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Historic Catskill Point hosts

Chili Cook-Off & Riverfront Fair

CATSKILL--The Columbia-Greene Chili Cook-Off & Riverfront Fair is slated for Saturday, October 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic Catskill Point, rain or shine.

This one-day fun-filled festival highlights the best of the local farm bounty as more than a dozen contestants go Chilihead to Chilihead across Columbia and Greene Counties.

With live music, a Farmers' Market, food vendors and activities for children -- all indoors -- the centerpiece of the day is the chili created by local residents who compete for bragging rights as well as prizes. Judging is done by out-of-the-area food professionals.

Now in its third year, the festival offers a free, cross-county boat ride across the Hudson River, from the Hudson Waterfront to the Catskill riverfront park and back. The boat leaves the Hudson waterfront at 11:00 a.m. for its first run, and leaves Catskill at 11:30 a.m. It will run on that half-hour schedule all afternoon.

Admission is \$5 to \$7, children under 12 are free. Applications to enter the contest or participate as a vendor or in the Farmers' Market can be found at www.columbiacountybounty.com.

Sponsors and donors include The Heart of Catskill, The Columbia County Tourism Dept., the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Beth's Farm Kitchen, Cantele Tent Rentals, Marshall Sterling Insurance, Mexican Radio, and Wachovia Securities.

The event benefits Columbia County Bounty, the volunteer group dedicated to linking farmers and chefs to provide the freshest of local ingredients, as well as the Heart of Catskill Association.

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