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### Get lost in the Maize and enjoy some good farmin' fun to support Ozarks Food Harvest

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The infamous Verona labyrinth, *The MAiZE*, announces 100% of all opening day celebration ticket sales to benefit Ozarks Food Harvest on September 20, 2008 from 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Visitors can get lost in the corn and enjoy an entire day of family friendly events in Missouri's first original corn maze!

*The MAiZE* celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> puzzling season with an intricate design that continues to challenge visitors each year. *The MAiZE* is a collaborated effort of the GRIP Boys Home in Verona, Mo. The boys in the program help design, develop and maintain this impressive maze of more than seven acres of corn.

Opening day celebration activities will include a Strongman competition, a live performance by Bright Water Junction bluegrass band and wholesome activities for everyone. Visitors can enjoy hay rides, a cow train, pumpkin chuckin', a corn cannon and a hillbilly shootout you won't want to miss.

This year's opening day festivities will kick-off at 12:00 pm with the following itinerary:

<b>12:00 pm</b>	Corn Maize opens. All games will be begin, including corn cannon, pumpkin chuckin', hillbilly shooting range, cow train, backwoods battle boxing, petting zoo and hay ride.
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Pie eating contest.
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Strongman competition.
<b>6:00 pm</b>	Bright Water Junction performs.
<b>Sundown</b>	Fireworks show.

Admission cost is \$6 for ages 12 and up, \$4 for ages 5-11, and **free for veterans and military with ID** and kids 4 and under. For ticket information or to make group reservations, call 417-498-6191. *The MAiZE* is located at 23298 Lawrence 1150, Verona, MO. For directions to event, visit [www.cornfieldmaze.com](http://www.cornfieldmaze.com) or see attached flyer.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than 5 million pounds of food annually to its network of 350 member agencies, serving more than 41,000 individuals each month. The Food Bank offers direct relief through its Mobile Food Pantry™ program, Kids Cafe® after-school feeding program, Food for Thought™ weekend backpack program and its Club F.U.N.® children's health and nutrition classes. This year Ozarks Food Harvest celebrates 25 years of *Transforming Hunger Into Hope™* to the 29 counties in its service area.

For more information on *The MAiZE* opening day celebration and Ozarks Food Harvest, call Kelly Richard at (417) 865-3411 or visit [www.ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://www.ozarksfoodharvest.org).

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