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## Riverview Campgrounds hosts Hanks Gill & Bellows Band Saturday

Fall is a great time with outdoor concerts. Riverview Campgrounds is hosting a fundraiser concert featuring the Hanks Gill & Bellows Band performing Americana music on Saturday, September 24 from 7 – 10 PM. All proceeds will benefit Guntersville Apple Foundation and Mountain Valley Arts Council. For a minimum \$10 dollar ticket/donation, you'll get some great music and be eligible for door prizes that will range from tee-shirts to lakeview accommodations. Higher donations will get more door prize tickets.

The concert will be held at "The Shed" at Riverview Campground at 1450 Chalakee Road in Warrenton. Dog Eats Dawgs will keep you from getting hungry.

Mark your calendars and bring your fans, folding chairs, friends, and maybe some bug spray.

The band members have nearly 50 years of experience each, and Ken Gill calls himself a "human juke box". Ken Gill started performing in bars in 1974 around Virginia and the Carolinas. He came to Tuscaloosa in 1978 as a starving musician and grad student. Ken was playing in a coffeehouse when Bill Bellows and Kenny Hanks started singing harmony from the audience. Ken thought the three sounded so good that they struck up a musical collaboration and life-long friendships.

Performing as a duo, a trio, and a six-piece band called the Sneakers, Ken Gill recalled their venues ranged from the tawdry to the tasteful. Kenny Hanks also played with The Vandals in the Birmingham area, and The Echoes with Bill Bellows, Al Sartain and a mopey drummer who made Eeyore look like Suzy Sunshine. Bill Bellows and Kenny Hanks performed as a duo at Blaney's. They added Marc Mavez and Dan Farmer to the band and became known as Crooked Road performing in Birmingham. Kenny performed with the Rock Salt trio as well for several years. Bill Bellows has written songs and competed in songwriting contests since then.

While working in Key Biscayne as a marine biologist and in the British Virgin Islands at the De Loose Mongoose Beach bar, Ken Hanks wrote and recorded songs that sold 6,000 albums to inebriated sailors in 4 years, a feat which is called "going zinc".

Join us for a fun lakeside concert of Americana music.