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Freak'n farmers. Freak'n FARMERS!

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Presented by Pent-icton Home Hardware and coordinated by Hoodoo Adventures

and Covert Farms, the fifth annual Freak'n Farmer adventure obstacle course race will take place at Covert Farms on Saturday,

Sept. 24. The day-long event, fit for the whole family, features 5K, 10K and 20K obstacle course races, along with two races geared

to children. Presented by Kubota Canada, the 3K Little Freak'n Farmer (for kids ages 6 to 12 years) and the .75K Mini Freak'n

Farmer (for kids ages 3 to 6 years) will provide fun for little adventurers. Registration costs to participate in the obstacle races vary based on course and age group.

In addition to acres of obstacles, Covert Farms will also play host to a post-race BBQ featuring delicious farm-to-table offerings. Wine tastings will be provided by the Oliver Osoyoos Winery Association; local breweries will also raise a glass to the event with beer tastings. Live music will entertain the crowd throughout the day.

For more than 50 years the Covert Family has been farming the 650 acres of Covert Farms north of Oliver. Inspired by history, an adventure obstacle race was born – an event that speaks to the many arduous tasks that farm hands had to perform in the dry heat of Canada's desert region.

All obstacles for

the Freak'n Farmer are "covert" until the day of the event; 25 obstacles will be featured throughout the course.

"People return year after year for a day of Freak'n Farmer fun and we are thrilled to report that participant numbers are on the rise for this year's race," says Lyndie Hill, Hoodoo Adventures. "Teams of various sizes get into the spirit with creative costumes that add to the lively nature of the event."

Spectators are welcome to catch the action with hop-on/hop-off farm transportation available by donation with partial proceeds going to a local charity. A \$25 spectator fee includes lunch and a glass with two tickets to sample local wine and beer.

"We look forward to this event all year," says Gene Covert, Organic Farmer/Winemak-

er, Covert Farms. "The Freak'n Farmer showcases the unique landscape of the South Okanagan and we can't wait to unveil the awesome obstacles we have planned for this year's event."

For out of town participants, Watermark Beach Resort in Osoyoos is offering special Freak'n Farmer rates for accommodation on September 23 and 24. Guests can call the resort directly to request the Freak'n Farmer rates by quoting ID#2250.

Little + Mini Freak'n Farmer races will start at 9 a.m. The 5K, 10K and 20K Freak'n Farmer races will start at 11 a.m.

Registration costs vary based on course and age group.

For more information and to sign up (as individuals or teams, or to purchase a spectator ticket), please visit: freaknfarmer.com.