

CALLERS

Michael Ismerio

Currently living in the Asheville area, Michael has deep roots in the Portland, Oregon, old-time music and dance community. He has 10+ years' experience calling Southern squares and has called at Clifftop Appalachian String Band Festival, Festival of American Fiddle Tunes in Port Townsend WA, and Dare to Be Square events. Michael also plays fiddle and makes shoes. He has recently studied square dance history in the Berea archives.

Ben Nelson

Now living in Asheville, Ben grew up in a family of old-time musicians in SW Virginia. He grew up going to square dances with his family and started calling at Dare to be Square events 10 years ago. Ben teaches old-time music and dance for the Junior Appalachian Music program and at Warren Wilson College, and he has been a dance caller and music instructor at camps including the Augusta Heritage Center, Swannanoa Gathering, and John C. Campbell Folk School. He thinks of square dancing as a catalyst for social connection and "joyful play." His calling mentors and role models include Phil Jamison, Beth Molaro, and Michael Ismerio.

Scott Russell

One of the founders of Georgy Alabam, Scott has been calling squares for 30+ years. Seattle's Sandy Bradley was his role model. His repertoire is deep, and he likes to improvise from several traditions. He has called dances and played driving rhythm guitar at countless venues all over the US. He also calls and plays for contra dances, English country dancing, and Irish sets, and he is well versed in the music and dances of Cape Breton and Maritime Canada.



Dancing in the Bald Rock Lodge

BANDS

Red Mountain Yellowhammers,

Georgy Alabam's "house & host band," produce a hard driving old time "wall of sound" that makes the dance floor bounce. When not playing, you'll find the Yellowhammers on the dance floor.

Mountain Yanny Band

Birmingham's Mountain Yannys have been playing dances for over ten years. They share a mutual love of old-time fiddle tunes and enjoy playing the local Alabama repertoire. They describe their tune selection as "omnivorous." Members of the Yannys have played many times over the years at Georgy Alabam and at the Mentone contra dance weekend. When they aren't playing, you will see them on the dance floor..

Welcome Atlanta's Max Godfrey and Maggie Hall

for their Georgy Alabam debut. Between the two of them they play a variety of instruments. Along with playing for dances, they enjoy playing at farmers' markets and community gatherings. Max and Maggie love singing old-time songs and country blues.



Cheaha State Park
is located approximately 2 hours west
of Atlanta, Georgia and 1.5 hours east of
Birmingham, Alabama.



**Birmingham Friends of
Old-Time Music and Dance**

GEORGY ALABAM Square Dance Weekend



**January 17-19, 2020
MLK Weekend**

**Sponsored by Birmingham Friends
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❧ **LODGING** ❧

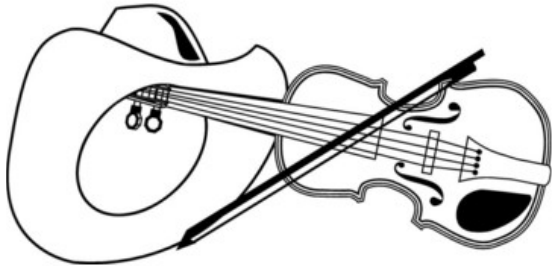
You are responsible for your own housing.

The park offers reasonably priced hotel rooms, cabins, chalets, and campgrounds near Bald Rock Lodge. Check out the options at www.alapark.com/cheaha-state-park-reservations, then call 256-488-5115 to make reservations. Make reservations early to get what you want. If you are told there are no motel spaces, contact Bill Goolsby (contact info below) for assistance.

Communal floor space is available in Bald Rock Lodge for \$20 for the weekend and is arranged through Bill Goolsby

❧ **MEALS** ❧

Included in your registration fee are ample breakfast's Saturday and Sunday mornings and after-dance snacks. Friday supper and all lunches are on your own. You may use the kitchen in the lodge for food prep and there is a restaurant in the park. We share a potluck meal on Saturday night. Please bring a dish to share.



❧ **THREE DAYS OF DANCES, WORKSHOPS AND JAMS** ❧

in historic Bald Rock Lodge
at Cheaha State Park on Mount Cheaha,
Alabama's Highest Point

Dances led by

**Dances led by Michael Ismerio,
Ben Nelson, and Scott Russell**

Old-Time Southern Music by

- **Red Mountain Yellowhammers**
- **Mountain Yanny String Band**
- **Max Godfrey, Maggie Hall and friends**

Visit www.footmadbirmingham.org
for more info.

❧ **REGISTRATION** ❧

Registration fee:

\$80 per person

**Register on-line at
[footmadbirmingham.org/
georgy-alabam](http://footmadbirmingham.org/georgy-alabam)**

or

Send the registration form
and a check payable to:

Birmingham FOOTMAD

to

PO Box 660281

Birmingham, AL 35266

For more info, email
footmadbirmingham@gmail.com.

If you don't have email, call
Bill Goolsby, 404-775-8478.



Registration Form for Georgy-Alabam, January 17, 18, 19, 2020

Name(s) _____

E-mail address _____

Confirmation by e-mail only

Phone number _____

Number of people registering _____ X \$80 = \$ _____

Number for communal floor space _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Please make your check payable to Birmingham FOOTMAD.

I would like to be on an e-mail list for people who want to share: a room a ride