

In Good Season The Foundation FOR THE PARKS

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Lake Metroparks receives its primary support from tax levies, but many activities and programs rely on the additional support of fees, sponsorships and donations from the larger community. The mission of the Lake Parks Foundation is to help Lake Metroparks obtain that additional support.

The Lake Parks Foundation provides a mechanism for funding new exhibits and facilities such as the Great Tomato Works exhibit at Farmpark and the Wildlife Center at Penitentiary Glen. Through annual fundraisers and the generosity of many donors, the foundation helps improve facilities, build exhibits

and support educational programs.

For the past two years, the Lake Parks Foundation has sponsored Farmpark's Barnyard Barbecue Bash, an evening of enjoyable family oriented activities. This year's event will be held on October 6 to raise funds for Farmpark's facility and educational programs.

The foundation also gives scholarships to help schools with limited funds enjoy Lake Metroparks' educational programs. The scholarship program is supported by funds raised from Vines & Wines, an evening of fine food, music, wine and the opportunity to purchase and bid on quality plant and horticultural materials. This year's event will be held on August 16 with support from the Lake County

Nursery Growers Association and the Sawyer House.

For more information about Lake Parks Foundation activities and how you can become a supporter, check out their website at www.lakeparksfoundation.org.



Vines & Wines

August 16

Call 440-352-0795 for more information and to purchase tickets.