

Rockbridge County Fair 2009 *presents* "Chunkin'-for-Charity"

Utilizing ancient means of tossing melons great distances, regional "Chunkers" will provide area residents a unique opportunity to raise funds for their favorite charities at the 2009 Rockbridge County Fair.

** What is Chunkin'?*

Chunkin' is a means of hurling heavy objects over great heights and distances, using replicas of ancient war machines, such as trebuchets, onagers, catapults, etc.

** Who is eligible to enlist for the Chunkin' fundraising event at the Fair?*

All Rockbridge area not-for-profit 501(c)3 organizations.

** When and where will the Chunkin' take place?*

Saturday, July 18 at the Virginia Horse Center fairgrounds.

** How does the fundraising event work?*

Each participating nonprofit organization will solicit Pledges from friends who will donate an amount of money to that organization, based on the distance that one of the war machines tosses a ten-to-twenty pound melon.

For example, if Judy Ramsey pledges ten cents to Hospice for each foot that the trebuchet tosses its melon, and the toss is 300 feet, then Judy writes a check for \$30 dollars to Hospice!

Chunkin' will take place every hour-on-the-hour at the top of Mead Hill on Saturday, July 18 at the Fair. Each hour different charities will be scheduled to participate. Pledges can be obtained ahead of time, and/or solicited during the Fair right up to the minute of the Chunk.

Each war machine will post the average distance that it can toss the melon, in order to give donors an estimate of how much they will be donating.

The fun is in watching these magnificent machines at work, and coming out to the Fair to honor the volunteers, the work, and essential services that each charity provides to our community!

VOLUNTEERS willing to help with measuring Chunkin' distances can log on to www.horsecenter.org and click on the **Fair link**, or email John Scott at jscott.rcfair@yahoo.com For general Chunkin' info, Google "Punkin Chunkin".