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SHAWNEE MOUNTAIN'S FESTIVAL SEASON CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS AND RESTRICTIONS

Shawnee-on-Delaware, PA – On Tuesday, June 30, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area officially announced Management's decision to cancel the upcoming 2020 fall festival season. The cancellation affects the following annual events:

- The POCONO GARLIC AND HARVEST FESTIVAL on September 5 & 6
- The SHAWNEE CELTIC FESTIVAL on September 19 & 20
- The AUTUMN TIMBER FESTIVAL on October 10 & 11
- The POCONO FOOD TRUCK AND ART FESTIVAL on October 17 & 18

"Along with health concerns for the safety and welfare of our guests, staff, entertainers, vendors and sponsors, the State of Pennsylvania's currently mandated restrictions on large gatherings, including festivals have no specific timetable for easing. Additional government guidelines such as one-way foot traffic and social distancing in our entertainment and craft tents, outdoor food courts and exhibit areas would be very difficult to enforce and may have a detrimental effect on guest experience" said Jim Tust, Managing Partner and Festival Coordinator for Shawnee Mountain Ski Area.

Despite the disappointing decision to cancel the 2020 festival schedule, plans call for all four events to return to Shawnee Mountain for fall of 2021. In the meantime, the Shawnee Mountain management and staff will be busy preparing for the Master the Mountain 5K Race to benefit the Bushkill Ambulance Corps still on for August 8, and the 2020-21 winter ski season scheduled to kick off around Thanksgiving Weekend.

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Shawnee Mountain Ski Area is a beginner and family friendly ski resort located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania just off Exit 309 on Interstate 80. For general information, call 570-421-7231. For lodging information, call 800-438-6493 (townhomes and villas), 800-SHAWNEE (Shawnee Inn), or 800-POCONOS (visitor's bureau). Follow us at [Facebook.com/skishawnee](https://www.facebook.com/skishawnee), [@Skishawnee](https://www.instagram.com/Skishawnee) and www.shawneemt.com.

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