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CROWE FEST '09 - IT'S KENTUCKY'S "STAY-CATION" FAVORITE

Crowe Fest '09, presented by Saint Joseph – Jessamine RJ Corman Ambulatory Care Center, has just the ticket for those looking for affordable family fun on Labor Day Weekend at Ichthus Farm in Wilmore, Kentucky (just a short 20 minute drive from Lexington). Now in its ninth year, the annual festival begins Thursday, September 3 and runs through Saturday, September 5, with entertainment for the whole family including an amazing musical line-up, cornhole tournament, music workshops, outdoor life demonstrations, and more – all for the cost of admission.

This year's headliners include Grammy-winning Bluegrass music legend J.D. Crowe and The New South, The Grascals, Lonesome River Band, Bobby Osborne and The Rocky Top X-Press, The Moron Brothers, and more.

Festival favorites include archery and tomahawk demonstrations and lessons provided by representatives of the Bluegrass Sportsmen's Club and a Battle of the Banks Grilling Competition, sponsored by Farmer's Bank, First Southern Bank, Kentucky Bank, and Town & Country Bank.

Other features include a free Thursday night Jam Session hosted by Dean Osborne and the Moron Brothers, an Adult Music Workshop, a Saturday morning 5K run sponsored by M&M Sanitation, and a Saturday Kids Zone, sponsored by Jessamine County/Nicholasville Parks and Recreations featuring inflatables for the children (with adult supervision).

This year Crowe Fest '09 celebrates the future of Bluegrass music by expanding the festival's traditional Student Music Workshop, sponsored by McDonald's. The Student Music Workshop offers hundreds of Jessamine County elementary school children and local home school children the opportunity to learn about the art of Bluegrass music from some of the nation's top professional musicians in a fun hands-on environment.

"The Student Music Workshops have a tremendous impact on the future of Bluegrass music in Kentucky," said Jessamine County Judge/Executive Wm. Neal Cassity. "Many of the young people who attend have never heard Bluegrass music before, and don't know what an important role Bluegrass music plays in their Kentucky heritage."

Free shuttle rides from the parking lot to the amphitheater area of the 111-acre Ichthus Farm will be sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau, a long-time festival sponsor. Other festival sponsors include LEX 18, Clay Corman Excavating, E-Sign and Graphics, Jessamine Beef Cattle Association, Jessamine County Health Department, Jessamine County Schools, Lexington Quarry, Progress Printing and WUKY NPR.

With so many fun things to see, do and hear at Crowe Fest '09, "it's hard to pick just one thing as your 'favorite' part of Crowe Fest," according to Judge Cassity, "but we encourage everyone to try."

Ticket prices: Weekend passes: \$30 in advance for the weekend, \$45 at the gate.

Friday: \$15/\$25. Saturday: \$20/\$30. \$10 advance student weekend passes. Kids under 12 are free with adult admission.

RV Camping: \$45 minimum. More than three nights: additional \$10 per night. Reservations required.

Primitive Camping: Free. Call 859.885.4500 or visit www.crowefest.com for more information.