



**Junior
Appalachian
Musicians®
Tellico Plains
Madisonville**

**Recommended
Instruments
for JAM**

Guitars – We do not typically recommend Full-Size guitars for kids (even some adults do better with smaller guitars). We have tried many different guitars and have decided on Guitars made by **Orangewood**. They make a terrific, easy playing, great sounding beginner’s guitar and include a quality carry bag. You can order from Amazon or Directly from Orangewood. These (mini model) are the Choice of our Instrument Loan Program.

<https://tinyurl.com/Amazon-Guitar>

If Not available from Amazon here is the link from Orangewood –

<https://tinyurl.com/Orangewood-Guitar>

Ukuleles – We have tried many ukuleles and we feel this is one of the best for beginners and for kids with smaller hands. From Amazon seems to routinely put these on sale (they also come in colors) –

<https://tinyurl.com/Amazon-Ukulele>

Fiddles – A quality violin/fiddle is essential for beginners. The construction and playability will make a HUGE difference in learning the instrument. Diana has had MANY positive buying experiences online from Fiddlershop.com. They often sell Seconds which are instruments with a slight blemish on the finish that are hard to even see and have no effect on playability. Diana will be happy to consult with you before purchasing any violin or fiddle.

www.fiddlershop.com

Mandolins – Mandolins come in two styles. The A Style and the F Style. The F Style is simply fancier and they Sound Identical. Donner makes a fine beginner A-Style Mandolin package and is available at

<https://tinyurl.com/Amazon-Mandolin>

Banjos – Our JAM program teaches Old Time Banjo. This type of banjo music is most always played on an open back banjo instead of a banjo with a resonator on the back. Even though a resonator banjo can work, it will be very loud and heavy to hold. We recommend an open back banjo Model AC-1 from Gold Tone. This instrument plays and sounds great and is readily available from Amazon –

<https://tinyurl.com/Amazon-Banjo>