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A pig roast of Olympian proportions

*Annual
community
event benefits
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Cedarburg — It's cool to be a part of Mel's Pig Roast. At least based on the number of people who come forward in droves every year to lend a hand to the popular Cedarburg-based fundraiser for Special Olympics.

If they are not offering to loan huge flat screen TVs for airing the Packers games, then they provide a semi truck – and labor – for hauling away tables and chairs after the event. This year American TV will donate two HD TVs for viewing, which will be auctioned off during the event. There are hundreds of other donated items for the auction and raffles as well.

You are invited

- **What:** Mel's Pig Roast
- **When:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday
- **Where:** The Cedars III, W53 N404 Park Lane, Cedarburg
- **Tickets:** \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.
- **Run/Walk:** A 5K family fun run and walk will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at The Cedars III. The event will include music and refreshments. Children under 16 who participate receive a free game of bowling. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 day of event.
- **More information:** www.melspigroast.com

Members of the Cedarburg High School football team will set up tables and chairs while the Grafton High School football team will take them down afterward.

"How can we turn these people down?" said Tom "Mel" Stanton.

One business that contacted Stanton is Corner-

stone Community Bank, which has now become a major sponsor.

"We saw this as something we could really help out with," said Becki Schimpf, marketing coordinator at the bank.

Stanton and about 100 volunteers have been organizing the event on the last Sunday in September for 11 years now, in which time they have raised over \$206,000 for local charities. A sizable portion of that has gone to Special Olympics.

"Our big thing is keeping it local," Stanton said.

Because of the many offers to help, the event will expand to Saturday morning this year to include a run/walk. Stanton said the event will accommodate people under 21 who are not allowed to attend the pig roast.

Also new this year is a "hog ride" that begins at 9:10 a.m. Sunday, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. The motorcycle ride begins at The Cedars III and will include stops in Richfield, Erin, Rubicon, West Bend and Port Washington.



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Tom 'Mel' Stanton, organizer of Mel's Pig Roast, says it's a great feeling to be able to contribute to the Special Olympics.

An estimated 850 people attended last year's pig roast. Stanton said it's a great time for all involved, but the real joy is presenting a check to the recipient organizations.

"We are trying to touch as many lives as we can," Stanton said. "What a great feeling to walk into a place and give someone money."

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