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As if Raleigh hasn't rolled out the red carpet for World of Bluegrass week enough, the city and surrounding area are hosting even more events to supplement the biggest "family gathering" in the bluegrass world. In the same state where Earl Scruggs, Doc Watson, and many more beloved bluegrass artists called and do call home, the music we all love will be celebrated and honored before the business conference begins and after the final encore of the festival is played.

Take a look at some of the events and opportunities Raleigh is offering. IBMA's partners in Raleigh, the [PineCone: Piedmont Council of Traditional Music](#) ^[2] will be a great resource leading up to the event. Make sure to visit their website for information and more events to take advantage of.

-Bela Fleck plays with the North Carolina Symphony at Meymandi Concert Hall, Raleigh Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 7:30pm. The five-string banjo master marks the International Bluegrass Music Association's move to Raleigh with a special concert that will get your foot tapping and your spirits soaring. Tickets [can be bought here](#) ^[3] or by calling toll-free 877-627-6724.

-September 23 (Monday before WOB) is a [regularly scheduled bluegrass jam](#) ^[4] in downtown Raleigh at the Busy Bee Café. It is free and open to the public, with indoor and outdoor seating.

-Town of Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department will hold a bluegrass concert featuring *Acoustic Grace* on Friday, September 20 at 6:30-8:00pm on the front lawn of the Zebulon Municipal Complex. Rain date is Friday, October 11. Contact Zebulon Community Center at 919-823-0432 or www.townofzebulon.org ^[5] for information.

- Johnston Community College is screening *Generation Bluegrass* on Saturday, September 21. Tickets are \$13.30 in advance [online](#) ^[6] or by calling 919-209-2099.

Generation Bluegrass was born in the mind of 17-year-old Corey Smith as he sought to merge his talents as a videographer with his talent and love for bluegrass music. When the idea was pitched to friend and fellow musician, 17-year-old Zeb Snyder, a project was born that showcases the talents of this amazing group of up and coming bluegrass musicians, encourages younger folks to play and enjoy heritage music, and finally honors older musicians who have given us a rich musical heritage. *Generation Bluegrass* members include, Zeb and Samantha Snyder (Snyder Family Band); The Church Sisters; The Moore Brothers; Shane and Alex Edwards; and The Smith Family.

- Raleigh Chamber Music Guild will present Tony Williamson, mandolin player, in concert on Sunday, September 22. Call (919)-821-2030 for more information.

-There will be a shuttle from the Fairground Campgrounds to the Downtown Event Campus the entire week of World of Bluegrass. Schedule times are still being planned, but you can count on transportation to the events if you will be camping.

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