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Eggs, Balloons, Karaoke and Bean Bags Return to Taste of Orland Park *Summer Competitions Culminate at Annual Food Fest*

ORLAND PARK – The Taste of Orland Park 2010, to be held August 6 through August 8 at the Orland Park Village Center, will showcase the culinary delights of nearly twenty Orland Park eateries, live entertainment on two stages and booths hosted by a number of local community organizations.

Each year, Orland Park's annual food fest includes a number of competitions for which some of the participants have been preparing all summer.

The Family Water Balloon Toss will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 2:30 p.m. on the west side of the John Humphrey Sports Complex, 14700 West Avenue. Registration is not required for this competition that is open to adult/child or sibling teams. Water balloons will be provided and the winning family will receive a free pavilion rental at the Centennial Park Aquatic Center plus twelve free swim passes for the pool.

The grand champion of Orland Park's Family Egg Drop will be determined beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 7. Held in conjunction with the Kids' Day activities at the adjacent John Humphrey Sports Complex, the Egg Drop has become an annual favorite.

"The Family Egg Drop gets more exciting each year," said Trustee Kathy Fenton, chair of the village's Special Events and Outreach Committee. "Some of the families come up with some very ingenious contraptions," she added.

Registration is not required; however participants must follow specific criteria in order to compete. Pillows may not be used to contain the egg. The event is held in a round format and each team must include an adult and a child. Egg catching equipment may be no wider than two feet in diameter and if the egg drops out of the container and doesn't break, the family remains in the competition. If the egg breaks or bounces out of the crate and breaks, the participants may no longer compete.

The winning family will receive a free pavilion rental at the Centennial Park Aquatic Center plus twelve free swim passes for the pool.

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Bean Bag Final Competition on the Taste grounds beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 8. Preliminary contests have been held at Orland Park establishments throughout the summer.

The final competition for the best karaoke singer in Orland Park will be held on Sunday, August 8 beginning at 2:00 p.m. on the community stage. Twelve finalists from the six participating Orland Park restaurants that hosted preliminary competitions will compete in the final round.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.

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PHOTO CAPTION

A Village of Orland Park Public Works vehicle is used to drop the eggs in the annual Family Egg Drop held at the Taste of Orland Park each year. Participants build contraptions in which to catch the egg, dropped from increasing increments and pillows may not be used. Pre-registration is not required for the competition that will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 7 at the John Humphrey Sports Complex, 14700 West Avenue.