

The **BARNYARD** **BARBECUE BASH**

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Barnyard Barbecue Bash celebrates its fifth year on October 4. The barbecue, a Lake Parks Foundation fundraiser, supports a wide range of Farmpark's programs. This family-oriented event includes food, horse and tractor drawn wagon rides, a Border collie demonstration, the corn maze, pony rides, square dancing, singing around a campfire, making s'mores and more. There is also a Chinese auction with items such as bicycles, baskets of kids' games and toys.

Ticket prices are kept low to encourage family participation. The barbecue committee consists of Farmpark friends who volunteer their time and resources and solicit contributions from generous individuals and businesses in the community. Other friends like Swifty the Clown, Cowboy Ben, Ron Shissler, Bob Howell, the Pony Ride Express and dedicated Lake Metroparks staff volunteer their talents and services to provide the activities. All the food and beverages are donated by Sawyer House, Coca Cola, GFS Food Supply, Eat'nPark, Patterson's Fruit Farm, Sage's Orchard and Sam's Club.



Farmpark member Chip Kulp and Sawyer House's Mark Fuerst volunteer as cooks for the barbecue.

This is the only general fundraiser held to support Farmpark's programs. Funds support education programs for schools with economic need, renewable energy programs and displays, the grain exhibit, the Light Horse program, exhibits, the development of the Woodland Center program and more. So join us for an evening of fun and help Farmpark grow.

If you are interested in helping or supporting the event, contact Andy Baker at 440-256-2105. To register, call 440-256-2122 or go to www.lakeparksfoundation.org.



Guests at the barbecue watch a Border collie demo, one of Farmpark's most popular daily attractions.