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Bluegrass in Heaven a smashing success at Silver Bay YMCA

Over 250 festival goers attended Bluegrass in Heaven

Silver Bay YMCA held its first musical festival, Bluegrass in Heaven, September 15 through 17 on its 700-acre campus. Bluegrass in Heaven drew festivalgoers from across the East Coast. Some attendees traveled as far as San Diego to attend the festival.

From start to finish the festival was filled with music, starting with the opening performance Friday night by Blue Highway and ending Sunday morning with music by the Upstate Bluegrass Band as festivalgoers started their journeys home.

Crowds grew to an all-time high during the Saturday night performances. Tony Trishka and Michael Daves with Bruce Molsky kicked off the evening performances at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. They were followed by a performance by the Bob and Sarah Amos Band leading up to the main performance of the night by Grammy-winner Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper.

Over 300 people bought tickets for the festival creating a warm and lively atmosphere at Silver Bay YMCA during a slower part of the year on the Northern end of Lake George.

Luke Callahan, VP of Guest Experience said, "We were excited to host such a great event, drawing people from both around the country and the local community. The energy on property was overwhelming and everything we could have hoped for, it was an overall great weekend and great festival."

"For a first-year music festival, we are pretty darn happy with the turnout that we got and the other thing that is kind of making me happy is that the musicians are through the roof about the location," Terry Baker a long-time Silver Bayer and the visionary of the festival said.

As a nonprofit, Silver Bay YMCA works to foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture mind, body and spirit for all. Bluegrass in Heaven is just one example of the work done by Silver Bay YMCA to pursue its mission

“This event is bringing around people from this community, vendors, volunteers, people from all different backgrounds together to share in this experience, have workshops, developing relationships, bonds, and creating experiences through music,” Uriah Rodriguez, VP of Programs stated.

Silver Bay YMCA would like to extend a huge thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, and staff who made this event possible. Silver Bay would also like to thank all the festivalgoers for taking part in the festival. It brought great joy to everyone involved in the festival to see new guests exploring the campus for the first time, long-time guests seeing Silver Bay in a new light, and to hear the campus filled with laughter as people enjoyed the festival.

To learn more about Silver Bay YMCA and its mission visit silverbay.org or follow them on social media at Silver Bay YMCA.

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Our MISSION: To foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

Our IMPACT: Because of Silver Bay YMCA, connections between people and family are stronger. People are more connected, respectful, and caring. They have the confidence to develop to their full potential and to positively impact the communities in which they work and live. As a result, communities are more dynamic, inclusive and diverse. As stewards of Lake George, we inspire people to be stewards of the environment while they are visiting our magnificent campus and in their home communities.