Kids Fest coming to Hagood Mill

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PICKENS — Spring is in the air, and everyone's itching to get outside. Local residents can take the family to Kids Fest at Hagood Mill from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

In its ninth year, Kids Fest includes workshops, performances, concerts, a talent show and new this year — an instrumental petting zoo.

"What's an instrumental petting zoo you ask? It's a wonderful opportunity for kids of all ages to get up close and personal with a musical instrument," Hagood Mill director Billy Crawford said.

Emcees and hosts Gregg "Buffalo" Barfield, Michele Barfield and Steve McGaha will present a wide variety of instrument workshops and musical performances.

"Students in the YAM program representing many of the area's schools will be performing throughout the day beginning at 10:45 a.m. and will also include special performances by the Sweet Potato Pie Kids," Crawford said.

A Traditional Bluegrass and Old-Time Talent Show will take place at 2:45 p.m., sponsored by the co-host group "Preserving Our Southern Appalachian Music." The show is open to all youth and contestants can register at YAM schools or from 10:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Hagood Mill on the day of the festival.

Admission is free, but there is a $5 parking fee.

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