Frequently Asked Questions

What is/was the Belle Starr Lodge?

The Belle Starr Lodge was a famous (according to most) bar here in Colden, NY.  It ran its course in 1980 due to a fire. It was famous for its live music, just about every night of the week.  What really made it great was, when a headline band would play at the Aud in Buffalo, many times they would show up at the Belle Starr and sit in with the band playing that night.   We've been told, and we realize that there are some wild stories out there, musicians like BB King, Buddy Guy, James Cotton, Greg Allman and even the band Boston made their way there. Someone told me they saw Brittany Spears there. hmm.   There were other things that folks say made it famous, but we won't go into that.  just remember in its hay day, it was the '60's and 70's.

-what is the Belle Starr Concert?

Back in 2013, Celebrate Colden, Inc, (this is a small group of volunteers that put on the Colden Art Festival each year) decided to bring music to the festival.  That year we booked Buffalo's own Willie Nile.  Since then we've been booking touring bands and top local bands that generally don't make their way down here.  The concert has been changing and evolving since its conception. It's been the same weekend at the Colden Art Festival since 2013.  We've had some nasty weather and face it, the nighttime temps in September/October can be a bit chilly.  In 2019 we decided to move the event to the Buffalo Ski Center and have it in July. I'd like to say that moving it to July will guarantee us better weather and no snow but face it. This is Western NY.

Is there food and beverages available?

Um, it's a rock show, duh.  Of course.  The Colden Mill will be providing food and water in the food tent.  There will be a beer tent with beer, wine, water, and drinks from our sponsor Three Chord available.  Food will be cash paid directly to the folks of the Colden Mill.  We will be selling tickets for you to purchase your drinks.  We think it's vital that our bartenders pay attention to pouring and serving you as quickly as they can.

Can I bring a lawn chair?

Yes.   Bring a blanket to sit on too! We have over 41,000 square feet to stretch out in.

-Can I bring my pet?

No.  Unless it's a service animal.  It's not like we'll be asking...unless your service animal is a snake. Then we may want proof.

Is this an all-ages show?

Yes. Families are welcome to come.  However, anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

What is the cost?

Tickets are sold online at Eventbrite and are $20.00 + fees. No refunds. The event is rain or shine. Tickets are the door? Doubtful. We may keep a couple in case a dignitary shows up. Your best bet is to buy them now. We are limiting the show to 600 people max.

Refunds?

Refunds will only be given if the concert is canceled due to COVID-19 issues. In this case, you will receive a full refund-the cost of the ticket and fees.

Is there a lower charge for kids?

Nope.  However, 8 and under are free.

What time do the gates open?

5pm

Who is performing?

We will have 3 bands which are listed on the coldenfestival.com web site, that led you to this so go back and reread because if you didn’t see them, I didn’t do a very good job now did I?

When does the concert end?

While we'd like to say, when everybody is gone, we understand that all good things come to an end.  Or does it? The last band is scheduled to play until 10:00pm.

Can I bring my own food and drink to the event?

Sorry, that is not allowed.   You buying beverages helps pay for the event.

The drinking age in NYS is 21.  No one under that age will be allowed to drink.  Everyone entering the concert, that is of legal age, will get a wrist band.  Bartenders will only serve you if you have a wrist band.  Our security will be roaming the grounds to enforce this policy.