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## **Second Highlands Festival set for Sept. 20-21 at Waterloo Village**

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The New Jersey Highlands Coalition is hosting the second annual Highlands Festival at Waterloo on Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21, at Waterloo Village in Byram.

The music and environmental festival will celebrate the New Jersey Highlands and promote regional music, food, art, history, cultural and natural resources.

This rain-or-shine event will feature a wide range of activities, including two days of music on two stages, a local food court, living green expo, crafts and other vendors, a fine-art show, cooking demonstrations, workshops, Lenape Village activities, canal rides, kayaking, and guided nature hikes. This year, there will be a special children's area, with art, music and ecological activities, including presentations by Rizzo's Reptiles, Dove Environmental Education, Climate Change is Elementary and The Vanguard Music Studio.

The musical headliners are Jim Weider's PROJECT PERCoLAToR and "The Main Squeeze."

Among the roster is Quimby Mountain Band and Citizens Band Radio, as well as a host of New Jersey-based bands.

In addition, the festival will again offer a variety of food that is not your ordinary festival fare: wood-fired pizza, Southern fried chicken, gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches as well as vegetarian and vegan options. There will be wine and a variety of craft beers available for purchase.

Workshops will be offered throughout the festival, including presentations on New Jersey's history, hands-on water monitoring, making a rain barrel, eating well on a budget, backyard chickens, beekeeping and more. There will be several guided hikes and the historical section of Waterloo Village will be open with tours and guides.

A bicycle tour, sponsored by Morris County Freewheelers, is scheduled for Saturday morning, and a Tour of the Highlands Road Rally, sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America, is scheduled for Sunday morning.

The New Jersey Highlands Coalition is again hosting the Highlands Festival to raise awareness about the natural resources of the NJ Highlands region, to promote the missions of the NJ Highlands Coalition's 80 plus nonprofit member organizations, and to fund the 2015 Small Grants Program which supports local grassroots organizations.

As a nonprofit organization in Boonton, the NJ Highlands Coalition works to protect, enhance and restore the New Jersey Highlands and to preserve the quality and quantity of drinking water both for the 850,000 people in the Highlands as well as the more than four million people in surrounding areas who depend on Highlands water.

For more information on the NJ Highlands Coalition or to become a member, visit the organization's website: <http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org/>

Tickets cost \$15 online for one day; \$25 for two days. At the gate, tickets will be \$25 for one day; \$40 for two days. Children 12 and under are free. To purchase tickets online and for more information about the festival, please visit the festival's website at: [HighlandsFestivalAtWaterloo.org](http://HighlandsFestivalAtWaterloo.org).

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