

Special Needs Fun Day - Sept. 7



Free Fun Day Created for Special Needs Children at Soybean Festival

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The 2019 TN Soybean Festival is offering the first-ever opportunity for children and adults with special needs to attend several activities completely free.

The Special Needs Fun Day at The Bean will take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, and several activities will be offered for individuals with special needs to play and explore, thanks to the generosity of others.

The Soybean Festival has teamed up with the Upper West Tennessee Special

Olympics to help sponsor this event and the activities will be open to any child or adult with disabilities.

According to Whitney Wright, the organizer for the event, participants will receive separate vouchers for carnival armbands and animal feed and camel rides, as well as admission for the Sea Lion Show, Chinese Magic Acrobats and free pizza. Popular characters will also be on hand at the event.

"We want everyone to know this is 100 percent free for the special needs community," said Wright, who emphasized the importance of having a

chance for allowing all children and adults to experience the Soybean Festival.

Everyone will need to pre-register for the vouchers, which include: one piece of pizza with a bottled water, one armband for rides, one pony ride, one camel ride, and one opportunity to feed animals.

In order to pre-register, parents and caretakers of special needs individuals who are interested in participating in the Fun Day are encouraged to contact Wright to reserve their vouchers. You may email her at whitney.wright@savantls.com.

The location of where to

pick up vouchers will be announced closer to the event date, according to Wright.

Additionally, anyone in the community who would like to purchase an individual sponsorship to help provide this opportunity for those with special needs can notify Wright. A \$30 sponsorship will allow a special needs participant to receive vouchers for an armband to the carnival and participation in the street fair activities, including the petting zoo.

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