

BLUEGRASS JAMMING CLASS

Calling all closet pickers!

TAUGHT BY
RICK SPARKS USING THE WERNICK METHOD*

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Fri-Sat, Jan 14-15 Fri 4-7pm; Sat 9am-Noon

Blythe Bluegrass Music Festival

\$65 ADVANCE • \$75 ONSITE
\$40 PER DAY

(festival admission required)

Blythe, CA - Colorado River Fairgrounds • Assisted by Karen Roemmich



Rick Sparks is equally at home playing banjo, guitar, mandolin, dobro and pedal steel guitar, and singing either lead or harmony. He has developed a reputation as an outstanding teacher on all of his instruments, with over 30 students currently under his wing in his home base of Reno, NV — as well as traveling throughout the west and southwest presenting Wernick Method jam camps.

RICK'S STUDENTS SAY:

"You know how to put people at ease!"

"Great class, great fun!"

"Patient and generous with his time and expertise."

- All bluegrass instruments
- No jamming experience necessary
- You will be jamming the first session!

*** Wernick Method Classes teach real bluegrass jamming!**

** in your area * with other pickers like you **

- * Hands-on learning in large and small groups
- * Learn many bluegrass standards
- * Gentle tempos! Mistakes expected
- * Full ground rules and etiquette of typical jams
- * How to lead songs and how to follow new songs
- * How to find melodies, fake solos, sing harmony
- * Ear skills taught and emphasized as in real bluegrass
- * Tab/note reading skills not needed or used
- * Group and individualized instruction on backup skills
- * Intermediates welcome, and given added challenges
- * Understanding, low-pressure, time-tested teaching!



DO YOU QUALIFY? *It's easier than you may think!* If you play guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, bass, or dobro... you can be part of a bluegrass jam.

Only requirements: You must be able to tune your instrument (electronic tuning devices welcome) and change smoothly between G, C, D, and A. (Fiddles and basses need to know which notes work with which chords) Fast playing is not expected, nor is the ability to solo required.

Pete Wernick ("Dr. Banjo", originator of Banjo Camps and Bluegrass Jam Camps)

has created a method that has taught thousands nationwide how to enjoy bluegrass jams at their own level.

Wernick Method teachers are certified by Pete based on knowledge of bluegrass, teaching ability, and proper use of the Wernick Method.



REGISTER NOW!

+ lots of free help for jammers at ...

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Wernick Method: What do students say?



"It was exactly what I needed. I will now have the courage to actually take my banjo with me to jam sessions instead of just hanging around listening."

"This is one of the best things I've done for myself. I have so much more confidence. I feel much more relaxed when I play and sing."

"I liked realizing I could sing"

"My teacher made the class warm, comfortable and not intimidating. I learned more than I expected and even dared to lead a few songs."



"I learned more in this jam class than I have in the 4 years I've had my banjo."

"I knew nothing about playing bluegrass before camp and I also believed I couldn't sing. All that has changed!"

"This class was life changing! My wife was just amazed at how much she learned. And I felt my playing changing for the better "

"I loved the way it made jamming seem much simpler than I had imagined. It inspired me to learn more music and practice more."

"Everyone is encouraged and gets a chance."

"The teacher makes you feel that you **CAN** accomplish the myriad of small challenges."

"You changed my world. I was pretty discouraged before the camp about my progress and hopes for my future playing. You turned all that around and have given me fresh blood"

"My teacher brought me out of my shell and it has been 'onward ho' ever since!"

"It was informative and fun, exactly what I hoped for! I never heard of Faking a Lead before and it works! "

"I was elated to find my "place" in bluegrass and to feel 'safe' with my songs. I so enjoyed being able to jam with professionals after class and during class."

"I got more from the first day than I expected from the duration!"

"There's a whole new musical world to explore, as well as new tools to do it with. All the way home I couldn't wait to get out the fiddle and get to work."

"I've learned so much and have gained so much more confidence after taking these classes."

"The encouragement and motivation this class has provided has been nothing short of remarkable."



"Wish I had taken this class years ago! It has motivated me to go to more jams and participate."

"The Wernick Method was the smartest thing I've done since I took up my instrument."



Make music with friends... Make friends with music!