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GROUP GUITAR LESSON POLICIES AND COVENANT

FEE AGREEMENT: One hour group lessons are given weekly to students, at the rate of \$28 per lesson, due and payable each week by cash, check, or through Paypal (credit card). A discounted rate of \$25 per lesson is given if a full month of lessons is paid in advance.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Students must provide their own guitar (preferably an acoustic guitar, though I teach electric guitar as well). Students must also provide their own accessories as needed, i.e. picks, strings, cleaning materials. I am willing to assist the student/parents in purchasing a decent instrument at a decent price at local music retail facilities such as The Guitar Center. Students might also consider purchasing a 3-ring notebook with paper and dividers for keeping notes and teaching material organized. An iPad or Smartphone is also helpful for recording notes and/or lessons.

CANCELLATION POLICY/MISSED LESSONS: All students are encouraged to be prompt in arriving for their scheduled lesson time, and to attend as regularly as possible for the sake of continuity and retention of material. If students are late to a lesson, and only a partial hour lesson is able to be given, the full hourly rate will still apply. **A 24-hour notice for missing a lesson is required. Without said notice, the student will be charged for the lesson.** Make up lessons can be arranged if proper notice is given, and emergency notices will be handled at the instructor's discretion. A rolling credit will be given to the student should the 24-hour notice be given.

RECITALS/CONCERTS: Twice a year or so, I will attempt to schedule an evening performance recital/jam session wherein all students and their families can enjoy hearing the progress of the students, as they perform musical pieces learned during their instruction. Performance is an important part of the learning process, and also provides incentive to work toward a goal!

PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS: It is expected that students will take their training seriously, and attempt to practice **at least 20-30 minutes each day**. Relatively speaking, that is a small part of each day, but the benefits of such rehearsal are exponential!!

COVENANT OF LEARNING:

I, _____, acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of the Group Guitar Instruction Policies on this date, _____, and that I covenant to do my very best to attend lessons, soak up knowledge, and dedicate part of each day to perfecting and rehearsing my craft.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature (if applicable)

Date