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Greater Anderson Days focuses on community

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Greater Anderson Days is back for its 11th year.

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The annual community festival runs from Friday, July 24, to Sunday, July 26, at Beech Acres Park.

"It's truly a group effort from everything Anderson," said Allison Cottrill, marketing director for the Anderson Township Park District.

"There are many hands involved that really make it a great (festival) with hometown feel."

She said there is a "great mix" of local bands and entertainment, including rides and games.

The 65th annual Fireman's Festival has poker and blackjack for adults, fire safety games for the kids and Cottrill said they're bringing their famous roasted corn.

The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce will host a silent auction and dunking booth, and local businesses will set up along Food Row.

Local bands Big Whiskey, Chuck Brisbin and the Tuna Project, The Coy Taylor Band, Noisewater, Marsha Brady and The Remains are performing at the Beech Acres Amphitheater throughout the weekend.

"We're just focusing on constantly improving what we have," Cottrill said, adding that there will be a Twinkie-eating contest.

A fireworks show will conclude the festivities on Sunday night.

Additional Facts

If you go

* What: 11th annual Greater Anderson Days festival

* When: 5-11 p.m. Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25; 5-10 p.m. Sunday, July 26, with fireworks at 10 p.m.

* Where: Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Road.

* Limited parking available in the east lot of the park. Free shuttle service from McNicholas High School. Some parking available on nearby streets.

* Admission is free. Prices vary for food, rides, games and merchandise.

* Details: Call Allison Cottrill at 388-5093, or visit www.andersonparks.com/adays.
