

“BIG SKY COUNTRY” Harvest festival

September 28-30
Hot Springs, Montana (west of Flathead Lake)

Building Montana's grassroots economy.

* Commerce * Bulk Food * Crafts * 2nd Hand
* Fun * Music * Friends * Camp-out *

PRODUCER'S ARE INVITED. BRING YOUR PRODUCTS to:
BARTER, SELL, TRADE, MARKET, or GIVE-AWAY

You are invited to the 1st annual Harvest Festival which will bring people together from around Montana to barter and sell food they have grown, as well as crafts they have made, second-hand and other useful goods.

Come to socialize, make music and have fun.

ADMISSION PRICES

Vendor booth fee:

\$25 worker fee (requires one adult working a 4-hour shift*).

\$50 non-worker fee.

Fee includes admission for 1 person & space for a 10x10' booth & camping.

Add \$20 for a 20' booth space and \$40 for a 30' space.

* The reduced vendor fee encourages vendor participation in putting on the event.

Weekend camping rate: Adults \$25

Day rate: \$5.

Children: free up to age 16. Teens ages 16 and 17 are free if accompanied by their parent/guardian. Otherwise the admission fees apply.

Senior discount: half-price.

Admission is half-price for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes in respect that the event is held within the Flathead Reservation boundary.

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A great place to get your winter supply of food !

This new gathering encourages the exchange of goods, services and information for greater local and regional self-reliance. Farmers, gardeners, craftspeople and producers will be able to sell, barter and showcase their products. The focus is on Montana but producers from adjacent states and provinces are invited. Preference is given to vendors selling products grown or made by the seller. We discourage the sale of imported or mass-produced goods. Quality, second-hand items are okay. Producers can use this event to find new markets for their products throughout the year. We come together to celebrate local producers and build community, communication and cooperation.

The site can accommodate around 200 vendors. Our goal is to fill the circle with grassroots producers of quality food and products. We may sell out of spots before the gathering so if you would like to have a booth please pre-register to insure your spot. Non-profit groups and alternative organizations can set up booths to distribute literature and reach the public. Most people come prepared to make their own food. There will also be food vendors. If all 200 booth spaces are not filled through pre-registration, then we will take people at the gate first come, first served. If we cannot accommodate all the people who want to have booths, than people will still have the opportunity to carry their wares around to show, barter or sell. Non-vendors can camp out for the weekend or come for the day.

FARMERS MARKET. Organic farmers are especially invited. Winter storage foods are particularly relevant as well as fresh or processed foods.

MUSIC: Bring your musical instruments so we can jam and entertain each other. Participatory self-reliance in entertainment. Drums are great but due to the sleep factor there will only be one designated drum circle after midnight.

EDUCATION. Besides commerce there will be an educational component with speakers and workshops. We will set up an education center at one of the major intersections with seating, a lectern, and small sound system. Tables will be available for people to put out free literature and bulletin boards for posterings. Walking around and seeing what people are producing and talking to the producers adds up to lots of educational opportunities. If you would like to be a speaker or give a workshop or demonstration contact Michael Pilarski at michael@friendsofthetrees.net 509-997-5780.

SCHEDULE. Gates open to vendors and weekend campers at 12:00 noon on Thursday. Gates open to day people at 7:00 Friday morning. The Harvest Festival goes all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Vendors and campers may stay over on Sunday night. No commerce on Monday. People are welcome to stay and help with take-down and clean-up on Monday.

Details on booth spaces. There are booth spaces on both sides of the pedestrian walking lanes. Barter fairs typically include a diversity in vendor set-ups from large to small. Some people come with a standard 10x10' pop-up canopy. Some people use the 10x20' Costco canopies. Others bring tipi poles and tarps and build elegant structures. People use yurts, tipis, large wall tents or canopies off of RV's, buses and vans. Some people trade off the tailgate of their pickup and some people just trade off a blanket. Most vendors close up shop sometime during the evening and some come prepared with lights to stay open till late at night. Some people have limited amounts of small items that they carry around in wagons, wheelbarrows or carts. Many vendors camp behind their booth space. For some vendors their rig is an integral part of their booth and/or their bedroom. Some vendors prefer to camp in a camping area away from the barter circle commotion.

VOLUNTEERS. The event runs mainly with volunteer help. Please help by doing a parking shift or other task. Our reduced "working booth" fee is designed to encourage participation. We expect everyone to be responsible citizens - looking out for each other, lending a helping hand and keeping the place clean and running smoothly. Thank you.

THE SITE. The Harvest Festival will be held on private land. The site is level to gently rolling pasture. There is no drinking water on site. Campfires will be allowed in metal containers with a bucket of water and shovel required. Bring your own firewood or purchase firewood on site.

Hot springs soaking. The Hot Springs area features a number of commercial, hot springs facilities. There will be a shuttle bus between the festival and the town of Hot Springs for people who wish to go in to soak or shop. Wild Horse Hot Springs is adjacent to the site.

Local Accommodations. Most people camp out on-site in tents, RVs or live-in rigs. There are motels and bed & breakfasts in the area. Check out Hot Springs chamber of commerce website <www.hotspringsmtchamber.org>. Wild Horse Hot Springs has a limited number of RV hookups for rent. Alameda's Hot Springs Retreat (a motel) is a jamboree sponsor.

Please help with publicity. Spread the word to your friends and networks via word-of-mouth, emails, list-serves, websites, newsletters, posterings, etc. You can request more of these brochures from us.

DIRECTIONS: The Festival site is located on Camp Aqua Road about 7 miles outside of Hot Springs, Montana. From Highway 28 turn right on Garcon Gulch Road. Garcon Gulch Road is 5 miles north of the Hot Springs turnoff. Go two miles and turn right onto Camp Aqua Road. Look for signs.

To bring checklist: Goods to barter/sell, display system, booth, tarps, camping gear, drinking water, food, portable chair, sleeping bag/bedding, flashlight, musical instruments. Come prepared to be comfortable with enough padding and warm bedding

and the right kind of clothes and footwear. Make lists, plan ahead and give yourself enough time. Enjoy the drive.

NO ALCOHOL - NO DRUGS (or paraphenalia)

NO DOGS - NO GENERATORS

We reserve the right to refuse entry to people who have been drinking and to ask people to leave who break the rules.

MODELS. The Harvest Festival is modeled on the barter fairs and the Maine Common Ground Country Fair. For further information on barter fairs check out <www.okanoganfamilyfaire.com>, the official site of the longest-running barter fair (34 years). The website of the Common Ground Country Fair in Maine is <www.mofga.org/TheFair/tabid/135/default.aspx>.

VENDOR REGISTRATION Date _____

Name(s) _____

Name of farm/business _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

What sort of goods/services will you be vending? _____

Non-worker booth fee is \$50 for a 10x10' vendor space.

Worker booth fee is \$25 for a 10x10' vendor space.

Add \$20 for a 20' booth space and \$40 for a 30' space.

If you choose the worker booth fee rate please circle which area you choose to help with:

Parking, Gate, Set-up, Worker kitchen, First-aid, Security, Clean-up,

Other _____

Size of booth ____x____ (Booth fee includes one admission)

Booth fee \$_____

_____ Number of other adults x \$25 (weekend pass) \$_____

_____ Number of children

Children under 18 free if accompanied by parent/guardian

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

(Day people pay at the gate)

Make checks payable to: Frog Pond.

Mail to: Frog Pond, 628 3rd Ave. E., Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Suggestions ? Comments ? _____

Farmers

Gardeners

Orchardists

Woodworkers

Ranchers

Livestock producers

Craftspeople

Weavers

Builders

Wildcrafters

Bakers

Blacksmiths

Herbalists

Tinkerers

Local

Grassroots

Home-made

Recycled

Small-scale

Cooperation

Grow your own