form.
6. If you would like to pre-purchase Scholarship Raffle tickets you can do that with your registration. 2 tickets for $5 or 5 tickets for $10.
7. Select any meals that you would like to have at the festival. See menu for your choices. Any dietary restrictions can be taken into consideration but are not guaranteed.
8. Add your total. This is the amount you will send with your registration form.
9. Class Selection Form- choose workshop classes carefully. Make sure the classes you choose are for the right instrument and level you desire to play. Once registered, you may not be able to change or add other classes later.
10. It is VERY important that you select a second choice as your first choice may be full as class sizes are limited. If you **do not** choose a second class, one will be selected for you at our discretion. Once a class reaches capacity we cannot add additional attendees to that class. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding if we need to move anyone to another class.

**2026 Central Florida Dulcimer Festival Registration Form**

**February 12-14, 2026**

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| NAME: |  |
| STREET ADDRESS: |  |
| CITY, STATE, ZIP: |  |
| PHONE: |  |
| EMAIL: |  |
| FIRST TIME ATTENDEE: | YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Fees** | **Price** | **#** | **Total** |
| Registration includes up to 10 classes and Friday Concert | $200.00 |  |  |
| One Day Registration for up to 5 classes on Friday or Saturday | $100 |  |  |
| Late Registration received after Jan. 1-Jan. 30, 2026 | $225 |  |  |
| Friday Concert ($15 @ Festival) | $10 |  |  |
| Rick Thum & Stephen Seifert Sunday Concert | $20 |  |  |
| Festival Canvas Bag ($24 @ Festival) | $18 |  |  |
| Coffee Mug | $10.00 |  |  |
| Tee Shirt (circle choice) X-small Small Medium Large XL | $20.00 |  |  |
| Tee Shirt (circle choice) 2XL 3XL 4XL | $25.00 |  |  |
| Instrument Rental MD \_\_\_\_\_ HD \_\_\_\_\_ | $15.00 |  |  |
| Scholarship Raffle Tickets (2 tickets for $5 or 5 tickets for $10) | $5.00/$10.00 |  |  |
| Friday Lunch | $10.00 | Meat\_\_\_\_  Veggie\_\_\_\_ |  |
| Friday Dinner | $15.00 | Meat\_\_\_\_  Veggie\_\_\_\_ |  |
| Saturday Lunch | $10.00 | Meat\_\_\_\_  Veggie\_\_\_\_ |  |
| Saturday Dinner | $15.00 | Meat\_\_\_\_  Veggie\_\_\_\_ |  |
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|  |  | **Total:** |  |

**Office Use Only:**

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Payment Processed On: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name Tag Made: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Refund Given: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2026 CFDF Class Choices Form**

**February 12-14, 2026**

***Before making your choices, read the class selection list and class descriptions. Class descriptions are listed by instructor in alphabetical order. Choose your desired class as your FIRST choice for each session. Then make your SECOND choice for each session. First class choices are not a guarantee so be sure to choose a second class. Fill in the instructor’s name and class #A-N by your choices for each class you wish to take.***

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Instrument(s):** |  |

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| **Friday, February 13th** | | |  | **Saturday, February 14th** | | |
| Session 1 | 8:45-10:00am | Class | Session 6 | 8:45-10:00am | Class |
| Instructor | 1A-1R | Instructor | 6A-6V |
| First Choice |  |  | First Choice |  |  |
| Second Choice |  |  | Second Choice |  |  |
| Session 2 | 10:15-11:30am | Class | Session 7 | 10:15-11:30am | Class |
| Instructor | 2A-2R | Instructor | 7A-7T |
| First Choice |  |  | First Choice |  |  |
| Second Choice |  |  | Second Choice |  |  |
| Session 3 | 1:00-2:15pm | Class | Session 8 | 1:00-2:15pm | Class |
| Instructor | 3A-3R | Instructor | 8A-8S |
| First Choice |  |  | First Choice |  |  |
| Second Choice |  |  | Second Choice |  |  |
| Session 4 | 2:30-3:45pm | Class | Session 9 | 2:30-3:45pm | Class |
| Instructor | 4A-4U | Instructor | 9A-9S |
| First Choice |  |  | First Choice |  |  |
| Second Choice |  |  | Second Choice |  |  |
| Session 5 | 4:15-5:15pm | Class | Session 10 | 4:15-5:15pm | Class |
| Instructor | 5A-5U | Instructor | 10A-10P |
| First Choice |  |  | First Choice |  |  |
| Second Choice |  |  | Second Choice |  |  |