

# Eighth of January

from The Arkansas Barefoot Boys

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## Tune of the Month Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)



Melinda Grant, District 4

Here is a completely different version of "The Eighth of January" than the one we're all familiar with. It was the first version ever recorded, on Valentine's Day back in 1928, by the Arkansas Barefoot Boys with Cyrus Footrell on fiddle. You can download it from [slippery-hill.com](http://slippery-hill.com) (or search YouTube for Eighth of January Arkansas Barefoot Boys).



Eileen Walter

### From the State Fiddle Contest Director

The contest is 11 short weeks away! Put it on your calendar NOW for March 16!!! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that you are now polishing your fiddle tunes! Let me know if you have any questions or wish to sign up for volunteering. [gdaewalt@comcast.net](mailto:gdaewalt@comcast.net) or phone at 503-771-7474

Here are directions to the contest site at Chemeketa Community College in Salem:

Take the Market Street exit from the I-5 Freeway; Travel East on Market Street, Turn left and travel North on Lancaster Avenue; Turn right and travel East on Silverton Road; Turn left and travel North on 45th (the first traffic light). After you've gone approximately 1/2 mile you will see Building 6 on your left – there is a large parking lot in front of the building. Note: if you use the college address, you will end up in a completely different part of the campus.

Here are some nearby motels – there are many others:

Shilo Inn	3304 Market Street NE	503-581-4001
Double Tree	1590 Weston Court NE	503-581-7004
Comfort Inn	1775 Freeway Court NE	503-588-0515
Red Lion	3301 Market Street NE	503-370-7888

I haven't started calling volunteers yet, but I will soon. Many of you have experience at the Registration Desk, but I'm looking for a few more volunteers for that area. The Registration Desk is where contestants check in, receive name badges, and fill out tune sheets. The Registration Desk also compiles the Order of Play list for Round 1 in all divisions about 1/2 hour prior to the start of the division. There are many other volunteer duties available – I will be calling you soon!

The December Hoedowner contained a schedule and registration forms. It's not too early to sign up.

Looking forward to seeing you at the contest,

~Eileen