

# Hog Day 2026 EAP

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Orange County Optimist Club

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**ABSTRACT**

This document is to provide details on the resources and processes put in place to assure the safety of the attendant public for the festival through cooperation with officials of the County of Orange and the Town of Hillsborough. County and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA), Fire, Emergency Management Services (EMS), Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation, Event Area Managers, Volunteers, Vendors, and Crafters are recipients for this document.

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# 1 PERSONNEL & REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

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## 1.1 EVENT STAFF

Name	Responsibility	Phone
Al Hartkopf	Chair, Event Project Mgr. & Public Safety Liaison	919-599-4646
Craig Lloyd	Co-Chair, Marketing, & Public Relations	919-923-3988
Amelia Berry	Treasurer	336-949-6559
Sharon Schiro	Secretary & First Aid Manager	919-533-9602
Cathy Rice	Logistics Assistant	Unl.
Eric Garrison	IT & Car Show Manager	919-412-9575
Brandon Lasiter	Boss of BBQ Pits & Chefs	919-428-4060
James Scarlett	BBQ Preparation Manager	919-903-6389
April Thompson	Crafter Liaison & Area Manager	919-245-2381
Amanda Bulgarelli	Volunteer Manager	919-740-6551
Teepa Snow	Kitchen and Sales Manager	919-740-6551
Joe Lovingood	Cooker Relations	336-212-1138
Chris Walker	5K Run Manager	919-266-6192
Faydean Cannada	Information Booth	Unl.
Travis Bogle	OC Marketing, Events, Operations Coordinator	919-245-2673
Shannan Campbell	Town of Hillsborough Tourism/Special Events	919-296-9477
Major Nate Fearington	Key Contact – Orange County Sheriff’s Department	
Major Andy Simmons	Key Contact – Hillsborough Police Department	919-624-7068
Chris Pope	Key Contact – Orange County EMS	919-972-9394
Chris Pendergrass	Orange County Fire Marshall	919-201-7348
Dustin Hill	Town of Hillsborough Public Works (trash, cones)	336-260-4913
Matt Taylor	Orange County Recycling	919-918-4905

*Note that the above are all Crowd Control Managers for their respective areas.*

## 1.2 LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Hillsborough Police Department are engaged to provide for public safety throughout the course of the event. At least one badged LEO will be on site over the night of September 13 to provide security and LEA presence while the cooking proceeds.

A total of 2 Law Enforcement Officers shall be assigned to this festival and will serve from 1800 to 2200 hours September 12. A total of 7 Law Enforcement Officers shall be assigned to this festival and will serve from 0630 to 1800 hours on September 13. They will serve as Crowd Control Managers in the event of an emergency.

## 1.3 MEDICAL TREATMENT

1. A Medical tent will be provided in a central location for the treatment of minor illnesses and injuries. A report on the persons and treatments administered shall be maintained.
2. Orange County EMS CERT will be on site.
3. American Red Cross will be on site.

## 1.4 TRAFFIC

- 1.4.1 On September 12, Margaret Lane will be closed from Court St. to Cameron St and Cameron St. will be regulated from E. King St. south to its terminus from 1600 hours until 2300 hours.
  - 1.4.1.1 Upon re-opening of Margaret Lane and Cameron St. the entrance to the OCSO and the entrance to the District Attorney's Parking Lots will be open only to Handicapped persons, cooks, Staff, and Public Safety personnel
- 1.4.2 On September 13, Margaret Lane will be closed from Court St. to Cameron St and Cameron St. will be regulated from E. King St. south to its terminus from 0600 hours until the festival is concluded (scheduled for 1800).
- 1.4.3 A Law Enforcement Officer will be stationed at each of these two points to control the flow of arriving Crafters, Vendors, and Patients for Orange Family Medical (Clinic). A Traffic Representative from the OCOC will be stationed at the corner of E. Margaret Lane and Cameron St. using the same criteria.

## 1.5 PARKING

Parking is available on the municipal parking deck. All Hog Day festival-goers and 5K participants are encouraged to use that facility.

Additional parking has been arranged at the Orange County Board of Education Parking lot, and the Cameron Park Elementary School parking lot. Additionally, there is considerable curbside parking.

Note that Orange Family Medical will be marked with NO HOG DAY PARKING signs.

## **1.6 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1.6.1 Hillsborough Police Department and Orange County Sheriffs Department shall share a common frequency for coverage of the event.
- 1.6.2 These frequencies shall be assigned per OCSO process on September 12.
- 1.6.3 The Orange County Optimist Club (OCOC) Public Safety Liaison shall carry a communication device operating on that same frequency.
  - 1.6.3.1 The Public Safety Liaison will also carry a separate radio tuned to a specified citizen's band frequency on which the OCOC Event Staff will operate.
- 1.6.4 All OCOC Event Staff and selected Event Volunteers will carry a communication device on a specified citizens band frequency.

## **2 EMERGENCY ACTION**

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### **2.1 CROWD COMMUNICATION**

#### **2.1.1 Emergency Crowd Notification**

Crowd Notifications shall be through the Public Address System on the stage in place for the event entertainment. Public notifications shall be made at the sole discretion of Public Safety Personnel and the Event Staff listed above. Security shall be provided at the stage and mixing console to limit unwarranted announcements.

#### **2.1.2 Back-up Emergency Notification**

In case of power loss, a bull horn shall be available to the LEAs and Event Staff listed above.

### **2.2 NATURAL EVENTS**

#### **2.2.1 Cancellation**

The Event shall proceed, rain or shine, at the appointed time. However, the Event shall be cancelled in case of reliable information of impending hurricane.

#### **2.2.2 Dispersion**

The Event may be suspended, and the attendees required to disperse in cases of severe inclement weather. This is to include tornado warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings.

#### **2.2.3 Evacuation Plan**

Please see the Emergency Egress Plan in the Exhibits section of this document.

Signs directing Emergency Egress avenues shall be posted.

### **2.3 MAN-MADE EVENTS**

Prior to the Event, all Crafters, Vendors, Event Volunteers, and Event Staff will be:

1. Advised of the Emergency Egress Plan.
2. Directed to move directly to the Primary Rally Points designated therein.
3. Leave all crafts or other materials behind.
4. Obey the directions of Event Staff, Crowd Managers, and Law Enforcement Officers.

Should an event occur, law enforcement shall assume immediate authority of the site. All Event Staff shall cooperate with and follow the directions of law enforcement and public safety personnel in rendering assistance in;

#### **1. Crowd Control**

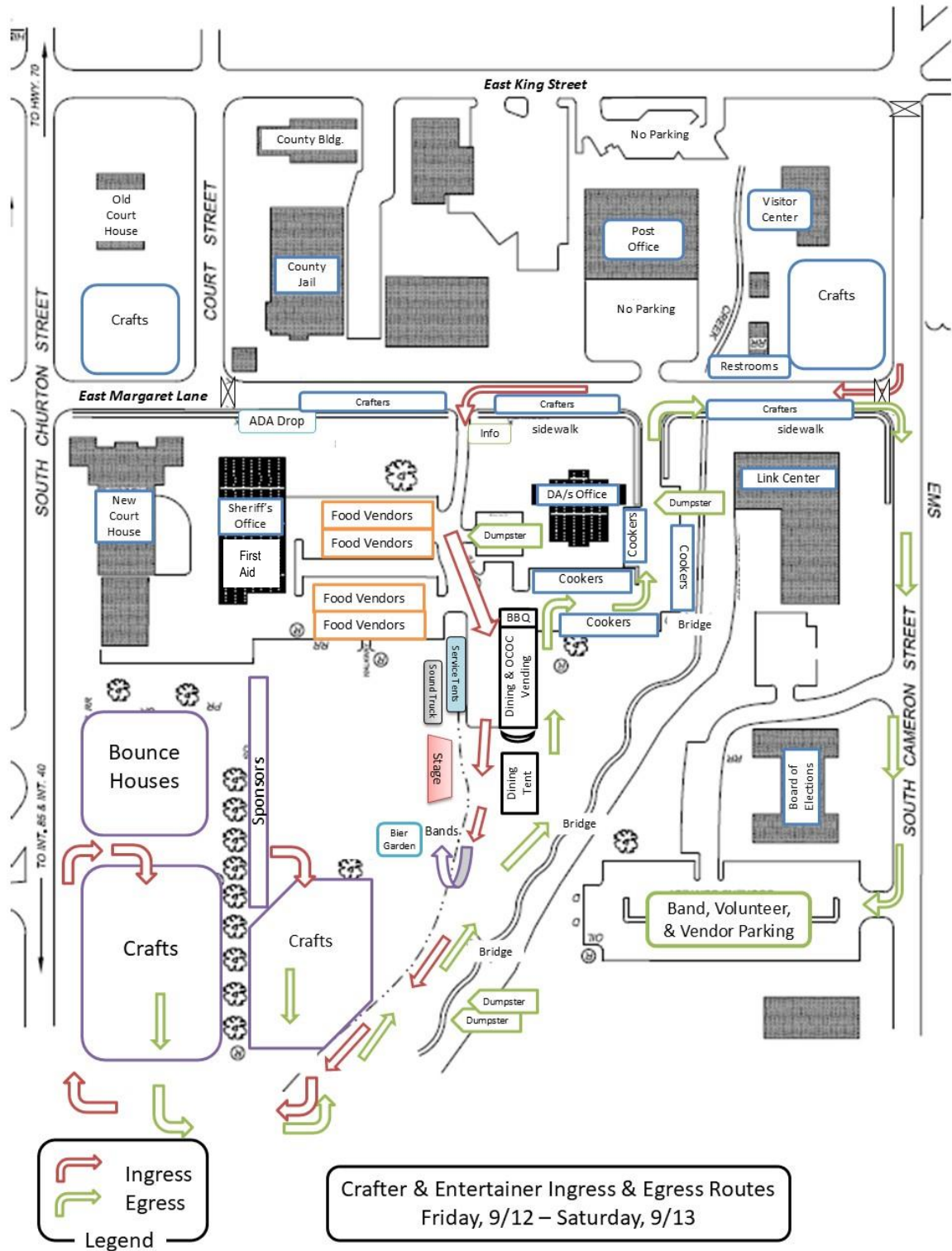
- a. Sequestering festival-goers in their respective Rally Points.
- b. Reporting on any injuries or other medical needs from their respective Rally Points.
- c. Identifying any persons that may have information about the incident.

- d. Directing or assisting in the orderly removal of festival-goers once so directed by the Public Safety Personnel.
2. Site Security
  - a. Assure nothing is moved on the site.
  - b. Assure nothing is removed from the site.
3. Medical First Aid
  - a. Reporting to Public Safety Personnel any injured persons that may require assistance.
4. Emergency and First Responder Access
  - a. Assuring the ingress and egress routes for emergency and first responder vehicles are clear
  - b. Assuring emergency and first responder personnel are directed to the injured person(s)

All Event Staff shall assemble under the Pavilion for debrief after the site is deemed safe by Public Safety Personnel. Should the Pavilion not be available, Staff will assemble at a point designated by the Event Project Manager over two-way radio.

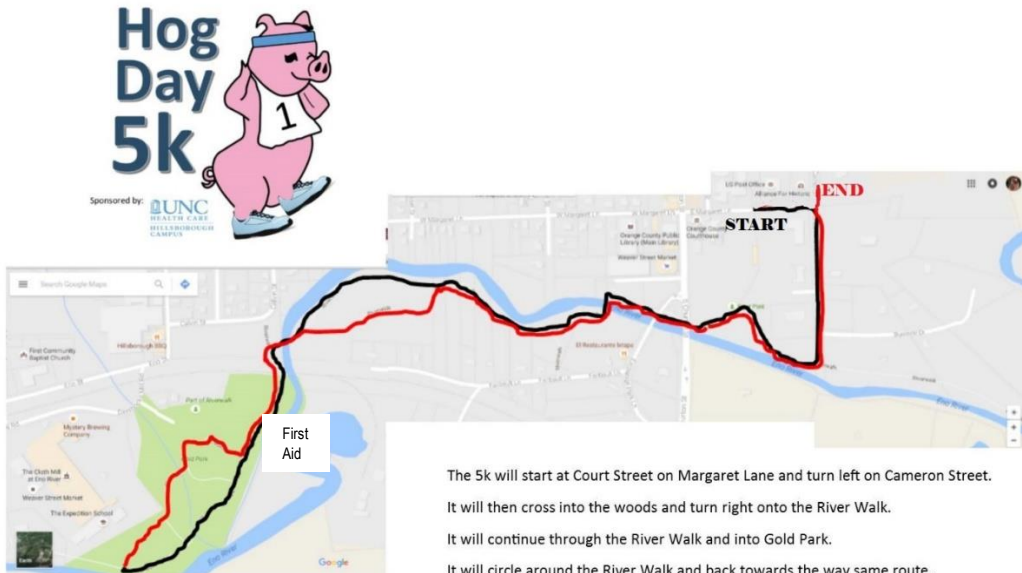


### 3.2 EXHIBITOR INGRESS/EGRESS ROUTES





### 3.4 HOG DAY 5K MAP (PENDING- TRENDING RED DUE TO RIVERWALK CONDITION)



The 5k will start at Court Street on Margaret Lane and turn left on Cameron Street.  
It will then cross into the woods and turn right onto the River Walk.  
It will continue through the River Walk and into Gold Park.  
It will circle around the River Walk and back towards the way same route.  
It will take a right immediately after crossing the bridge from the Park.  
It will continue to merge back into the original route and finish back at the Start.

*(Follow the arrows and directions from volunteers on the route)*

## 4 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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### 4.1 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

- 1000** Delivery of Portalets, wash stands, stage, supplies & materials  
 Dining Tent erected  
 Tables & Chairs arrive

### 4.2 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

- 1600** Sheriff's Parking lot cleared  
**1630** LEO muster in Courtroom 3  
**1800** Cook Meeting  
**Pig Distribution Immediately after**  
**1900** Pigs on!

<b>Friday Music</b>	-
6:00:00 PM	Bill Lyerly Band
8:05:00 PM	Shoot to Thrill

- 2200** Festival Friday close

### 4.3 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

- 0600** Set-up for 5k begins  
**0630** Packet Pickup and late registration opens  
**0700** First Pig to chopping  
**0730** LEO Muster in Courtroom 3  
**5K refreshments and Warm-up begins**  
**0750** 5K Announcements  
**0755** Stop ingress/egress on Margaret Lane and Cameron Street for 5K  
**0800** - LEOs on station  
 - 5K starting gun  
 - Chopped Pork arrives at Shelter for preparation of sandwiches  
**0845** 5K Awards

**0900 Judging of pork begins**

**0930 5K cleanup**

**1000 Official opening of Festival  
- Can begin serving**

<b>Saturday Music</b>	
10:00:00 AM	More Cowbell
12:15:00 PM	ARQ (Alamance Rhythm Quintet)
2:00:00 PM	Cajammers
4:00:00 PM	Tea Cup Gin

**1800 Festival Closes**

**4.4 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2026**

Site clearing to original state.

**5 VENDOR ROSTER**

Vendor Name	Contact	Email	Phone
Wonderland Homestead	Jessica Johnson	wonderlandsourdough@gmail.com	(407) 928-8090
TBD			

Food Vendor Name	Contact	Email	Phone	Address
TBD				

In process. Final roster to be provided Sept. 2026.

## **6 ATTRIBUTIONS**

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