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Tap Into Good Beer and Fun at the Seventh Annual BrewFest at Mount Hope

Beer fans will flock to Mount Hope Estate in Lancaster County Saturday, May 9th, for unlimited beer sampling, free food and live music. It's a celebration of all that is ale at the seventh annual BrewFest at Mount Hope featuring over fifty microbreweries from across America sampling their finest trademark ales and seasonal favorites.

BrewFest salutes microbreweries who have transformed their love of beer into a passionate business. The list of participating breweries includes many local PA favorites and breweries from the East and West coasts. The festival is separated into two sessions, each lasting four hours in length. The first session is scheduled from 11 AM to 3 PM and the second is from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Beer fans can sample and learn about a variety of beers ranging from lagers to pilsners, porters to stouts, fruit beers to wheat beers and everything in between.

The Food

No beer festival would be complete without food to be paired with the brews. At the BrewFest, beer fans will enjoy a variety of foods, included in the price of admission. All-you-can-eat food booths will be scattered throughout the site, each offering a different selection. Fill up on fan favorites like Mac 'n Cheese, Corndogs, Cheeseburgers, a BBQ stand sponsored by the Divine Swine In & Out BBQ and more! Free bottled water and soda are available at all food booths.

The Music

Live music from six bands from Central PA will create a festive soundtrack to the BrewFest. Throughout the sessions there will be performances from **Great Big House, Lovebettie, Mark DeRose & the Dreadnought Brigade, The Quixote Project, Silver City Rodeo,** and **Sweet Leda.**

A Side of Fun

In addition to unlimited sampling from microbreweries, free food and live entertainment, visitors to the 7th annual BrewFest at Mount Hope will have the opportunity to shop among a host of vendors offering the best in beer gear and merchandise from t-shirts to home brewing kits and processing tips, and observe an AHA/BJCP sanctioned Homebrew Competition. During this competition, local home brewers enter their best and most unique brews for the chance to win the grand prize, the opportunity to brew with Swashbuckler's Brewmaster to create a specialty beer to be sampled at the 2016 BrewFest.

The Cause

The BrewFest will be raising money for the Central PA Food Bank. Participating breweries and vendors, as well as some local businesses, have donated items that will be used in a raffle during the event. Patrons will have the option to purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win prizes that range from t-shirts to beer, to gift certificates with all raffle proceeds going to the Food Bank. The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank distributes more than 22 million pounds of food and grocery

products every year to more than 650 soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries in 27 central Pennsylvania counties. These agencies directly feed thousands of hungry families throughout central Pennsylvania.

The Details

The deliciously entertaining BrewFest at Mount Hope takes place Saturday, May 9, 2015. Divided into two tasting sessions, the first session is scheduled from 11 AM to 3 PM and the second is scheduled from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Tasting tickets are limited and cost \$45 in advance and \$50 at the gate. An unlimited number of designated driver tickets are available for each session and cost \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased online at www.PaRenFaire.com or by calling the Box Office at 717.665.7021, ext. 231.

ALL ATTENDEES, including designated drivers, must be 21 or older to attend the BrewFest. All attendees will be carded at the gate with no exceptions and no one under the age of 21 will be admitted. This includes children, toddlers and infants. No refunds will be issued to patrons under the age of 21 attempting to enter the festival.

Mount Hope Estate & Winery, home of the Swashbuckler Brewing Company and Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, is located on Route 72, ½ mile south of PA Turnpike Exit 266, 15 miles North of Lancaster and 14 miles East of Hershey.

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