Tunes, tastes highlight Fall for Greenville

Food festival back for 28th year

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Fall for Greenville is gearing up for its 28th year, and this year's event features more free entertainment than ever before.

Three music stages will be jamming all day every day during the three-day festival with acts like JJ Grey and Mofro, African-American steel ensemble Lee Boys and bluesman Chicago Joe Jones. More than 30 acts will offer everything from jazz to rock to bluegrass and beyond.

The Peace Center amphitheater stage will host demonstrations and contests throughout the weekend, and the St. Francis "Feelin' Good in Greenville!" stage will stay busy with a variety of local school and church youth groups' performances as well as popular "Bubble Guy" Keith Johnson.

Seth Fogle, chairman of the Fall for Greenville board announced this year's festival lineup Friday morning.

Also new this year is a people's choice award. Text in the code for your favorite restaurant (found on the menu boards at each vendor) and watch the tally update live on a screen in Court Street Plaza.

The kids' zone has been relocated to roomier quarters, and the festival is introducing a "green" initiative by using biodegradable plates, cups and more.

The heart of Fall for Greenville remains the food, and 40 area restaurants will offer their fare along Main Street from East North Street to the Reedy River.

Fogle called it "a great opportunity for people to step outside their element and try foods that they've never tried before."

There'll be barbecue, pizza, shrimp and grits, Mexican, Indian, Thai, Japanese, Cuban, desserts and more.

Tickets are $5 for a sheet of eight (the most expensive items cost six tickets) and can also be used for kids' rides.

Fall for Greenville will be held 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Oct. 10 and noon-7 p.m. Oct. 11. Admission and all entertainment are free. Visit www.fallforgreenville.net for full information on musical acts, restaurant vendors, music, restaurants, he beer garden and wine-tasting area, the chili cook-off and jalapeño eating contest and more.