

NBFF SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY Thursday, July 17th, 2025



The National Baby Food Festival is proud of this annual event that we believe enriches the festival and the lives of all who attend. The festival committee has been working hard to enhance this special event to offer more than in previous years. This year's event will have an array of activities, games, therapy animals, entertainment, and so much more!

This event is designed to provide festival access to kids with special needs who are 26 years of age or younger, who may not otherwise be able to attend. A child with special needs is defined as someone with a debilitating illness, is physically and/or cognitively impaired, or is critically ill. Please see the definitions below that relate to a child with special needs. Due to the overwhelming number of children that attend this event we must adhere to the reason why this event takes place.

Therefore, a child with strictly hearing or speech difficulty would not be eligible to attend this event. Each child must check in through our registration area. We have a maximum of 2 carnival ride bracelets per registered child, and the ride bracelets will not be handed out in advance.

American Heritage Stedman's Medical Dictionary:

Debilitating de-bil-i-tat-ing

meaning an illness that causes a loss of strength or energy.

Cognitive cog-ni-tive

Adj. Of or pertaining to the mental processes of perception, memory, judgment, and reasoning, as contrasted with emotional and volitional processes.

Disability – The lack of competent, physical, and mental faculties; the absence of legal capability to perform an act.

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025

Location: Veterans Memorial Park - Downtown Fremont

Registration: 9:30am – 10:00am - North side of Veterans Memorial Park off Dayton Street

Activities:

10:00am – 11:00am – Midway Rides

11:00am – 12:00pm – Activities/Lunch

(Bring a blanket for a picnic in the park!)

**Times
may
vary!**

- **Lunch will be provided for each child with special needs and up to 2 guests, that are pre-registered before Wednesday, July 9, 2025.**

REQUIREMENTS:

Child with special needs **(26 or under)** must be accompanied by responsible adult.

Pre-registration by telephone at (231) 924-0770 is required no later than July 9, 2025, to the Festival Office.

Please note due to our requirement for ordering food for lunch, pre-registrations received after July 9, 2025 may not include lunch.

Please provide the name of the child with special needs, their guest, and the responsible adult who will be attending.

If registering a group, you must send an e-mail that includes name of school, program, or institute, name of teacher, contact phone number, first and last name of child with special needs, their guest, and responsible adult who will be attending. Email info@fremontcommerce.com This list will be used for registration and will be strictly enforced. If changes need to be made to the list, please update them by e-mail no later than July 9, 2025.

- Limited to the first 100 pre-registered children with special needs.
- Each child with special needs may invite **one guest** to go on carnival rides with them.
- Lunch will be provided at no charge ***for each child with special needs and up to 2 guests.***
 - (Only those pre-registered on or before Wednesday July 9, 2025, will have lunch provided).
- If your guest has any noise restrictions, please feel free to bring along headphones to help.

Volunteers will be on site at the festival to help with rides, directions, lunch, restrooms, parking etc.

Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (231) 924-0770 for any additional information.

We sincerely thank you for your assistance in making this a memorable day for our children with special needs.

Name of student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____

Parent and/or guardian contact: _____

Email: _____

Address of student: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Guest for students: (1) _____

Email form to info@fremontcommerce.com or

mail ATTN: NBFF Special Friends Day 7 E Main St, Fremont MI, 49412

Call 231-924-0770 with any questions!