

NEWS RELEASE

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Music, family fun at Benson’s Bluegrass in the Park

Kids get hands-on experience at 7th Annual event

Benson, Ariz. – Bluegrass fans looking forward to a star-studded lineup won’t be disappointed at “[Benson’s 7th Annual Bluegrass in the Park](#)” April 27-29. More than just a concert, fans with musical abilities can also participate in jam sessions and workshops. Bluegrass is a wholesome genre, making it a great family event. Kids will have a chance to explore the music with hands-on experiences and even a stage performance!

Ben Sandoval Productions’ musical line up includes groups such as [Gold Wing Express](#) from Branson, Mo., [Lonesome Otis](#) from Corona, Calif., the [Triple L Band](#) from Portales, N.M., [Virtual Strangers](#) from Poway, Calif. and several Arizona-based bands such as [The Burnett Family Band](#) from Flagstaff, [Hey Boyz](#) from Phoenix, and local favorite, [Bost Family Traditions](#) out of Bisbee.

Family Fun Event

Catering to families, the Benson Bluegrass Festival will have an “instrument petting zoo.” Here, kids can get actually touch the instruments and fiddle with the fiddles, guitars, banjos, dobros and other bluegrass specialty instruments. Experienced musicians will teach kids about the instruments and allow them to get hands-on experience with the instruments. The musicians will try to draw out any hidden talents the children may possess. The kids will have a chance to put these skills to use. They’ll showcase their talents on stage for the audience, Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Free workshops

Performing musicians will host musical workshops during this three-day event. Amateur musicians who bring their instruments can participate in the workshops. Children and adults can take the workshops, which are free with the price of admission. The festival has a “park and pick” element, in which the spectators can go back to their camping area after the performances each day and play music with other campers. It is fun to watch and participate, no matter the skill level of the musicians.

Camping

Dry camping at Lions Park will be available during the festival for motor homes. The dry camping area is free with a three-day paid ticket or \$5 for one day. **Directions:** Go East on I-10 from Tucson, take Exit 304 onto Ocotillo Rd. Turn east onto Frontage Road. Follow signs to Lions Park.

Admission

Adults: \$8 on Friday, \$12 each day on Saturday & Sunday, or \$25 for a three-day pass

Kids: Ages 6 to 12 ~ 1/2 price, Kids 6 and under FREE with a paid adult.

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See the [complete schedule](#) for Benson Bluegrass in the Park. For more info on Benson attractions, accommodations and dining options, call the Benson Visitor Center at 520-586-4293 or visit the website at www.bensonvisitorcenter.com

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