

## Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest – Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Memorial Day Weekend – Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

It is almost time for Summer, and that means it's time for Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest. Begun back in 1999, Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest is Northeast Ohio's Premier Kick-Off-To-Summer Event.

The festival is produced by the Berea City Club—a group of local business owners who promote positive civic initiatives for the betterment of the City of Berea. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization originally established back in 1998. Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest quickly became the organization's signature event. Berea City Club has raised over a Million Dollars for various clubs, organizations, and projects in the City of Berea over the past 23+ years!

Popular for its Family Picnic-Style Atmosphere, the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds begins on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at noon and extends throughout the Memorial Day Weekend, wrapping up Monday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Admission is FREE from noon till 5PM on Friday and then just \$10 all weekend long (Friday after 5PM, Saturday, Sunday and Monday) and kids under 12 are admitted for free! On Monday (Memorial Day) all retired and active military personnel showing military ID will be admitted for FREE to the event. Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest is a Rain or Shine Event. As always, FREE PARKING ALL WEEKEND LONG.

Over 10 Rib Teams will compete from all over the United States in hopes of garnering one of the three (3) major awards: Best Ribs, Best Sauce and People's Choice. Your vote counts and winners will be announced on Monday afternoon at the Main Stage, giving you plenty of time to try out this year's winners!

With the continued popularity of craft beer in the Cleveland Market, Yuengling, a long-time sponsor of the festival, is back. The 2023 featured craft breweries include: The Brew Kettle, Collision Bend, Leinenkugel Summer Shandy, White Claw & More.

The Affordable Family Fun includes a Kids Activity Area with a Rock-Climbing Wall, a Super-Slide, Swings and more.

Enjoy a showcase of a wide variety of musical entertainment spanning generations and genres that will take the Southwest General Health Center Stage throughout the weekend. Musical Entertainment is FREE with your paid cook-off gate admission.



Friday's musical entertainment features Cruisin' at 4:30PM and Bronx Country at 7:30PM.

Saturday Afternoon is highlighted by the Corvette Cleveland Car Show (<u>www.clevelandcorvetteclub.org</u>). Back By Popular Demand, the show will run from 2-8PM. With over 40+ Cars on Display, each family member can pick their favorite to take home the trophy with awards presentation at 7:30PM.

Saturday brings to the musical stage the great sounds of **Follow The Sun** at 1:30PM, **Back 2 The Future** at 4:30PM and **Revolution Pie** at 7:30PM.

Keeping the music kicked into high-gear on Sunday, we'll feature **Jam Machine** at 1PM, **The Tea Bags** at 4:30PM, followed by **The Foogazies** at 7:30PM.

Memorial Day brings some of the best in cover bands with Fleetwood 2 The Max taking stage at 1PM and DoobieUS at 4PM to close out the event.

For open times of the festival, musical performance times and festival admission information, visit BereaRib.com. While we make all every effort to provide accurate information, scheduled attraction and performance times can change without notice and beyond our control.

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