

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 3:00 — 5:30 pm | **Participant Check-In** (Staff check in by 4:30 pm) | *Community Building*
- 4:45 — 5:30 pm | **Instructor Orientation** | *Masonic Lodge*
 - *For staff only. Student orientation at 7:30 p.m.*
- 6:00 — 7:00 pm | **Dinner** | *Masonic Lodge*
- 7:30 — 8:30 pm | **Full Group Orientation & Staff Sampler Concert** | *Community Building*
- 8:45 — 9:30 pm | **Welcome Square Dance** | *Community Building*
 - *Music by OOTR staff; Round Robin calling with Dakota Karper, Rachel Eddy & Michael Miller*
- 9:30 pm — late | **Jamming** | *Community Building (Big jam in main room)*
 - *Other good jamming locations: Community building kitchen (cozy), Masonic Lodge (larger), Period House (cozy), Mayor's office (cozy).*

MORNING CLASS LOCATIONS

Riley Calcagno | **Rhythm & Repertoire** | *House 241*

Jesse Milnes | **Fiddle (Adv)** | *Community Building*

Dakota Karper | **Fiddle (Int)** | *House 249*

Val Mindel | **Singing (Int/Adv)** | *House 139*

Joe Newberry | **Banjo (Adv)** | *Mayor's Office*

Benny Bleu | **Banjo (Int)** | *House 242*

Rachel Eddy | **Guitar** | *Luke House*

Explore the Augusta Archive



We are in the middle of a huge digitization project, with the goal of preserving and making public our vast collection of traditional music and folk culture documentation. Listen to interviews, performances, and more on our online archive!



Read the Augusta Blog

We have an active blog about folk culture, traditions, and contemporary life in Appalachia. Check out some of the articles written by our team and local contributors. If you would like to contribute, reach out to us at info@augustaartsandculture.org



THURSDAY

Breakfasts are on your own! Visit the Last Run Restaurant (in the Cass Company Store) or cook something up in your house kitchen!

9:30 am —12 pm | **Morning Classes** | See locations on Page 1

12:15— 1:15 pm | **Lunch** | On your own. Masonic Lodge is open for group picnicking.

1:45 — 2:45 pm | **Cultural Session** | More than the Sum of their Parts: the makers, lineages and personal stories behind our instruments with OOTR staff

3 — 4:15 pm | **Afternoon One-Shots** | Locations announced after straw poll at the end of the Cultural Session

- Emily Miller | Singing Jam: bring a song or just join in!
- Benny Bleu | Banjo Meditation
- Riley Calcagno | Fiddle Technique Doctor

4:15 - 4:45 | **Tea & Cookie Break** | Community Building

4:45 — 6:00 pm | **Augusta Happy Hour (AHH!): Waltz Jam** | Community Building

6:00 — 7:00 pm | **Dinner** | Masonic Lodge

7:30 — 8:45 pm | **Staff Concert, Part 1** | Community Building

- Jesse Milnes, Dakota Karper, Val Mindel, Joe Newberry

8:45 pm—Late | **WV Tunes Jam => Open Jam** | Community Building (Big jam in main room)

- Other good jamming locations: Community building kitchen (cozy), Masonic Lodge (larger), Period House (cozy), Mayor's office (cozy)

FRIDAY

9:30 am —12 pm | **Morning Classes** | See locations on Page 1

- NOTE: Today Community Hall morning class will meet in the Masonic Lodge instead**

12:15— 1:15 pm | **Lunch** | On your own. Masonic Lodge is open for group picnicking.

- Bob Smakula's instrument booth will be open in Community Building from noon until around dinnertime.

1:45 — 2:45 pm | **Cultural Session** | Tunes and Songs that Live Rent-Free in our Minds with OOTR staff

3 — 4:15 pm | **Afternoon One-Shots** | Locations announced after straw poll at the end of the Cultural Session

- Jesse Milnes | WV Tunes (All Instruments)
- Joe Newberry | Guitar For Singers
- Dakota Karper | Theory for Old-Time Fiddlers ("Most helpful for fiddlers who glaze over when the rhythm players start talking about chords" - DK)

4:15 - 4:45 | **Tea & Cookie Break** | Community Building

4:45 — 6:00 pm | **Augusta Happy Hour (AHH!): Sad Songs, Happy Hour** | Community Building

6:00 — 7:00 pm | **Dinner** | Masonic Lodge

7:30 — 8:45 pm | **Staff Concert, Part 2** | Community Building

- Rachel Eddy, Benny Bleu, Riley Calcagno

8:45 pm—Late | **By-Request Moderate Speed Jam => Open Jam** | Community Building (Big jam in main room)

- Write your requests on the board and someone who knows that tune will play it at a moderate speed so everyone can play along!
- Other good jamming locations: Community building kitchen (cozy), Masonic Lodge (larger), Period House (cozy), Mayor's office (cozy).

To all the individual donors, volunteers, artists, and staff who have contributed to Augusta over the last 50 years...

Thank you!

We are grateful for the support of our granting agencies and partners in 2025:



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SATURDAY

9:30 am — 12 pm | **Morning Classes** | See *locations on Page 1*

12:15— 1:15 pm | **Lunch** | *On your own. Masonic Lodge is open for group picnicking.*

1:45 — 2:45 pm | **Cultural Session** | Influential West Virginian Musicians

3 — 4:15 pm | **Afternoon One-Shots** | *Locations announced after straw poll at the end of the Cultural Session*

- Val Mindel | Beginning Harmony Singing
- Emily Miller | Ernie Carpenter Tunes (for fiddle)
- Rachel Eddy | Tunes I learned from my dad (All instruments)

4:15 - 4:45 | **Tea & Cookie Break** | *Community Building*

4:45 — 6:00 pm | **Augusta Happy Hour (AHH!): Open Mic!** | *Community Building*

- Share a song, tune, dance, or poem! Do it by yourself or with friends. Sign up with Emily Miller.

6:00 — 7:00 pm | **Dinner** | *Masonic Lodge*

7:30 — 9:00 pm | **Square Dance** | *Community Building*

- Calling by Lou Maiuri, music by OOTR staff.

9:00 pm—Late | **Jamming** | *Community Building (Big jam in main room)*

- Other good jamming locations: Community building kitchen (cozy), Masonic Lodge (larger), Period House (cozy), Mayor's office (cozy).

SUNDAY

9:00 — 9:30 am | **Check out of your rooms** (for those staying in Cass company houses)

9:30 — 10:30 am | **Class Showcases** | *Community Building*

- Morning classes will show what they've been working on

10:30 am — 11:30 am | **Farewell Group Sing** | *Community Building*

- Emily Miller, Val Mindel & friends will lead us in some songs to close out the weekend

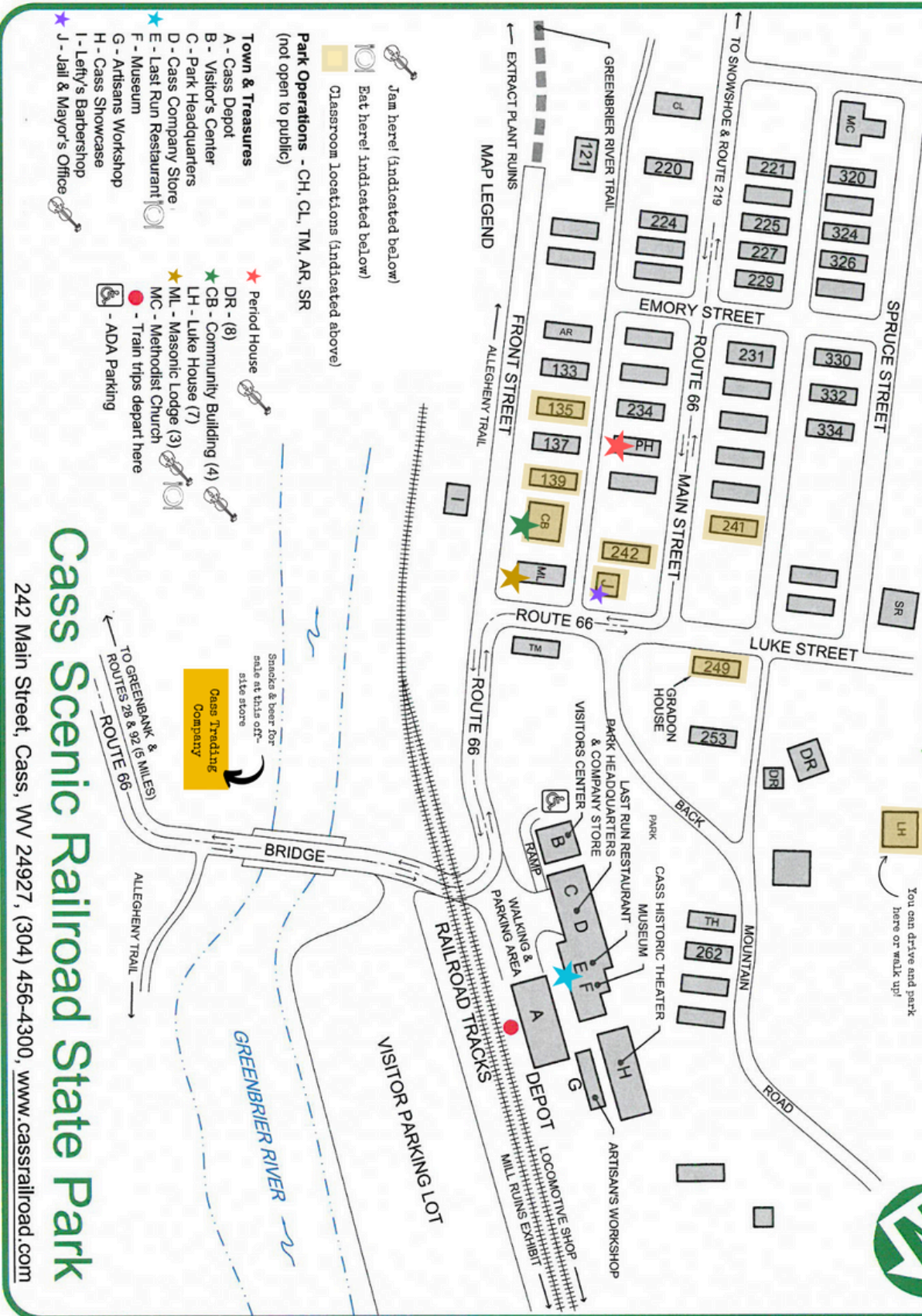
11:30 — 12:30 pm | **Augusta Store Open** | *Community Building*
Make your final purchases of the weekend!

JOIN US THIS FALL & IN 2026!

- **Augusta Irish Retreat: November 6-9, 2025** | Elkins, WV | Learn from wonderful Irish and Irish American teachers!
- **Fall Dulcimer Retreat: November 14-16, 2025** | Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, WV
- **Lift Your Voice: Augusta's Community Choir Concert: November 21, 2025**
- **Square Dance: November 22, 2025** | The Arts Center, Elkins, WV
- **Augusta Wassail Fundraiser: December 14, 2025** | The Arts Center, Elkins, WV.
- **Solstice Concert & Ceilidh Dance with the Mudlarks: December 19, 2025** | The Arts Center, Elkins, WV
- **Spring Sing: April 23-26, 2026** | Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, WV | Sing with Ginny Hawker, Val Mindel, Emily Miller & more great teachers!
- **Cajun & Classic Country Week: July 6-10, 2026** | Elkins, WV | Cajun & Country + Craft and Folk Arts for Kids
- **Blues Week: July 13-17, 2026** | Elkins, WV | Blues + Craft and Folk Arts for Kids
- **Old-Time Week: July 20-24, 2026** | Elkins, WV | Old-Time + Craft and Folk Arts for Kids
- **Vocal Week: July 27 - 31, 2026** | Elkins, WV | Old-Time + Craft and Folk Arts for Kids
- **Bluegrass Week: August 3-7, 2026** | Elkins, WV | Bluegrass + Craft and Folk Arts for Kids
- **AND MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!**

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park

Town of Cass Map



- Town & Treasures**
- A - Cass Depot
 - B - Visitor's Center
 - C - Park Headquarters
 - D - Cass Company Store
 - E - Last Run Restaurant
 - F - Museum
 - G - Artisans Workshop
 - H - Cass Showcase
 - I - Lefty's Barbershop
 - J - Jail & Mayor's Office

- Period House**
- DR - (8)
 - CB - Community Building (4)
 - LH - Luke House (7)
 - ML - Masonic Lodge (3)
 - MC - Methodist Church
- Other Symbols:**
- ★ - Train trips depart here
 - - ADA Parking

- Jam here!** (indicated below)
- Eat here!** (indicated below)
- Classroom locations** (indicated above)
- Park Operations** - CH, CL, TM, AR, SR (not open to public)

Snacks & beer for sale at this off-site store

Cass Treading Company

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park

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