

## The Crooked Road Music Series at Heartwood

Thursday Oct 20 @ 6 pm

**YOUTH MUSIC CONCERT - PICK Program** (Buchanan County)  
with Guest Master Cellist, **Dave Eggar**, Irish Step Dancer **Gary Coleman**, and **Raisin' Cain** (Washington County).

Thursday Nov 3 @ 7 pm

**VENUE SHOWCASE - Historic 1908 Independence Courthouse Jam** (Grayson County) - Jammers welcome

Saturday Nov 17 @ 4 pm

**YOUTH MUSIC CONCERT** Honaker FFA Bluegrass Band (Russell County) & **Mountain Music School String Band** (Wise County)

Thursday Dec 1 @ 7 pm

**VENUE SHOWCASE - Smyth County Jam** (Smyth County)

Jammers welcome

Thursday Dec 15 @ 6 pm

**YOUTH MUSIC CONCERT - Floyd Music School** (Floyd County) & **Albert Hash Memorial Band Program** (Grayson County)

Thursday Dec 29 @ 7 pm

**VENUE SHOWCASE - Lays Hardware JAM** (Wise County)

Jammers welcome

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7:00 pm

## The Smyth County Jam



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Now in its 6th year, the Smyth County Jam (SCJ) may be the most popular weekly jam session along The Crooked Road. There are numerous reasons for its popularity, but one reason is there is something for everyone at the SCJ. It features an excellent open mic stage show, plenty of backrooms for jamming, and lots of support from both Old Time and Bluegrass musicians.

The SCJ has also been successful by honoring the musicians who make it happen. Very few jam sessions have their own website, and the SCJ uses theirs to post pictures of the musicians who perform and even develops bios on the musicians for posting on the website. The website address is [www.scjam.com](http://www.scjam.com) and they are also active on Facebook.

Another key to their success has been featuring and encouraging younger musicians. As Larry Hogston notes, the musicians who have supported the Jam for years are always willing to let the



youth or newcomers have the stage. The younger pickers also can learn jamming etiquette at the SCJ, which is designed to ensure everyone, from newcomer to veteran, has a great time.

To simulate the SCJ as closely as possible, we will have a stage performance in Heartwood's main performance area, with "backroom" music taking place in the two gallery areas. Feel free to enjoy the music in all three areas.

The SCJ was first held at the Chilhowie Lions Club building on October 10, 2006, but its history extends much farther back than that. The full history is available on the SCJ website ([www.smythcountyjam.com](http://www.smythcountyjam.com)) but suffice it to say that the current day SCJ is a result of the blood, sweat and tears of some very dedicated people. The SCJ became an official Affiliated Venue of The Crooked Road on August 29, 2011.

**Want to visit the real thing?** The Smyth County Jam is held every Monday night in the Lions Club Building at 116 Industrial Park Rd. in Chilhowie, Virginia. The crowd gathers around 6:30 pm and the stage music gets going by 6:45 or so. The backrooms fill with pickers pretty quick and soon the whole place is rocking to great traditional music, sometimes until the wee hours of Tuesday morning. It is not unusual for 50 or more musicians to show up at the SCJ. If you like sweets, be sure to mark the first Monday of every month on your calendar because that's "Cake Night" at the Smyth County Jam and attendees bring an amazing assortment of cakes and pies to share with everyone there. For more info go to [www.scjam.com](http://www.scjam.com) or call (276) 496-5467.

**Your donations will help support the Smyth County Jam and great mountain music so please contribute to the donation box before leaving tonight.**



**Thanks to the Riverfront Restaurant in Chilhowie for donating a dinner gift certificate for tonight's event.**

