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2017 National Lentil Festival Features Full Two-Day Activities Lineup

PULLMAN, WA – The 29th Annual National Lentil Festival, presented by the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, City of Pullman and Washington State University, will be held Friday and Saturday, August 18-19.

The festivities kick off Friday evening with free lentil chili served up from the World’s Largest Bowl of Lentil Chili—sponsored by Emmanuel Baptist Church. The evening will also feature live music on the Hometown Chevy and Bull Country Main Stage, an “Ask the Expert” segment on the Cooking Demo Stage—sponsored by PNW Co-op Specialty Foods and Moscow Food Co-op, local microbrews and wine in the beer and wine garden, games, activities and more for the whole family. Local area vendors will also be on hand serving up lentil inspired foods, homemade crafts and more.

Activities continue Saturday, August 19 with the Tase T. Lentil 5K Fun Run—sponsored by SNAP Fitness, the Pullman Lion’s Club Lentil Pancake Breakfast—sponsored by Palouse Brand, and the WSECU Grand Parade. Don’t forget the Legendary Lentil Cook-off—sponsored by the USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council, plus, more live music, cooking demos, entertainment and more throughout the day in Reaney Park. Saturday will also host the 3-on-3 Hoop Classic, sponsored by Wysup Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, as well as the Avista Co-ed Softball Tournament.

Attendees can also experience the new Garbanzo Garden, sponsored by Hinrichs Trading Company. The area will offer fun and games for the entire family, as well as the opportunity to learn more about the garbanzo (one of the leading crops in the Palouse region). There will also be free samples for those interested in tasting the larger pulse.

For the young festival attendees, the Lentil Land Kid’s Area—sponsored by Gritman Medical Center—features arts and crafts, a juggling tent and inflatables. The Science Tent, sponsored by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., will include a green screen photo booth. The Kid’s Stage will include open mic times, the WSU Raptor Club, and other local talent.

For more information and to see the full line-up of activities, visit www.lentilfest.com.

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Since its beginning in 1989, the National Lentil Festival has brought national attention to Pullman. The Palouse region of farmlands in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho has a reputation for producing the highest quality lentils in the United States. We think that is worth celebrating!

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