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At a Glance:

WHAT: Newton Hills Hoedown**WHERE:** Newton Hills State Park, five miles south of Canton, SD**WHEN:** 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. June 26, noon - 11 p.m. June 27**COST:** \$25 for the full weekend, includes free off-camping and shuttle

Day passes also available: \$15 Friday and \$20 Saturday

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The bands:

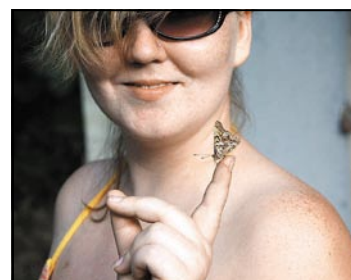
The Johnson Family Band
Heatbox
Snakebeard Jackson
Elephant Revival
Lunar Funk Theory
Burlap the Wolf King
Useful Jenkins Doppelgarten
Smoke & Mirrors Band
Ghostwood Calm
Jami Lynn and the Aquila Band
The Body Electric
DJ OTech & Friends
Apple Valley Jug Band
Champions

What to bring:

- lawn chairs or blanket
- admission fee
- sun protection
- bug repellent
- coolers — alcohol is not available for purchase

Folk Festival:

If you can't make the Newton Hills Hoedown, check out more live music at the Sioux River Folk Festival. This will take place at Newton Hills State Park July 31-Aug. 1. Seven bands will be featured at this three-day festival which is held rain or shine.



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Hoedown aimed at younger crowd

Event back for second year, with 'grunge' style musicians

Burlap the Wolf King. Elephant Revival. Snakebeard Jackson. They aren't a part of the circus, but they will provide plenty of entertainment.

These are just three of more than ten bands to be featured at this year's Newton Hills Hoedown on June 26-27.

These bands are almost in a genre all their own.

"I'd put them in the grunge category with maybe a folk twist," said Mark Steck, regional parks supervisor at Newton Hills State Park, where the festival will be held.

The concerts will be held in the stage area that stays at the park year-round. A schedule of times is not available yet.

The hoedown is in its second year.

"We have a folk fest and this is kind of a spin-off of the folk fest," Steck said. "We felt we were missing out on the 18-30 crowd a little bit."

Now this age-group has a festival of their own, though all ages are invited to the hoedown.

The original festival is the Sioux River Folk Fest, which also takes place at Newton Hills State Park. This year the festival and the hoedown will feature two of the same entertainers — Jami Lynn and the Acquila Band and Snakebeard Jackson.

In 2008, the first Newton Hills Hoedown attracted over 400 people.

"We think there'll be much more this year," Steck said.

Hoedown-goers should bring their own chairs and coolers. There will be a food vendor with items such as hamburgers and hot dogs, but no alcohol will be sold at the



Pack a cooler and some sunscreen and come enjoy the tunes at this year's Newton Hills Hoedown. For \$25 you can enjoy all three days of music. Camping is included and a shuttle will be available to take people to and from the campground.

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park.

People should also be ready to move to the beat.

"A lot of these bands, people kind of dance to," Steck said. "They kind of crowd up front at the stage."

With \$25 for a weekend ticket, attendees can also camp for free in nearby Fairview, SD. A free shuttle will take campers to and from the hoedown.

So take a weekend trip to Can-

ton, relax and have a little fun enjoying music and beautiful summer weather.

"It's just kind of a laid-back atmosphere with guys playing music," Steck said. ♦

