



# 2021 GOLDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL

## Food Vendor Application

### Dates and Times

The Golden Harvest Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, **September 11 & 12, 2021**. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no rain date.

### The Spirit of the Festival

The Golden Harvest Festival is more than an arts and crafts show—it is also a spirited family experience offering fun-filled activities for all ages. There will be horse-drawn hayrides, guided nature walks, scarecrow-making contests, lively music, old-fashioned games, and plenty of country-style food to sample and take home. During the 2019 Festival, Beaver Lake Nature Center hosted about 100 artists and craftsmen and approximately 15,000 visitors. This is the largest nature center sponsored event in America. There is a moderate public admission fee.

### Location

The show will be held at Beaver Lake Nature Center, an Onondaga County park serving people in the Central New York with nature-oriented educational tours and outdoor recreational experiences. The Nature Center is located about four miles west of Baldwinsville off Route 370, and is well marked by signs along the highway. Baldwinsville is easily reached by taking Highway 690 West from Syracuse. A highway sign indicates where to exit for Beaver Lake Nature Center. If you are coming from out of town and need to stay at a motel or campground in this area, feel free to call Beaver Lake Nature Center for recommendations.

### Eligibility

Good country food is an integral part of the Golden Harvest Festival. Types of food may range from homemade cookies to “hamburger” concessions. In line with the spirit of the Festival we are looking for a “homemade,” uncommercial feeling in the way food is prepared and presented to the public. We especially favor American regional foods and natural foods rather than the typical fast foods found at fairs. Examples of foods we like to see include fresh fruit cups, pies, and pita salad sandwiches. Please be imaginative! As spaces are limited to about 15 food vendors, the choice of vendors will reflect our feeling of how well your proposed sales items fit in with the old-fashioned, harvest flavor of the event. **Beaver Lake Nature Center reserves the right to make all final choices of food vendors and items to be sold. The Friends of Beaver Lake Nature Center have exclusive sales of hotdogs, cider, and doughnuts (this includes fried dough and funnel cakes).**

Every food and drink item you wish to sell should be listed on the application. Vendors with unapproved items will be told to terminate sales on those items. There will be no sales of beer, wine, or alcohol of any kind. To promote recycling, all soft drinks will be sold by the can, or in a compostable cup. **A Certificate of Insurance is required for each participating vendor, naming Onondaga County as co-insured.**

# GOLDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL is a WASTE FREE EVENT!

**The Golden Harvest Festival is a WASTE-FREE event. All vendors will be required to serve their products on plates or in containers made of compostable materials. Any uncoated paper products are acceptable, as are sugarcane, wheat straw fiber products, and a few corn-based products.**

**STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AT THE FESTIVAL. This *will* be enforced. Included is a list of links where you can find plates, carryout containers, and utensils that will be accepted at this year's event. PLEASE KEEP OUTSIDE PACKAGING OR INVOICE SO WE CAN VERIFY IF NEED BE, THAT THE ITEM IS COMPOSTABLE. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.**

## **Spaces and Set-ups**

All "meal" type food booths will be clustered together, a few snack-type booths may be located outside the main tent and these vendors will have to supply their own covering. The Nature Center reserves the right to make a final decision as to the placement of all booths. Space for your food booth can be discussed when you call. It will generally range from 10' to 15' square.

**Most food booths will be housed under a large tent, so there will be no need for tarps or other coverings for these booths.** Set-up is entirely your responsibility. We believe that the large tent dramatically increases sales for vendors.

Set-up of your booth should take place the Thursday or Friday before the Festival. **YOU WILL NEED TO CALL TO RESERVE YOUR ARRIVAL TIME.** We will let you know of any changes in this schedule as we approach the date of the event.

Only pre-authorized vehicles will be permitted in the food booth area. All other vehicles must be off Festival grounds by 9:30 am. This is extremely important. We cannot open the Festival until all vehicles are off the grounds.

Your booth must be staffed for the duration of the show and Onondaga County Parks assumes no responsibility for losses due to theft, poor weather, or damages due to any other reason.

In addition, you will be responsible for keeping the area around your booth (approximately 5 to 7 feet out) clean for the duration of the Festival. We suggest you bring a broom and dustpan. You are also responsible for the cleanup in, and around your booth after the end of the Festival. Please bring your bagged garbage to the outside of the tent at the entrance by the woods. Do not place your garbage by the garbage cans under the tent.

## **Fees**

Fees have been set according to the following guidelines:

- For all private businesses or groups whose profits are used primarily to benefit members of the group, the fee will be \$400 and a separate check for \$50. The \$50 check will be returned at the end of the Festival on Sunday only if you used all compostable items. You may serve beverages in recyclable cans.
- For not-for-profit groups (all your income goes to serve charities) the fee will be \$150 and a separate check for \$50. plus 10% of your net income. The \$50 check will be returned at the end of the Festival on Sunday only if you used all compostable items.

- Food vendors are expected to pay fees upon acceptance into the event. If you are accepted your fee will be due by August 2, 2021. If we have not received your payment by this date, another vendor will be chosen.
- Not-for-profit vendors are expected to pay the percentage fees to Beaver Lake Nature Center between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening at the close of the event unless other arrangements are made with the Nature Center Director.

If you have questions do not hesitate to call.

## **Food Service Permits**

You must obtain a food service permit from the Onondaga County Department of Health and must display the permit at the event. All food booths will be inspected by the Health Department at the event. Call (315) 435-6607 for permit information.

## **Insurance**

You will need to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance, listing Onondaga County Parks, Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027, as certificate Holder.

## **Fire and Safety Regulations**

Food booths are now expected to comply with the following applicable fire and safety regulations. There can be no exceptions. If you have any questions concerning these regulations please contact the Onondaga County Fire Coordinator, Jim Woods, at (315) 317-5061

- All exits and aisles shall be kept clear at all times.
- No portable heaters shall be used.
- Fire extinguisher(s) of approved types must be furnished and maintained readily accessible at all times in each booth.
- All decorative material(s) used shall be of flameproof material.
- The area adjacent to the tent shall be maintained clear of combustible materials or vegetation that may constitute a fire hazard.
- Open flame devices shall not be allowed inside or within (20) feet of the tent or air supported structure, unless approved by the Fire Coordinator's office.
- The storage use of combustible or flammable liquids or gases shall be in accordance with the applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. (Six feet from tent and it must be secured)

## **Let's Make It a Fine Show!**

It is the goal of Beaver Lake Nature Center's staff to make this an enjoyable and successful sale for all. By following the guidelines we have provided, the 31st annual Golden Harvest Festival should be a fine show. Thank you.

## **Questions – Contact:**

Beaver Lake Nature Center  
Armando Villa-Ignacio  
8477 East Mud Lake Road  
Baldwinsville, New York 13027  
(315) 638-2519

## **Plates and Bowls**

<https://www.mychinet.com/>

<https://greenpaperproducts.com/biodegradable-plates.aspx>

<https://greenpaperproducts.com/biodegradable-bowls.aspx>

## **Cups**

Cups need to be uncoated paper or certified compostable.

<https://greenpaperproducts.com/biodegradable-cups.aspx>

### **Cold Cups**

[https://www.ecoproducts.com/greenstripe\\_cold\\_cups](https://www.ecoproducts.com/greenstripe_cold_cups)

[https://www.ecoproductsstore.com/cold\\_cups](https://www.ecoproductsstore.com/cold_cups) (includes links for straws and lids)

### **Hot Cups**

<https://www.theultimategreenstore.com/p-487-biodegradable-compostable-bagasse-hot-cups-50-ct-by-eps.aspx>

### **Straws**

[https://www.ecoproductsstore.com/compostable\\_straws.html](https://www.ecoproductsstore.com/compostable_straws.html)

[https://www.vegwareus.com/catalogue/straws/cat\\_28.html](https://www.vegwareus.com/catalogue/straws/cat_28.html)

## **Take Out Containers**

<http://www.worldcentric.org/biocompostables/clamshells/plantfiber>

[https://www.ecoproductsstore.com/sugarcane\\_containers.html](https://www.ecoproductsstore.com/sugarcane_containers.html)

## **Cutlery**

[https://www.vegwareus.com/cutlery/cat\\_1.html](https://www.vegwareus.com/cutlery/cat_1.html)

<https://greenpaperproducts.com/biodegradable-cutlery.aspx>

## **Miscellaneous**

<https://www.hypothermias.com/collections/biodegradable-flower-and-star-cups-shaved-ice-cups>

[https://www.greenpartysupply.com/Green\\_Party\\_Supplies\\_Biodegradable\\_Plates\\_Cups\\_Utensils/28.htm?searching=Y&sort=13&cat=28&show=30&page=1](https://www.greenpartysupply.com/Green_Party_Supplies_Biodegradable_Plates_Cups_Utensils/28.htm?searching=Y&sort=13&cat=28&show=30&page=1)

**Beaver Lake Nature Center**  
**GOLDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION**  
 September 11, 2021 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
 September 12, 2021 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Please circle one item you would like to be exclusive. If your application is accepted you will be informed if this item has been approved for your exclusive sale.

Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Food Items \_\_\_\_\_

Beverages (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

**SET UP DESCRIPTION**

What does your structure look like? A photograph may enhance your application.

**Self-contained Units (space is limited)**

Size(if this is a self-contained trailer include the hitch): \_\_\_\_\_

What side do you serve out of : Driver side \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger Side: \_\_\_\_\_

**Under the tent (non-self contained)**

How many feet of service counter space will you have? \_\_\_\_\_

*Counters (ordering, upkeep, return) are the responsibility of the vendor.*

Do you have a refrigerated trailer? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity Needed? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Amount (110 only): \_\_\_\_\_

*Storage cars, vans or trailers will be parked off Festival grounds. Transportation will be provided for restocking of supplies.*

**ELECTRICITY**

Electricity requirement – exactly what do you need? Please include amperage, voltage (110 only), number of outlets (extension cords are your responsibility). All generators must be approved.

Appliance	Volts	Amp	Outlets
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

*If an appliance is not listed, Beaver Lake reserves the right not to provide additional electricity to compensate. (Use other side if more space is needed.)*

**PROPANE USE** (ordering, upkeep, and return of tanks is the responsibility of vendor)

How many of each? \_\_\_\_\_ 100lbs \_\_\_\_\_ 60lbs \_\_\_\_\_ 40lbs \_\_\_\_\_ 20lbs

**TYPE OF GROUP** \_\_\_\_\_ Private Profit \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit (If non-profit, please provide an explanation)