

My Old Kentucky Barbecue returns for 3rd year

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My Old Kentucky Barbecue is back for its third year as it offers new experiences on Derby weekend.

Following the success of the past two years, My Old Kentucky Home State Park's revival of the locally beloved Colonel's Barbecue will continue May 4 as an after-Derby activity. Park Director Jeremy Riggs said they've continued to grow during its first two years — striving for a family-friendly event.

“We want people to be able to come with their kids and enjoy some music and enjoy the grounds here at the park,” Riggs said.

General admission and VIP tickets are available online at visitmyoldkyhome.com.

This year's event will see a few changes with the addition of a Kids' Zone, which is made possible by Swope Family of Dealerships. The area will have many crafts, activities and bouncy house for the youngest guests.

The BBQ's typical menu of Kentucky Pork Producers'

barbecue and Riggs' personal favorite, the burgoo, will remain a staple in the afternoon's lineup.

Additionally, Riggs said there will be new additions for this year's food selection. The Purpose Barbecue Experience, which brings in pitmasters from across the U.S., also will be preparing food and displaying their talents during the event.

Appetizers and other small side dishes will accompany the event's typical menu. Sticking with the family-friendly side of things, dishes such as hot dogs, chips and more will be

available for kids, if burgoo and BBQ aren't for them.

Also, Riggs said there will be a handful of dessert food trucks, including mini doughnuts and the local Tay's Treats with her cotton candy and specialty sodas.

“Our VIP area is, again, going to have an expanded menu,” Riggs added. “It's even going to have, if you get the VIP tickets, it's even going to have smoked turkey on a carving station. I think they're really going to enjoy that. A good some live fire demonstrations as well. And, of course,

an allocated bar from Heaven Hill. A lot of really fun stuff.”

Entertainment is a top priority and crowd favorite The Crashers will be back to take the stage at 3 p.m. There will be two openers, Magnolia Vale and Good Folks, to kick off the afternoon of entertainment.

Additionally, Riggs said a cornhole tournament is planned this year to provide those on the grounds with another activity for the afternoon.

The added activities, expanded menu and new experiences are a part of the park's efforts to offer more for

their guests throughout Sunday.

The My Old Kentucky Barbecue is made possible through the support of the community and local sponsors. Riggs said local dealers such as Smith Brothers Distributing has been a sponsor from the beginning and Wilson and Muir Bank also has been huge supporters of the park. These are in addition to Swops and Heaven Hill's support — adding in Newcomb Oil has a sponsor in their third year.

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In September of last year,

the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruled that Josephson's case should proceed to trial, declaring public university officials can be held personally accountable for censoring professors or retaliating against them as the University of Louisville did in Josephson's case.

“After several years, free speech and common sense have scored a major victory on college campuses,” said ADF Senior Counsel Travis

Barham. “As early as 2014, Dr. Josephson saw the truth behind dangerous procedures that activists were pushing on children struggling with their sex. He risked his livelihood and reputation to speak the truth boldly, and the university punished him for expressing his opinion—ultimately by dismissing him. But public universities have no business


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