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Planning is under way to coordinate a unique and charming festival experience for everyone in Polk County. The event is the Columbus Farm Festival and is to take place on Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Committee members are aiming to emphasize Polk County's dynamic cultural and natural heritage in this down to earth local event.

Already planned for the festival is an encampment of the Overmountain Men, a youth animal show, an extended farmer's market, live local blue grass music, a tractor show, and craft and food vendors. In an attempt to keep the event as locally oriented as possible we are restricting vendor participation to only those who live in Polk County.

The more this event has been discussed, the more the committee members feel like the new farm festival could potentially be a great fund raising opportunity for those in Polk County. As such, this is an invitation to participate in the Columbus Farm Festival. Please come out and join local farmers and gardeners, local crafters, local tractor owners, local musicians, and others in this one of a kind event.

Our initial thoughts were that a non-profit organization could host fund raisers during the event by selling food items, acting as a sort of food vendor for the festival. However, we are open to suggestions and would love to hear your thoughts about participating. Please take the time to get in touch with one of us at the numbers at the top of the page to discuss how your organization might be able to participate. As committee members we are more than willing to greatly limit participation by other more regular food vendors, should there be a significant interest by other organizations to take on the roll. In order to gage the level of interest in this and still afford opportunity to recruit other food vendors, in the event there is a lack of interest, we kindly ask you to get in touch with us by September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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