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## **Bob Evans Farm to Host 49<sup>th</sup> Farm Festival October 11-13**

*Annual event provides fall family fun at the Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande, Ohio*

**RIO GRANDE, Ohio, September 24, 2019** – Nearly 30,000 visitors are expected to attend the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Bob Evans Farm Festival from Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13, at the Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande, Ohio. This year's festival will offer the Eyes of Freedom military memorial, live musical performances, free, on-site camping and much more.

"We're thrilled to host the Farm Festival for the 49<sup>th</sup> year. We always look forward to welcoming families to Bob Evans Farm for a weekend of fall family fun on the farm – the event is really an embodiment of Bob's legacy and everything this brand stands for," said Chris Williams, farm manager for Bob Evans Farm. "In addition to the live musical performances, amusement park rides and farm demonstrations, we are pleased to welcome back the inspirational Eyes of Freedom military memorial this year."

### ***Farm-Fresh Food***

For the third year, the Bob Evans Farm Festival will include a buffet option, offering unlimited Bob Evans signature dishes for \$12 for attendees ages 13 and up, and \$6 for children 12 and under.

In addition to the buffet, visitors can enjoy a wide variety of food options from local vendors throughout the festival including fall favorites such as cider slushies, apple dumplings, kettle corn, Ohio-made cheeses, bean soup and much more.

### ***Activities and entertainment for the whole family***

Bob Evans is pleased to present for the second year in a row the [Eyes of Freedom](#) military memorial. The nationally touring exhibition honors the service and sacrifice of all who have served and are currently serving our nation. Life-size murals of the 23 fallen members of Columbus-based Lima Company, painted by acclaimed artist, Anita Miller, will be on display all weekend. Additionally, a Quilt of Valor will be presented to a deserving veteran from Gallia County each day at 3 p.m.

Guests can enjoy live performances throughout the weekend from incredible bluegrass and country musical acts, including Special Consensus, Jason Michael Carroll, former Voice contestant Cody Wickline, the Cleverlys, and long-time Farm Festival performers, The Rarely Herd, among others.

Back for another year, the Farm Festival will include amusement park rides for all ages. All-day ride wristbands can be purchased for \$10 for adults ages 13 and up and \$5 for children 12 and under. Individual ride tickets can also be purchased for \$1 each. A Kids' Farmyard Fun area will feature face painting, a hay bale maze, game tent, kiddie train rides, and a corn pile.

Performances from lumberjacks, chainsaw carvers, an opportunity to interact with Columbus Zoo animals, and farm demonstrations, including sheep shearing by Stanley Strode, cow milking with the Laurel Valley Creamery and pig races, will also be a part of the festival. More than 60 artisans will be in attendance to showcase and sell their work during the festival. Additionally, skydivers from Team Fastrax will provide a live performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, weather permitting. The Midwest's most lovable stunt dogs from Team Zoom Border Collies will also give live demonstrations at 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. every day. Fireworks will round out the night on Saturday with the colorful display provided by the Village of Rio Grande starting at 9:30 p.m.

Bob Evans welcomes families to camp on the farm for free from Tuesday, October 8 through Sunday, October 13 to enjoy all of the festival activities that weekend. Potable water, porta-john restrooms, a dump station and

24-hour security are provided. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis and no reservations are necessary.

“We’re honored to be able to share the love of farm with our community for almost five decades now,” said Williams. “Farm Festival has become a tradition for so many families and we look forward to another great year of celebrating together down on the farm.”

The Bob Evans Farm is located on State Route 588 just off U.S. Route 35. Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the entrance gate and are \$5 for adults and free for children five and under. On Friday, October 11, all school and chartered buses will receive free admission.

For more information and to view a full entertainment schedule, visit <https://www.bobevans.com/farm-festival>.

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**About Bob Evans Farms, Inc.**

Bob Evans Restaurants is a chain of family style restaurants founded and headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, which owns and operates 480 locations in 18 states, primarily in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions of the United States. Founder Bob Evans believed in treating strangers like friends and friends like family; and those principles are alive today at every Bob Evans Restaurant. As a private company owned by Golden Gate Capital, Bob Evans Restaurants is focused on providing quality food and hospitality to every guest at every meal, each and every day. For more information and restaurant locations, visit [BobEvans.com](http://BobEvans.com), or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).