



Arbor Aid and Pawpaw Fest: 5 reasons to attend

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Arbor Aid and Pawpaw Fest is this Saturday, September 23! Check out the top reasons to attend our annual fundraiser emceed by Pittsburgh's own comedian Gab Bonesso below. Read the top 5 get your tickets today.

1. Enjoy one of the last warm days of the year

The weather for Saturday looks beautiful – 80 degrees and sunny! Take advantage of the late summer weather by taking a tour of the historic Carrie Furnaces site and the Iron Garden. Worried about the heat? Don't be. We'll have pawpawsicles (pawpaw popsicles) for the kids and tastings of Leona's pawpaw ice cream to help you cool down. There's lots of shade in and around the event so you can always take a break!

2. Have you tried a pawpaw?

Chances are, you haven't even heard of it until this event! The pawpaw is the largest native edible fruit (read about it here) and is quickly gaining popularity across the country. It has a very limited season, and we have planned Pawpaw Fest for peak pawpaw! Learn more about the pawpaw from our speakers, and be sure to try pawpaw at our pawpaw tasting tent. We'll also have pawpaw kombucha from B52 and pawpaw beer from Allegheny City Brewing. Speaker listing:

1:00–1:45 p.m. – Phil Gruszka, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

2:00–2:45 p.m. – Matt Davies, Ohio State University Pawpaw Research

3:00–3:45 p.m. – Phillip Bauerle, Penn State Extension

4:00–4:45 p.m. – Doug Oster, Tribune Review

3. Arbor Aid is full of live music

Arbor Aid has not one, not two, but 10 bands this year! We're excited to welcome Kids from southern Florida as our headliner on the Spirit Airlines stage. Local favorites Lyndsey Smith & Soul Distribution, Byron Nash & Plan B, and Melinda will hit the stage. Make sure you don't miss The Maplewaves, Same, Colonel Eagleburger's Highstepping Goodtime Band, City Dwelling Nature Seekers, The Turpentiners, or Timbeleza!

4. Bring the kids

This festival is family-friendly! We have plenty of kids activities to engage your young ones! We'll have family story time and the chance to meet Oaklee the Squirrel, Tree Pittsburgh's mascot. Kids can also make pawpaw pet rocks, leaf art, and try their hand at a pawpaw toss.

5. Your entrance fee helps support Tree Pittsburgh's mission and work

Arbor Aid and Pawpaw Fest isn't just a great event, it's also Tree Pittsburgh's biggest fundraiser of the year. Your tickets and all food and beverage sales go toward our mission to restore and protect the urban forest. Read about one of our initiatives in the Post-Gazette.

Get your tickets to Arbor Aid and Pawpaw Fest today! Use code PAWPAW for \$5 off.

