

Festival Dining Guide

People attend the Ozark Heritage Festival for many reasons. For some, the food is the lure. Festival food, a picnic bench, and great conversation occupies the time for many who visit the festival.

If you do not come hungry, you'll be hungry before long because of the taste-tempting aromas that waft through the air. There will be no shortage of goodies to choose from this year.

One of the vendors will be selling breakfast sandwiches. She anticipates this will be very popular with people who come to town early; they can park, grab a sandwich and then walk to find a spot to watch the parade.

Eighteen food vendors will be set up near the crafters and entertainment stage at this year's festival. Of the vendors, several are from the Piedmont/Patterson area, including Hercules Barbecue, Tequila's Mexican Restaurant, the Greenville Museum

Committee, Chubba Bubba BBQ, and the Piedmont Church of the Nazarene.

Starner said that she had to turn away vendor requests this year. The Heritage Festival is so popular with food vendors that many of them reserve their space for next year before the current festival ends.

The vendors will be set up in two locations. The majority of the food vendors will be located near the Ash Street pavilion in the McKenzie Creek Greenway. Food booths will be placed in an L-shaped arrangement near the Ash Street pavilion. The majority of the food booths will face the walking trail; a few food booths will face the parking lot. Picnic tables will be located in a shady, tree-lined area, directly across the walking trail from the vendors.

Starner said that two vendors will be set up in Rotary Park this year so that people who have cars in the competition, do not have to leave them in

order to get food. The food vendors that will be set up there will be Rooster Shaved Ice and Lemonade House Grill.

A wide variety of foods will be available to festivalgoers. Your menu will include: blooming onions, potatoes on a stick, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili pies, pizza, barbecue beef, pulled pork, nachos, shish kabobs, egg rolls, crab rangoon, bratwurst, smoked sausage, plain and loaded spiral potatoes, and many more items.

Starner said that several new items will be on the menu this year. Fried pies and deep fried candy bars will be available. Easy-Squeezy lemonade and Italian Ice will also be available.

If a light snack is what you want, you will be able to find that also. Cotton candy, fried pies, nachos, pretzels with cheese, pickles, funnel cakes, fried Oreos, and kettle korn will be available.

The carnival will also be selling refreshments.

A favorite thing to do at the festival is to share lighthearted conversation with friends or old acquaintances over a funnel cake, bratwurst, or other treat in the dining area. Many of the festivalgoers say the Ozark Heritage Festival is like an old-fashioned Piedmont homecoming where they can renew friendships and enjoy a relaxing, fun-filled weekend.

The Chamber of Commerce urges people to remember their local eating establishments on festival day. Grab breakfast before heading to the parade.

If you are tired from a day of walking at the festival or don't want to cook when you get home, make sure you check out one of the local restaurants. The majority of area restaurant owners report brisk sales during the festival weekend. The local convenience stores also report selling a lot of pizzas to people as they head back to their homes after a long day of festival fun.



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