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Ohio Renaissance Festival celebrates 20th anniversary

July 17, 2009. .Harveysburg, OH. . This year when the gates of the recreated 16th Century English village open in Harveysburg, there will be extra cheer in the recipe for creating over 400 years of fun in a single day as the Ohio Renaissance Festival celebrates *20 Years of Merriment*. As part of the celebration, visitors to the 30-acre village can expect to see many updates to the site, a refreshed entertainment program, numerous new faces in the shops, and more British foods added to the menu.

In 1990, the festival opened for its first season, operating just five weekends on roughly 10-acres. Today the event has grown to operate eight weekends on 30-acres. The event has welcomed over 2.1 million visitors through its gates who have seen thousands of artisan demonstrations, live entertainment, and enjoyed hearty food and drink.

A small staff of six people work 12 to 18 months planning each festival under the direction of Peter Carroll, the owner and President. Add to that hundreds of seasonal employees who bring the event to life. Today, the event is fondly considered *Ohio's Premier Family Event*.

In honor of the 20th anniversary special discounts and promotions will run throughout the season, September 5 – October 25, Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day. To kick off the season, a *Family and Friends Weekend* has been announced. Adults will be buy one, get one free and all kids 12 and under are free with a paying adult.

The *Queen's Treasure Chest Discount Coupon Book* will also be issued with every online purchase of the 4-Person Discount Combo Ticket Package. The book includes hundreds, even thousands, of dollars in savings from select arts and crafts shops and discounts on festival attractions like the Dungeon of Doom.

The 2009 Ohio Renaissance Festival opens September 5 and runs Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day through October 25. Open 10:30am to 6pm, rain or shine. Discount tickets are available at all Kroger stores or online at www.renfestival.com. The most affordable family adventure in your backyard!

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