

Trailing of the Sheep Festival

A decorative banner with a light beige background and a brown border. The border features stylized sunburst or fan-like patterns at the corners. In the center, the text "Starry Starry" is written in a cursive script, "NIGHT" is in a simple sans-serif font, and "IN THE WILD WEST" is in a large, bold, blocky font with a double outline.

Starry Starry NIGHT IN THE WILD WEST

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STARRY STARRY NIGHT IN THE WILD WEST Fundraiser To Benefit the Trailing of the Sheep Festival

The [Trailing of the Sheep Festival](#) will present its annual fundraising event, this year themed '[Starry Starry Night in the Wild West](#),' on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at The Argyros Performing Arts Center in Ketchum, Idaho. Guests are invited to don their finest western wear and enjoy an evening of entertainment, food, drinks, and auctions to support the Trailing of the Sheep Festival's mission to gather, celebrate, present, and preserve the history and cultures of sheepherding in Idaho and the West. The event will bring together community-minded, philanthropic guests to enjoy a celebratory feast, expertly prepared by Silver Fox Catering and featuring Grand Teton Lamb of Idaho, along with other local, seasonal foods, and a variety of beverages. Guests will be invited to participate in silent and live auctions, a mystery raffle and have the opportunity to customize their own hat at the Idaho Hat Bar, all while enjoying lively bluegrass tunes.

"We hope our guests come out and enjoy a great evening this August. And, that they know how important their support through this event is as it helps our non-profit Trailing of the Sheep Festival present another jam-packed five days of signature events for our community in October, all while keeping our largest events free and accessible to all. Our 'bucket-list' Festival annually attracts people

from all around the country, and the world, and we are excited to see everyone in town this October,” said Laura Musbach Drake, Executive Director of the Festival.

Live musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by Dewey, Pickette and Howe, a three-piece bluegrass band, based in the Ketchum/Sun Valley area, who have quickly established themselves as one of the top bands in Southern Idaho. “Great song list,” “sharp arrangements,” and “awesome harmony,” are just a few comments from fans at Dewey, Pickette, and Howe performances. With combined experience of over 100 years performing in bluegrass, cowboy, country rock, and new acoustic bands, the members of Dewey, Pickette, and Howe blend it all into a fresh, distinctly Northern Rockies bluegrass sound. Musicians include Gary Carlson on guitar and vocals, Brad Hershey on the bass, and Dave Muscavage on mandolin and vocals.

Only 200 seats are available for ‘[Starry Starry Night in the Wild West](https://trailingofthesheep.org/starry-starry-night),’ and tickets are on sale now. VIP tickets are \$225.00 and include Sheriff’s VIP Swag, VIP Seating, Reception, Host Bar, Lamb Dinner with Premium Wine; General Admission tickets are \$150.00. Tickets can be purchased at online at <https://trailingofthesheep.org/starry-starry-night>

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About the Trailing of the Sheep Festival

Each fall, the Trailing of the Sheep Festival honors the 150+ year annual tradition of moving sheep (‘trailing’) from high mountain summer pastures down through the Valley to traditional winter grazing and lambing areas in the south. This annual migration is living history and the focus of a unique and authentic Festival that celebrates the people, arts, cultures, and traditions of Idaho’s sheep ranching families, highlighting the principal contributors – the Basques, Scottish and Peruvians.

The five-day Festival, this year October 8-12, 2025, includes nonstop activities in multiple venues - history, folk arts, an authentic Sheep Folklife Fair, lamb culinary offerings, Wool Fest classes, music, storytelling, National Qualifying Sheepdog Trials and, the always entertaining, Big Sheep Parade with over 1,200 sheep hoofing it down Main Street in Ketchum.

*The Trailing of the Sheep Festival has also garnered some well-deserved accolades over the years, including being recognized as one of the **Top Ten Fall Festivals in the World** by msn.com travel, **Top Ten US Fall Festivals** by smartertravel.com, **Top Animal Festivals in the World** and **Top Ten Fall Festivals** by USA Today, **Top 7 Fun Fall Festivals** by AARP, **One of the Greatest Cultural Events in the West** by Northwest Travel, and recipient of the Society of American Travel Writer’s **Phoenix Award** for best in cultural tourism, and the **Idaho Governor’s Award for Cultural Heritage**.*

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