

Cornhole comes to the township

ANDERSON TWP. – The game is called many things. Some call it Corn Toss, Bean Bag Game, Bean Bag Toss, or Soft Horseshoes.

Most people in Cincinnati call it Cornhole.

And there's debate on where it originated. Some claim it began in Germany. West-siders declare they invented the game. Whatever it's called and wherever it began, Cornhole has become one of Cincinnati's most popular forms of backyard entertainment.

On May 15, the Anderson Park District is taking Cornhole out of the backyards and into the parks for the first annual CornHolio Tournament.

The tournament takes place rain or shine at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at Beech

Acres Recreation & Arts Center.

Teams must register in advance. The deadline is May 7. The price is \$40 per two-person team. Cash prizes will be given to first- and second-place winners. Registrations forms are available at AndersonParks.com or by calling 474-0003 ext. 5097.

"Cornhole has become a craze," says Emily Armstrong, park district recreation director.

"What makes the game so popular is that anyone who can toss a small corn-filled bag more than 25 feet can compete and it doesn't take long to master the skills."

If you like horseshoes, you'll love Cornhole. Cornhole is played with two teams, of two people, who toss 6-inch square bags filled

with corn kernels at slanted ramps with a surface area of 2-feet by 4-feet. A grapefruit-sized hole is situated close to the back. You get one point for a bag that lands on the ramp and three points for a bag that goes through the hole.

The first team to accrue 21 points wins. Players can cancel opponents' point values by earning the same amount of points in a single turn or by knocking the other player's bag off the board.

"This tournament will give participants the chance to challenge other Cornhole fanatics, beyond their family and friends," says Armstrong. "And give those who've never played a chance to experience Cornhole for the first time."