Spittoono 'Redneck' festival starts Thursday

STAFF REPORTS

The Redneck Performing Arts Association will hold the 29th Spittoono festival Thursday through Saturday in Clemson.

This year's festival, with live music, food and drink, will be held at the Clemson Armory on U.S. 76.

Proceeds from the event go to Upstate charities that assist children.

The festival opens each night at 6 p.m.

Jeremiah Hurley, vice president of the RPAA, said that with support from primary sponsors like Budweiser of Greenville, The Rise Guys Morning Show on 93.3 The Planet, the Esso Club and others, he and other volunteers hope to shatter last year's attendance record of nearly 13,000 people.

"It's a lot of fun, and a huge amount of work, but we enjoy doing it because we know that we are making a difference in the lives of others," Hurley said.

Eighteen bands will perform over the three days:

- Thursday — Rainy Day Women, Silver Dagger, Hoodoo Hounds, Tony Tidwell and The Beautiful Band, Swift Robinson and Orange Magnolia.
- Friday — Golden Corner Barbershop Chorus, Conservation Theory, True Blues, The Deadly Crank Dogs, Stone Echo and Mudfish.
- Saturday — Brad Crowe, The Wild Hog Band, Spider Farm Band, Centerline, Bad Creek, and Doug McCormick and Stageline

Admission to the festival is free.