

2nd Annual Beast of Bladenboro Festival is Coming.....

To say that the inaugural Beast of Bladenboro Festival in 2007 was an overwhelming success would be an understatement. As anyone who was at the event knows, thousands of visitors came to downtown Bladenboro that day last October to be a part of history. Vendors of all sorts circled the event area. All kinds of rides and games were available for the young and young at heart. The smell of hotdogs, funnel cakes, collard sandwiches, Bar-b-que and much more filled the air. The event carried on into the night and culminated with a live band performing for a large crowd that had gathered for the dance.

Last year's success was in large part to our sponsors. A total of 44 sponsors contributed in various amounts. Our sponsorship levels range from the Platinum level for a \$1,000 contribution to the Bronze level for a contribution of \$100, with Gold and Silver levels in between. So there is a range for most every budget. All contributions are tax deductible.

The attached Sponsor Form details each level and explains what you get for your level of contribution. Anyone can become a sponsor. It is not just for businesses. This year we are planning an even bigger and better event that is sure to attract even more visitors. Once again, we need your help. We need sponsors!!! Many of the events activities are free to the public. The only way that we can continue that trend is through the generous contributions from sponsors like you.

On October 25, 2008, the second Annual Beast of Bladenboro Festival will be held in downtown Bladenboro. As with any event of this size, lots of planning is involved. In fact, the planning for this year's event began right after last year's event ended. October sounds a long way off but it will be here before you know it. We need you to select a sponsorship level and send in your check to us now. It is not too soon to make your commitment to the success of our event. The number of sponsors we receive will determine just how successful our event can be.

This year, you may also choose to sponsor an individual festival activity. You can be the primary sponsor for the Festival, the sponsor for the band or for the chili cook-off. Each activity sponsor will have their name displayed in a prominent location next to the activity they sponsor. These three special levels of sponsorship are limited to a first come basis. If you are interested, act fast.

If you contributed last year..... **THANK YOU !!!!** and we look forward to your participation again this year. If you missed last year, get on board this year and become a sponsor. Help us spread the word. If you know of a potential sponsor share this information with them or let us know and we will contact them. If you have any questions