

Chautauqua In The Park Opens September 7 In Chillicothe **News**

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The 29th annual Chautauqua in the park at Chillicothe September 7th and 8th has more than 110 booths reserved thus far for crafts, food, and children's activities.



Executive director of the Chillicothe area Chamber of Commerce, Lindy Chapman, says there are a number of new booths involving reservations from throughout Missouri and from the mid-west. There also are returning vendors.

The Chautauqua at Simpson Park in Chillicothe also includes a variety of musical entertainment, including country, bluegrass, rock, jazz, Christian, and gospel music.

A traditional arts area will have spinners, weavers and broom makers, among others. A children's area includes a petting zoo and park-wide scavenger hunt presented by the Chillicothe FFA. There also will be face painting, a dunking booth, and inflatable games and activities.

More than 130 persons have volunteered to help at the Chautauqua at Chillicothe. They're to wear bright orange shirts and be available to provide information. They are to be on the grounds, and at an information tent in the center of Simpson park.

The general public will not be allowed to have any type of motorized vehicles, bicycles, roller-blades, and skateboards in Simpson Park the afternoon of Friday, September 6th through Sunday evening, September 8th for safety reasons. Vendor vehicles will be allowed during a portion of that time.

A limited number of handicapped parking spaces are to be available for people with a handicapped license plate or permit. Those persons are to use the Walnut street gate for Simpson park.

A shuttle service is to be provided between downtown Chillicothe and the Washington street entrance to the park. The shuttle service is made possible by Calvary Baptist Church, Free Methodist Church, and the Salvation Army.

The Chautauqua at Simpson Park at Chillicothe is sponsored by the Chillicothe Area Chamber Of Commerce, The Chillicothe Area Arts Council, and Hendrick Medical Center.