## Black Forest Community Festival Returns on August 15, 2020

Festival is a longstanding tradition in the Black Forest with a focus on building community.

**Black Forest, CO - March 1, 2020**. The Black Forest community in partnership with the Black Forest Community Club is excited to announce the Black Forest Festival will take place on August 15, 2020. The festival is a longstanding tradition in the community and has been held in the Black Forest for over 40 years. The festival offers an entire day filled with family-friendly events and activities, including a parade, local farm displays, petting zoo, hands-on fun for the kids, live music, and more. Net proceeds from the Black Forest Festival will benefit local charities and non-profit organizations.

The theme for this year's festival is *We Are Black Forest,* because in the Forest we are neighbors, we are supportive, we are creative, we are strong, we are stewards of the forest, we are community, and we are so much more. The festival activities and events will highlight the many traits that make the Black Forest special. The preliminary schedule for the 2020 festival includes:

Pancake Breakfast 6:30am – 9:30am. We are neighbors and this is a great time to come out for a free pancake breakfast hosted by the Boy Scouts and R&R café. The event is free, but donations are appreciated.

Parade 10:30am. We are supportive and the parade will showcase many local businesses, community groups, and services that are central to the Black Forest community.

Outhouse Race 11:30am. We are historical; we respect and love to celebrate the history of the Black Forest. We also like to have fun and the Outhouse Races bring together history and fun with a tradition that dates to the Colorado Centennial in 1976.

Artisan and Business Booth Fair 8am – 3pm. We are creative and we are excited to showcase the talent from our local artisans. The Booth Fair includes over 50 exhibitors and will be open throughout the day.

Live Demonstrations 8am – 3pm. We are agricultural and are hosting live demonstrations that honor the rural community of the Black Forest. Live demonstrations will include chainsaw carving, woolspinning, goat-milking, leather crafting, and more; we will also be hosting pony rides and hayrides. The demonstrations and rides will be held at scheduled times throughout the day.

The festival will also showcase live music from the USAFA Wild Blue Country Band and food from local food trucks and neighboring restaurants.

Free parking is available and multiple shuttle stops will be offered to ensure that everyone can easily get to the festival.

For more information, please visit WeAreBlackForest.com.