Brewgrass tickets go on sale Saturday

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Tickets are on sale this weekend for one of the region's most popular craft brew events, Asheville's 19th annual Brewgrass Festival Sept. 19 at Memorial Stadium.

Sales begin at 11 a.m. Saturday for $55 general admission. As usual, the festival benefits Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Western North Carolina. The festival is open to ages 21 and older with valid ID. For the first time, a "very limited number" of $150 VIP admissions will be sold that include light food, private bathrooms and backstage access.

Tickets can be ordered at brewgrassfestival.com.

Performing at this year's festival are the Jeff Austin Band, Big Daddy Love and the Packway Handle Band.



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Tickets are on sale Saturday for Asheville's popular Brewgrass craft beer festival Sept. 19.

More than 50 craft brewers will attend, with a wide variety of beer styles. Producer Jimi Rentz said he hopes to see some newer area breweries taking part, but the final list has not yet been released.

This is the second year Brewgrass has been at Memorial Stadium. For many years, Brewgrass was at Asheville's MLK Park, but relocated to avoid disputes. Rentz expects to sell about 4,000 tickets.