For any music lover, a music festival seems like the most important experience to have. Through this podcast, I am going to try and detail what music festivals are happening this summer, focusing mainly on two big music festivals which are Bonnaroo and All Good and deciding where the best place is for your taste and some other helpful hints and tidbits about the festivals to keep you prepared for an unforgettable experience.

One of the most recognizable music festivals that have gained a lot of attention over the years is Bonnaroo. Bonnaroo takes place in Manchester, Tennessee and is hosted by Superfly Productions and AC entertainment. What this music festival really offers its audience is a very assorted group of artists. For example groups like Pearl Jam and My Morning Jacket have played at Bonnaroo and so have artists like Jay-Z and Kanye West. Bonnaroo also offers other attractions besides the concerts for its festival-goers. One of those attractions is The Silent Disco, which allows you to dance the night away with wireless headphones. Why are the headphones so important? The Disco takes place way into the night and that way anyone who wants to stay up can and anyone who is trying to sleep might be able to. Other attractions include poster art exhibits, a comedy theatre group, and they offer a market, which is stocked with vendors selling crafts and official festival merchandise. There is also a huge water fountain that allows people to cool off and dance around it.

Bonnaroo offers camping, onsite and offsite for people attending the festival. There are bathrooms, showers and plenty of places for food and water. If camping isn’t your thing, there are also offsite hotels available. For more information on camping tips and accommodation, please visit Bonaroo’s official website which is Bonaroo.com, it’s a really helpful website that includes all possible information that you could want about the festival, more than I can fit into the podcast.

Ticket prices range from 200-250$ which some of the festival goers do have a problem with. In my opinion, for the experience you’re getting, it would be worth it to drop that money and at least get the experience and maybe decide if this type of festival is or isn’t right for you.

One of the negative comments I got when talking about the experience of Bonnaroo, was from Evan Lewis. Lewis lives in Tennessee and has been to Bonnaroo before. “"Bonnaroo is awesome if you enjoy spending $250 for four days of camping in 110 degree heat, drinking $9 water, surrounded by pollen, unbathed hippies, and sweaty fat men who don't wear shirts. It is where comfort goes to die." Obviously Evan did not have a great experience but there sure are people who feel differently than him since Bonnaroo is one of the biggest summer music festivals held with people traveling from all over the state and world to come to Manchester, Tennessee and enjoy four days of music, friends and experiences.

Interested in attending Bonnaroo? Here is SOME of the line-up of artists for this summer: Eminem, Arcade Fire, Lil’ Wayne, Black Keys, The Decembrists, Florence & The Machine, Iron & Wine, Girl Talk and Mumford & Sons. For the full comprehensive list, please go to the website for all of your Bonnaroo needs.

Moving on from Tennessee, let’s go to West Virginia for the All Good music festival. If you were looking for a different experience than Bonnaroo, in the sense that it has less attention and more of the same kind of music playing, which is in the realm of jam and folk bands, All Good would be a better music festival for you. All Good is held by Walther Productions. All Good is smaller than Bonnaroo but offers an awesome experience. Almost all of the people I have talked to who have attended All Good found their experience to be enjoyable. All Good gives off the vibe of being a more relaxed environment than Bonnaroo, which is constantly going all the time from morning until night. Not to say that people at All Good don’t enjoy themselves, there is plenty of drinking and partying going on but what I gather from people is there is a higher sense of community at All Good which could be important to you if that’s what you want out of your music festival experience.

Like Bonnaroo, All Good offers onsite and offsite camping and places to stay. There is a natural amphitheater created because the main stage for the acts is at the bottom of a hill, and allows for a beautiful scenic back drop of West Virginia hills.

There is a pretty big price difference between getting a ticket for Bonnaroo and getting a ticket for All Good, about a hundred dollar different which for any college student can be A LOT. The average All Good ticket costs about 150-170$.

Some of the artists that are playing at All Good this summer are: moe. John Butler Trio. Umphrey’s Mcgee and The Bridge. Please check out the website [www.allgoodfestival.com](http://www.allgoodfestival.com) for more information on the acts that are playing and be sure to check out anything else about the festival you might want to know.

That’s all for this podcast. remember to tune in next week for more about all you want to know about musical festivals.