

Cariboo Chilcotin Youth Fiddle Society 2026-2027 PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Cariboo-Chilcotin Youth Fiddle Society is a performance group funded through registration fees, fundraising, sponsorships and grants. The CCYFS provides kids ages 6-19 the chance to learn how to play and perform music as a group in a fun and supportive environment. Below is more information about how our group operates:

Performing:

As we are a performance based group, it is expected that students who register will participate in the majority of community performances during the year. Performances play an important role in obtaining group funding and giving back to our community as well as providing opportunities for our members to showcase their learning and skills. We aim for at least 5-6 community performances during the year. The program runs from September to the end of May, with occasional optional events outside of those months.

Group practises:

Start in September and are twice a month Tuesdays after school in the basement of the Church on 11th. Phones are not to be used at all during practices unless it is an emergency.

- Beginner/novice: 3:30-5:15
- Orchestra (everyone): 4:15-5:15
- Intermediate/advanced: 4:15-6:15

Workshops:

The society aims to provide at least three workshops with high calibre instructors from around the country. Workshops often end with a celebratory dance or performance. To keep workshop costs down, each family is asked to provide one workshop instructor meal during one of the workshops. Sign up will be available at AGM.

Communication: We primarily communicate through email. Our website is www.ccyfs.ca. Our calendar can be found on the current member page. The password is Fiddle25.

Registration Fees:

Tuition includes all group practice sessions, workshops and participation in all community performances. Please etransfer fees to: ccyfstreasurer@gmail.com. Cheques or cash are also welcome. Should you need a refund, a doctor's note is required, as we rely on the September registration fees for yearly planning.

Please note: the registration amount for each student is \$300. However, the actual cost for each child in the CCYFS is over \$1100 per student. The registration fee is subsidized and greatly reduced by gaming grants, grants from our local Cariboo Arts and Culture Society, Community Arts Council of Williams Lake, City of Williams Lake, and the Cariboo Regional District. We also get donations of venues (Church on 11th) and performance/dance venues for free, as well as instructor's lodging (Fischer's B&B), and a car for the instructors (Cariboo GM), as well as a discounted rate from all of the instructors/mentors. The volunteer hours that contribute to subsidizing student registration fees is astounding, and truly a sign of how amazing our Williams Lake community is.

CCYFS Board and AGM: The Board, including positions for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and directors are elected and filled at the society's Annual General Meeting in the fall. Election of the volunteer board, information about the year ahead, as well as questions and input for the Board occur at this time. Please be sure to attend this meeting.

Skill Level: Beginner students require basic instrument knowledge before registering. This means the student has taken private lessons or group lessons (such as music camp) to learn basics. Fiddle students need to know one tune, guitar students to know a handful of chords, and piano students to know each note on the piano and play a 3 note triad.

Parent involvement:

Parent involvement is a vital and necessary part of the CCYFS. All families are expected to participate in our fundraising events and to be on the instructor meals rotations. Extra help is often required at events like Frozen Strings, barn dances, etc. Program success and longevity rely heavily upon parents' taking on jobs throughout the year. Many hands make light work!

Travel

The group travels nationally and internationally, depending on the year. The most recent trips were to Nova Scotia, the Yukon and Ireland. To participate in Canadian trips members need to be 11 years old the year of the trip. For international travel members must be 16 years old the year of the trip. For these trips, participants will be required to do additional fundraising.

Instrument care:

Instrument care is each student's responsibility while attending all CCYFS events and workshops. This includes storing instruments safely during breaks—not on a chair, floor etc. *The Cariboo-Chilcotin Youth Fiddle Society accepts no responsibility for the care and safe keeping of these instruments.*

Supervision:

Parents are fully responsible for their children during non-instructional times at all workshops and practices. Families are encouraged to coordinate with each other to provide supervision during these times. *The CCYFS directors and instructors do not provide supervision during these non-instructional times. This includes lunch or dinner breaks.*

Complaints or Concerns:

Complaints or concerns should be submitted to a Board Member, preferably the President or Vice President. The use of the group email list or Facebook group page for *any* negative correspondence and disrespectful, threatening behavior towards anyone associated with our group at any time is strictly prohibited and will result in the immediate dismissal of the member and their family from the Society. In such cases, dismissed members are prohibited from re-registering in the Society for one full year from the time of dismissal. A copy of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Youth Fiddle Society's operating bylaws outlining the society's goals and structure is available to each member upon request.

Videos & Photographs:

CCYFS students will be videotaped and photographed during workshops, performances and events. Sometimes these images are made public for promotion or entertainment purposes.

Please initial here to give your consent for your child(ren) to be videotaped and/or photographed. _____

The following costs and duties are associated with registration for the 2026-2027- year:

- ***Registration fees***
- ***Provision of one instructors' meal during one of the workshops***
- ***Participation in group fundraising events***
- ***Purchase of a semi-formal ALL BLACK outfit for each child (including shoes)***

I have read and agree to the group guidelines and the registration terms.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Cariboo-Chilcotin Youth Fiddle Society 2026-27 Registration Form

Please email completed registrations to angelaparkin219@gmail.com

Class sizes are limited and are filled according to the date of registrations and payments received. Registrations received before September 1st are eligible for the early registration fees. Student registrations received after September 30th are subject to approval by the Board and space availability.

	Student #1	Student #2	Student #3
Name			
Medical Conditions <i>Asthma, allergies, etc.</i>			
Physical address			
Mailing address			
Instrument:			
Level: <i>Final placement is at the discretion of the instructors.</i>	☐ Beginner ☐ Novice ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced	☐ Beginner ☐ Novice ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced	☐ Beginner ☐ Novice ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced
Fees: <i>Tuition payment is required at time of registration.</i>	☐ \$250 (before Sept. 1) ☐ \$300 (after Sept. 1)	☐ \$200 (before Sept. 1) ☐ \$250 (after Sept. 1)	☐ \$200 (before Sept. 1) ☐ \$250 (after Sept. 1)
	Total fees due: \$ _____ Send etransfer to ccyfstreasurer@gmail.com or make cheque payable to: Cariboo-Chilcotin Youth Fiddle Society (or CCYFS)		
	Parent/Guardian #1	Parent/Guardian #2	Emergency Contact
Name			
Phone Number			
Email			N/A