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Greater Anderson Days festival returns July 23-25

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Greater Anderson Days will be back at Beech Acres Park for its 12th year.

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The annual event - which includes food, games, rides and entertainment - will be Friday, July 23, Saturday, July 24, and Sunday, July 25.

"We are committed to Anderson Days because it is the biggest community event in our area, bringing everyone to our yard to celebrate Anderson Township one weekend each summer," said Emily Armstrong, assistant director for the Anderson Township Park District.

The Fireman's Festival features the famous "Buck 'n Ear" booth with roasted corn, gambling and fire safety activities for all ages.

The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce will bring back its dunking booth and silent auction where festivalgoers can bid on Cincinnati Reds tickets, restaurant gift certificates and other items.

Alli Cottrill, Park District marketing director, said Skyline Chili and T.G.I. Friday's will be part of Food Row this year and there is a Twinkie eating contest on Saturday, July 24.

In addition to a few new games, teens can challenge friends in a handheld car race this year.

Six local bands will provide the soundtrack throughout Greater Anderson Days, with two band performing each night of the festival.

The festival ends with a fireworks show at 10 p.m. Sunday, July 25.

"It showcases the great community and every component of the township," Cottrill said.

"We hope the community takes away a hometown feel and they're having a good time being able to celebrate Anderson."

Additional Facts

Entertainment

* Friday, July 23: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Model Behavior Band; 8-11 p.m., 3 Day Rule

* Saturday, July 24: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Dr. Dan & the Stray Dogs Band; 8-11 p.m., DV8

* Sunday, July 25: 5:30-6:30 p.m., The LabMonkeys; 7-10 p.m., Chuck Brisbin & the Tuna Project