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TO: Vendors for Savannah Potato Fest

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The Potato Fest Committee has been busy planning for Potato Fest 2008. The dates for Potato Fest 2008 will be September 19, 20 and 21. We will again have a full schedule all three days. We are concerned about the cost of gas which can affect both the number of participants and the profit for vendors and the Chamber. We will be working very hard to convince the surrounding areas that the Potato Festival is a fun and great trip for the weekend. And as always we are hoping for good weather.

Enclosed is the flyer, which is already out promoting the event. And I have also included a contract and map of the vendor spots for this year. It is not too early to let us know if you can join us for the weekend, and we will do our best to honor your requests for the spot that works best for you. Several already reserved their spot from last year, but there still is plenty of room available on the field.

Friday is Senior Citizen's day and the gates will be open from 12 Noon to dark this year. We would appreciate having as many vendors in place by then if possible. Saturday is the big day with the gates opening at 9 AM and it concludes on Sunday usually around 4 PM depending on the weather.

Confirmations will be sent out August 29 stating your location and any needed last minute information. In your confirmation letter, you will receive vendor passes so you can enter the festival grounds without having to pay. Please indicate the number of people who will be helping you run your booth so we can send you the correct number of passes. People under the age of 16 do not need a pass.

We will hold all spots through Friday evening. If you tell us that you are not able to be in before Saturday morning, we will save the spot as well. All other spots that are not filled by Friday evening will be offered to vendors who are on the waiting list after 8:00 PM on Friday evening. We understand that things do happen to upset one's plans; however the flea market looks best when all spots are filled.

Please also list the products that you will be selling so we can avoid putting two similar products next to each other in the row. There is a place that has been added to the registration form for this information. This is difficult to achieve because previous vendors have favorite spots and as the field fills up the possibility of separating like vendors becomes more challenging.

The Savannah Chamber of Commerce and the Potato Fest Committee has always promoted this festival as a Family-Oriented Event. Last year we received several complaints, one of which was from the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of the Finger Lakes, sharing that several vendors were selling some pieces of drug equipment. While it is true that it is not illegal to sell these items, we are asking that it not be sold on or during our festival. If such equipment is seen within your booth, you will be asked to remove it. If you are asked a second time, you will be asked to leave and will not be given the privilege to return for future events.

We have also established a connection with Pay Pal this year, so you may use that arrangement to pay for your vendor spots. You would call me at 315-365-3156 with your credit card information available to make that transaction. All field reservations will be finalized when both the payment and contract has been received.

Have a great summer and we are looking forward to seeing you in September. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 315-365-3156 or email us at spellmanjc@tds.net.