

27TH ANNUAL YORKVILLE HOMETOWN DAYS FESTIVAL AUGUST 29 – SEPT 1, 2019

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Plan to attend all four days of the 27th annual Hometown Days Festival, presented by the City of Yorkville, which takes place August 29th through September 1st at Beecher Community Park, 908 Game Farm Road. Festival hours are Friday, August 31st from 5 – 10 PM, Saturday and Sunday, August 31st and September 1st from noon to 10 PM. The festival is a family-oriented event; 2019 sees the return many past favorites.

Highlights of the festival include Unlimited Carnival Ride Specials, Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 5 PM, with purchase of a \$20 Wristband; Ultimate Air Dogs Competition all weekend (enjoy the fun either as a spectator at the spectacular show of courage from dogs that jump off a dock after a Frisbee, or compete with your own dog – go to www.ultimate-dogs.com for further information); Baby Contest, Friday, August 30 at 5:30 PM (decide who has the cutest smile or chubbiest cheeks among the entrants, in two age divisions, 0-9 months and 10-18 months); New this year, All In the Family Bags Tournament, Saturday, August 31 from noon to 4 PM (compete in parent/child teams to win bragging rights); Pet Fest, Saturday, August 31 from 11 AM to 2 PM



(including the Strut Your Mutt Competition and other activities with your favorite furry family member); Wine Tasting, Sunday, September 1st from 2 – 6 PM (featuring a variety of white and red wines provided by Fox Valley Winery during the performance of a couple of the bands who will provide musical entertainment; and the Pride & Joy Car Show, hosted by a live DJ, which features over 100 cars of a variety of makes and models, Sunday, September 1st from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Beecher Community Center Parking lot. Categories are based on make, model, and year it was manufactured and if it has had any alterations.

The Yorkville Junior Women's Fall Craft Show will have over 50 vendors in attendance; for more information, contact Teresa Wedeen at 630/605-1546.

An outstanding lineup of bands which will perform throughout the weekend includes the Yorkville Big Band on Thursday, August 29th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM; Cloverton from 6:15 – 7:45 and Building 429 from 7:35 – 9:15 PM on Friday, August 30th (sponsored by Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church & School of Yorkville); The Little Mermen from 1 – 3 PM, Whiskey Romance from 4 – 7 PM and John King from 8 – 10 PM on Saturday, August 31; and Boy Band Review from 2 – 4 PM, 7th Heaven from 5 – 7 PM and Hi-Infidelity from 8 – 10 PM on Sunday September 1st. Mark your calendars now so you can be on hand to enjoy your favorites!

Local dance and theater companies are welcome to perform for short periods during the festival. Many volunteers are needed to help with this event which is a great way to build a sense of community. Call the Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department at 630/553-4357 if interested in either opportunity.

Skateboards, bikes, or rollerblades are not allowed on festival grounds; neither are pets, except for service animals which are permitted.

There is still room for exhibitors at Hometown Days Festival. All applications must be received with payment by August 9th to be considered for participation. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance; only a confirmation email received the week of August 19th signifies acceptance. Exhibitor spaces include electrical and are assigned on a first come first served basis. A certificate of liability is required of all exhibitors. Set up time is from noon to 4:30 PM Thursday, August 29th and from 8 AM to 2 PM Friday, August 30th; all materials must be removed by noon, Monday September 2nd. Call 630/553-4360 or email sremus@yorkville.il.us for more information about exhibitor rules and regulations.

Public parking is available at the Beecher Center, Yorkville City Hall, the Yorkville Library, Yorkville High School and the Freshman Academy.

