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Explore York Celebrates York County Makers with Two Days of Fun Experiences, Local Flavor, and Hands-On Discovery

YORK, PA-- Explore York invites residents and visitors to discover the creativity, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurial spirit that make York County special during the 2026 Makers Spirit Event, taking place June 19-20.

Featuring 18 makers from across the county, this two-day celebration offers a chance to go beyond the finished product and meet the people who bring York County's favorite foods, beverages, crafts, and specialty goods to life. Through behind-the-scenes tours, interactive experiences, and opportunities to connect directly with local makers, attendees can explore the stories, skills, and passion behind each business.

Guests will step inside workshops, studios, and production spaces, gaining an inside look at how products are created and the craftsmanship that goes into them. Along the way, they'll have opportunities to meet the makers, ask questions, and learn what inspires their work.

The event also features hands-on activities designed to help visitors experience the maker process for themselves. Whether it's sampling local specialties, trying a new skill, or creating something of their own, participants can engage with York County's maker community in a fun and memorable way.

"York County's makers are a big part of what gives our community its character," said Laura Wagner, President of Explore York. "They create products people love, contribute to our local economy, and help tell the story of our region. Makers Spirit gives visitors a chance to connect with these businesses in a meaningful way while celebrating the creativity and talent found throughout York County."

Participants will also have the chance to win prizes throughout the event as they visit makers and explore different experiences across the county.

The celebration kicks off even before Makers Spirit weekend begins. The first 1,000 fans attending the York Revolution game on Tuesday, June 16, will receive a commemorative Makers Spirit Jersey. Fans who wear



their jersey during Makers Spirit weekend and share photos on social media while tagging @ExploreYorkPA will be entered for an additional chance to win prizes.

Additional event details, participating makers, and registration information can be found at <https://www.yorkpa.org/events/makers-spirit-event/>

About Explore York:

Explore York's mission is to maximize tourism expenditures and their economic impact in York County, PA, through comprehensive tourism sales and marketing programs. Explore York's vision is for a York County where tourism is recognized for the value of its economic impact and its role in raising the profile of York County as a sought-after destination. For more information on Explore York, visit YorkPA.org.