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**Celebrate the Arrival of Fall at the Harvest Festival**

*Blacksburg, Virginia* ---Historic Smithfield invites you to celebrate fall at the Harvest Festival Saturday October 2 from 10 – 5 pm and Sunday October 3 from Noon 5 pm. Harvest Festival is family weekend, full of activities for fun, entertainment, living history, and time honored demonstrations including weaving, blacksmithing, and flax breaking. Saturday will begin with the dedication of the new reconstructed cider house and cider press.

Each day will be marked by two major activities. Join us Saturday for a Beer Garden featuring local The River Company. The River Company, located in Radford, Virginia, operates a 10 barrel direct fired Diversified Metal Engineering brew system. During the Harvest Festival, The River Company's River Red Ale and Peachakot Blonde Ale will be on sale. On Sunday, we will host our first Apple Pie Baking Contest. The Apple Pie Baking Contest will be on Sunday with judging beginning at 12:30 pm. Judges for the contest are Ron Holdren, The Green Market representing the Donald Ayers Orchard, Genie Ranck, owner of The Chocolate Spike, and Catherine Sutton, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce,

Local musicians will provide music during the 2-day festival. The music is an eclectic mix of acoustic sounds from folk to alterative to classic rock to reggae, blues, jazz and funk. Come listen to Dallas Leonard, Kristi Emmons, David Simpkins, The Acoustic Kind, Confluence, Sol & Funk Root Acoustic Duo, and American Arrow on Saturday. On Sunday, hear Joshua Sizemore, Ryan Tanner Greer, Sean Bera, Acoustic Rest, and Matt Rea. Produce and food vendors will include The Green Market representing the Donald Ayers Orchard, Blue Ridge Mountain Catering, Buffalo and More, The Chocolate Spike, and Log Cabin BBQ. Craft vendors for the weekend will be C's Custom Bead Creations, Kathy's Jewelry & Accessories and Wild Rose Creations.

Admission for the Harvest Festival is \$8 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 12 – 18 and college students, \$5 for ages 5 – 12, and free for children under 5. Admission for the Beer Garden is \$5 for any one 21 years and older and Sunday enjoy slices of apple pie and ice cream for \$3 while pies last.

**About Historic Smithfield**

“On the eve of the American Revolution, the Virginia backcountry was a place of colliding cultures, cashing ideals, and physical danger. Wolves howled at night, panthers roamed the forest. Europeans and native Shawnee and Cherokee vied for the same fertile farmlands, often erupting into murderous violence. It was here, at the eastern continental divide, the literal edge of European/American civilization, that the leader of westward expansion and Revolutionary War patriot William Preston established Smithfield Plantation. In a land of log cabins and physical hardship, Smithfield provided a haven of aristocratic elegance and became the social and political center of the country.” More than 225 years later, this house still stands as a cultural center to the surrounding community.

Historic Smithfield is owned by Preservation Virginia (APVA Preservation Virginia), which was founded in 1889 as the first statewide preservation organization in the United States. Since then, the Preservation Virginia has saved and/or restored more than 50 historic properties. Currently Preservation Virginia owns or administers properties that range from historically furnished house museums and civic buildings to cemeteries and gravesites. The local Montgomery

Branch of Preservation Virginia manages the daily operations of Historic Smithfield. For more information or to become a member, visit [www.smithfieldplantation.org](http://www.smithfieldplantation.org) or call 540.231.3947.

Historic Smithfield and the Museum Store are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10 – 5 pm. House tours are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students (12 yrs – college) and \$3 for children 5 – 12 years of age. House tours are given on each open day every half hour until 4 pm. Proceeds from the Museum Store and events are used to support the operational budget and preservation of Historic Smithfield, located adjacent to Virginia Tech's campus off Duck Pond Drive.

For more information, please call 540.231.3947 or visit our website at [www.smithfieldplantation.org](http://www.smithfieldplantation.org) for more information.

## Harvest Festival Event Schedule

### Event Schedule

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Saturday October 2, 2010

<b>Dedication of Cider House</b>	10 am
<b>Beer Garden</b>	All Day
<b>Living History and Demonstrations</b>	
Chapman's Battery Civil War Encampment	All Day
Revolutionary War Re-Enactors	All Day
Civil War Surgeon	10 – 2 pm
Weavers	All Day
Blacksmith	All Day
Flax Breaking	All Day
Spinning	10 – 2 pm
Face Painting	All Day
Apple Butter	All Day
Cider Press	All Day
Corn Grinding	All Day
Livestock	All Day
<b>Music</b>	
Dallas Leonard	10:30 – 11:15
Kristi Emmons	11:30 – 12:15
David Simpkins	12:30 – 1:15
The Acoustic Kind	1:30 – 2:15
Confluence	2:30 – 3:15
Sol & Funk Root Acoustic Duo	3:30 – 4:15
American Arrow	4:30 – 5:15
<b>Produce, Food and Crafts</b>	
The Green Market	All Day
Log Cabin BBQ	All Day
Chocolate Spike	All Day
Blue Mountain Catering	All Day
Buffalo and More	All Day
C's Custom Bead Creations	All Day
Kathy's Jewelry & Accessories	All Day

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Sunday October 3

<b>Apple Pie Baking Contest Judging</b>	Noon – 1 pm
<b>Apple Pie Winner Announced</b>	3:15 pm
<b>Apple Pie and Ice Cream</b> (while pies last)	1 – 5 pm
<b>Living History and Demonstrations</b>	
Chapman's Battery Civil War Encampment	All Day
Revolutionary War Re-Enactors	All Day
Civil War Surgeon	2 – 5 pm
Weavers	All Day
Blacksmith	All Day
Cider Press Demonstrations	All Day
Corn Grinding	All Day
Livestock	All Day
Beekeeping	All Day

**Music**

Joshua Sizemore	12:30 – 1:15 pm
Ryan Tanner Greer	1:30 – 2:15 pm
Sean Bera	2:30 – 3:15 pm
Acoustic Reset	3:30 – 4:15 pm
Matt Rhea	4:30 – 5:15 pm

**Produce, Food and Crafts**

The Green Market	All Day
Log Cabin BBQ	All Day
Chocolate Spike	All Day
Blue Mountain Catering	All Day
Buffalo and More	All Day
C's Custom Bead Creations	All Day
Kathy's Jewelry & Accessories	All Day
Wild Rose Creations	All Day