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FARMON! FOUNDATION HOSTS 5th ANNIVERSARY 'ALL THINGS APPLE' HALLOWEEN HARVEST FESTIVAL HARVEST FESTIVAL TO CONNECT KIDS TO SEED&SOIL AND BENEFIT AG-ACADEMY

Copake, NY – Fall in at FarmOn! Foundation's 5th Anniversary "All Things Apple" Halloween Harvest Festival this Saturday, October 31, 2015.

The FarmOn! Harvest Festival is an all day family event at our historic Empire Farm on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 12-5pm. It is a celebration of the fall harvest and local agriculture, and will help fund our youth educational programming! The FarmOn! Festival is a unique opportunity for visitors to experience our diverse philanthropic initiatives, celebrate fall with a hay ride, costume contest, pumpkin painting and "all things apple" as well as a farm-to-table bar and grill, games, and, of course, a farm market featuring the amazing produce, dairy and meats found within just a stone's throw of our own farm in Copake, plus bounty from our own fields.

Enjoy a "farm candy crunch" before you trick or treat. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$1 for kids 12 and younger. Proceeds benefit FarmOn! Foundation's Ag-Academy. For tickets and info, www.farmonfoundation.org. Tickets available at the door, space permitting. If you ate today Thank a farmer!

About FarmOn! Ag-Academy:

FarmOn! Foundation is developing the FarmOn! Ag-Academy, a newly accredited youth educational applied learning program with SUNY and Cornell University. Dedicated to educating the next generation in the art of sustainable farming and the business of food, FarmOn! is creating viable livelihoods with the goal of rebuilding local economies and creating healthier families and communities. By providing scholarships for students ages 17-20 to live on FarmOn!'s historic 220-acre working farm, the FarmOn! Ag-Academy changes kids lives.

About FarmOn! Foundation:

FarmOn! Foundation is a non-profit organization of professional farmers, educators, influencers, supporters, nutritionists, students, and community leaders invested in the future of local agriculture and building local economies. FarmOn! Foundation creates and funds youth educational programming and is working to preserve family farming in America with an edible education. Some of FarmOn! Foundation partners include TasteNY, John Varvatos, Bronx Zoo, NYS Department of Ag & Markets, Local Economies Project, Hudson Valley Fresh, Maple Hill Creamery, Yelp, Whole Foods Market, Modern Farmer, Cornell University CALS, NBA, Disney, and SUNY. In the first-ever partnership of its kind, students at SUNY Cobleskill, Morrisville State College and the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will be able to live and work at the Foundation's working farm—FarmOn! at Empire Farm in Columbia County in New York State gaining real life experiences in the food production field. Learning will range from seed and soil crop planning to growing food, harvesting it, producing, and cooking food in a commercial teaching kitchen and extend all the way to custom growing for New York's institutions, caterers, retailers and chefs.