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“LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN” AT THE 2019 CORNDOG KICKOFF

Des Moines, IA- The Iowa State Fair has something for everyone, and there is no denying that the 11 day event is known for its wackiest and wildest contests. Bubble gum blowing, pie eating, arm wrestling, and mullet growing are just a few of the crazy things you can compete in at the Fair. Contests aren't just for the livestock, bakers, or photographers, there truly is a competition for anybody! Don't wait for August, bring your competitive spirit and “Let the Competition Begin!” at the 23rd annual Corndog Kickoff.

Join the Blue Ribbon Foundation at the **Corndog Kickoff Benefit Auction and Fair Food Grazing Party**, Saturday, July 13 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Doors to the William C. Knapp Varied Industries Building will open at 6:30 p.m. for a night filled with top-notch auction packages, Sky Glider rides, fireworks and all of your favorite Fair foods. If you possess unique talents and find yourself a competitor at heart, you'll love this event raising funds to renovate and revive the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Since its inception in 1997, the Corndog Kickoff has raised more than \$6.2 million for Fairgrounds renovations. Last year's event drew a crowd of 2,000 people, raising more than \$542,000! All proceeds go toward the renovation and restoration of the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Highlights from this year's live and silent auction packages include:

- **A Taste of Wine Country-** Take off for an adventure in California wine country. Enjoy a 3 night stay in a California home located near wineries, restaurants, and golf courses in the Santa Ynez Valley.
- **Sunset Repeat Tour-** Enjoy Luke Bryan with special guest Jon Langston at the Iowa State Fair Grandstand. This package includes four tickets, backstage passes, gate admission tickets and a parking pass.
- **Your Name Here-** Put your name on a pathway at the Iowa State Fair. Name the beautiful winding path that connects Grand Avenue to the Expo Hill plaza area.
- **The Pie Basket-** Get your pie face ready for a great experience as you help judge the Pie Basket competition at the Iowa State Fair. The package also includes a fresh baked blueberry pie, gate admission for two and a parking pass.

All-inclusive Corndog Kickoff tickets \$125. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Blue Ribbon Foundation at (800) 450-3732, online at www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org, by calling the Foundation at (800) 450-3732, or at the door the night of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Since its inception in 1993, the Foundation has generated more than \$150 million for renovations to the Iowa State Fairgrounds. For more information on the Corndog Kickoff, please contact the Blue Ribbon Foundation at Info@BlueRibbonFoundation.org.

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