



Big Sky Blues Festival Inc.
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Dear Friends,

We are approaching our 8th Annual Big Sky Rhythm and Blues Festival -- August 4-6, 2017. Last year we became a non-profit 501 3c for the purpose of empowering kids and adults with the love and preservations of The Blues, one of our National Heritage's.

Last year, due to your generous donations, we were able to bring in some National Blues musicians/bands for two

and half days of Blues. These musicians also gave their knowledge and love of The Blues in music workshops for kids. L A Smith, world class percussionist, gave a 90 minute kids' workshop with bongos. He brought and donated 12 sets of Bongos to the festival, which were later donated to the local school music programs. Jim McLaughlin, world champion harmonica player also put on a kids' workshop. Jim McLaughlin and Lee Oscar Harmonicas donated 12 harmonicas, 10 guitar sheet music stands and their cases. Also a guitar workshop was given by the attending musicians. All workshops were full youth, local and from youth from afar that traveled with their families to the festival.

Big Sky Blues Festival is a family destination: Blues, workshops and food for the whole family, (bring your dog!). Youth, musicians, and beginners are encouraged to bring instruments and join in Sunday for the Big Jam on stage; no one is turned away.

We are asking for money to help in promoting these national blues acts and and/or supporting workshops for kids. All the profit goes to benefiting the youth's experience, supporting the local high schools and assuring topnotch musicians keep returning to Montana's local festival, Big Sky Blues Festival. Last year \$1500 in money and musical instruments were donated to local schools. This year we hope to give more and also start a blues music scholarship for the local schools. All donations are tax deductible under our 501 3c Big Sky Blues Festival, Inc. WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE? Besides getting an annual tax write-off, please see attached list (Sponsorship Levels) of all the things we will do for you - down to three days/night of whale watching and crabbing on a beautiful sail boat for two through the San Juan Islands.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and your consideration. Please feel free to contact myself, Lorne Riddell, instigator of this festival for eight years, phone 406-827-4210.

Sincerely

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