

Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest

COME JOIN US FOR SOME "FUN IN THE SUN" AS COTTAGE GROVE IS CELEBRATING THE PREMIER EVENT OF THE SUMMER AND WE WANT YOU TO BE PART OF IT ALL!

What is the COTTAGE GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL?

It's a four day, family focused event, held the third week in June at Kingston Park, which offers something for everyone. An estimated 20,000 visitors each year enjoy wonderful food, terrific bands, fireworks, a carnival midway and much, much more! Our local festival has been in existence for over 25 years, allowing families and friends to have fun, celebrate community and enjoy the kick off to summer. Whether you come for the parade, the American Motorsports Bar & Grill car show, or one of the other amazing festival events, you can share in the good times had by all. Feel free to stop by the Saint Paul Park/Newport Lions Club beer garden for refreshments, or grab a tasty treat from one of our numerous festival food vendors. We even offer fresh picked strawberries from our friends at Afton Apple!

The Cottage Grove Strawberry Festival is a non-profit (501c3) organization that is completely supported by sponsorship, donations and fund raising by the festival's volunteer committee. The Strawberry Festival committee meets twice monthly, year round, to provide both citizens of Cottage Grove and visitors alike with a fantastic festival experience! Over 30 unpaid volunteers work to raise funds, solicit sponsorships, plan and execute the festival each year. It's all worth it to watch Cottage Grove residents, businesses, city government and other non-profit organizations all come together to proudly celebrate our community. Our goal is to make as much of the event free to the public as possible. There is no festival entry fee, and no cover charge to watch the main stage bands on Friday or Saturday night. By the way, this year we will feature lead off band - Mixed Bag; followed by Uncle Chunk on Friday evening, and Rhino as our Saturday night headliner.

If you would like to help with this year's Cottage Grove Strawberry Festival, there are volunteer opportunities still available. Whether you can offer a few hours per week, or even just a few per year, we will find a way for you to become part of the fun! Those interested in becoming an event sponsor should note we work extremely hard to create awareness of your business, the services that you provide, and your value to the community via a multitude of marketing options at the event and beyond. Your support means everything to us, so we do our very best to make certain Cottage Grove and the surrounding area supports you!

The Cottage Grove Strawberry Festival recently implemented a new, state of an art festival web site which contains a world of information about festival events, contests, sponsorship, volunteer opportunities, and much more! Please visit us often to check for updates on the 2010 festival. If you need further details about volunteering, sponsorship, or event information; you can contact me at 651-260-1881 or send me an email at loriolsen5@msn.com anytime or one of the event coordinators on the contact page of the website.

Please mark your calendars now, then come on out to Kingston Park, June 17-20, 2010, and join us for some "Fun in the Sun" at Strawberry Fest! I'll see you there.

Lori Olsen – Strawberry Fest President