



Hello friends! Now that spring is upon us we start to make plans for the 2016 Barn Party which will be held on Sept. 17th this year. This year will be our 11th annual party, some of you have been to every party and many others have been to almost every party. Some of you will be newcomers and we welcome you. Our wish is that you attend once then you will make it an annual event. It is the good people who come that make this party successful and support our fundraising efforts. We thank each and everyone who comes out and we hope to see you again on Sept. 17th.

As always we will have outstanding food by Whiting-Weber Catering, music, beer, 50/50 drawings and lots more. Despite the lousy weather last year we still had a successful party and were able to raise a little over \$50,000 that was distributed to various charities. We also were able to provide a few scholarships to graduating high school students.

We will basically follow the same format as in years past where we will sell tickets to those wishing to come and join in the fun. We will again have an auction that is a big part of the fundraising activities. At this point we are not sure of what items we may have in the auction but as we go thru the summer we will start to build on the auction items. Last year Chuck Eddy Chevrolet in Grove City provided a 2015 Camaro that was sold and net proceeds went to help various charities. We thank Chuch Eddy and the Chevy All-Stars for making that possible. We are hoping to be able to offer something like this again on Sept. 17th. We are asking that anyone who can donate any items to the auction or who can hustle up some items from various sources to please do so. This is an area that we can use help with. Maybe you know a business that can help with sponsorship or donate an item for auction or in any way can give us a helping hand then it will be greatly appreciated. We are always looking for sponsors for the ice cream wagon, the beer wagon, the french fry wagon and such. These sponsorships really go a long way to help with expenses. This year we are asking for help with general operating expenses such as tent rental, table rental, sound system, food expenses, etc. We will apply your donation towards these general expenses and you will be listed in the program under your company name or personal name or however you like. Please put on your "thinking cap" and let us know if you can help in any way. This year we will offer 4 different levels of sponsorships for general operating costs:

- 1) BRONZE.....\$500 2) SILVER.....\$1,000 3) GOLD.....\$2,000 4) PLATINUM.....\$2,500 or more

All of these sponsorships will be prominently displayed on the front page of the party program. Also the Gold & Platinum sponsors can designate a charity that they would like to receive a donation from the Maple Lane Farm, CF.

This year we will offer tickets at \$65 per ticket which is a slight increase over the past couple years but this will enable us to raise more money for charitable giving. We will also offer the reserved tables as before with the cost being \$600 for an 8-seat table. The reserved table will be marked as you designate...your personal name, company name, or as you desire. It will be your table for the evening and you can give the tickets to those that wish to sit at your table. Also included in the RESERVED table price will be a cheese tray at each table, 2 bottles of wine, and chocolate lollipops. Once again we will have volunteer help that will wear T-shirts that identify them as "Barn Party Staff" so they can assist you with anything that you might need.

We ask that ALL tickets be purchased in advance. This makes it much easier for us to deal with rather than have to worry about it on the night of the party. In the past we have had a few situations that someone does not know until the last minute if they can attend or not...this is not a problem. If you find yourself in that situation then please contact anyone on the list below and we will make sure we accommodate you. Please remember we want to keep that to a minimum.

PLEASE NOTE *

All checks for tickets should be made payable to: **Maple Lane Farm, CF.** and mailed to: 767 Franklin Rd. Mercer, PA 16137 or delivered in person to the same address.

Call Bill for more info. 724-679-8259

Contact anyone below with any questions, suggestions, or ways to make for a better party. We hope to see all the old faces on Sept. 17th and many new ones. Remember, at the Barn Party, we live by the following motto..... "The true measure of a man is not what he can do for himself but rather what he can do for others".

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