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Great Lineup Announced for 2016 High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival

Music will ring out across the Wet Mountain Valley at the 14th annual High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival this July in the heart of the Rockies. Join us as The Claire Lynch Band, Darin and Brook Aldridge Band, Adkins and Loudermilk, Keith Little and the Little Band, The Foghorn Stringband, Helen Highwater Stringband, David Parmley and Cardinal Tradition, The Moron Brothers, James Reams and the Barnstormers and Mollie O'Brien and Rich Moore and other top-notch bluegrass performers converge on Westcliffe, Colorado, for four days of music. Come enjoy stunning views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the youth music program, the camaraderie of on-site camping and pickin in addition to the full roster of exciting bluegrass performers. The festival dates are Thursday through Sunday, July 7 - 10, 2016.

The line-up includes our festival co-hosts, the inimitable Dry Branch Fire Squad and the Sons and Brothers Band's high-energy harmonies. Joining them will be Steel Pennies, Finnders and Youngberg, Henscratch, Dr. Harlan's Amazing Bluegrass Tonic, Heidi Clare, and Gary Bowman. Many of these performers will also conduct workshops throughout the weekend, which will afford festival-goers the opportunity to experience the performers in a more intimate setting. Also in the workshop schedule is the popular children's program - bring the kids and their instruments! Plus there's the new Friday and Saturday evening festival tradition: two-stepping and square dancing.

High Mountain Hay Fever 2015 was another great success with over 4,000 attendees. The festival is a nonprofit effort to enhance the Wet Mountain Valley as a quality event destination that benefits the entire community. The festival has raised over \$450,000 for Wet Mountain Valley charitable organizations over the thirteen years of its existence.

High Mountain Hay Fever is also the best deal in bluegrass. Four-Day Passes are only \$70 through May 31 and \$85 after that date. Single ticket prices are \$15 for Thursday evening, \$40 for all day Friday, \$45 for Saturday, and only \$25 for Sunday. Students with a school I.D. can buy a \$10 ticket at the gate each day; children 12 and under accompanied by a paying adult are admitted free. All tickets will be on sale December 1, 2015, via our website: www.highmountainhayfever.org or may be purchased locally at the following ticket outlet: Candy's Coffee (106 S. 2nd Street, Westcliffe; 719-783-9516).

Dry camping and RV parking are available adjacent to the performance grounds for only \$20 per space for the entire festival. Camping may be pre-paid in advance through the website, but camping spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Overflow camping areas are nearby, and there are also several full service campgrounds in the area.

Complete information on camping, lodging and performers (including videos) is on our website at www.highmountainhayfever.org.

The High Mountain Hay Fever Festival Association is a non-profit organization run by an incredible group of volunteers who work year round to make the festival happen. The festival remains an intimate event, avoiding the sprawl and congestion of large festivals while offering nationally recognized bluegrass talent and remaining true to its motto: "Small Scale, Big Time".

For information contact us at info@highmountainhayfever.org.