

In era of restraint, locals embrace Bay's 'Labor Day Free For All'

Free fish, ice cream and poker help Iron Range residents take a break from hard work

TOWER, MN – In an era of cutting coupons and corners, Fortune Bay's annual "Labor Day Free For All" may be just what the doctor ordered. The Sept. 7 celebration allows hard-working locals to kick back and relax, enjoying free food and free entertainment.

The celebration begins at noon and ends at 10pm, starting with a free fish fry, followed by a free blackjack tournament at 3pm, a free ice cream sundae bar from 4-8pm and free bingo at 5pm and 7pm, plus a free poker tournament at 6:30pm.

"We always enjoy celebrating holidays with our neighbors, but this one means a little more, given the region and the times," said Fortune Bay General Manager Norm Adams. "The Iron Range has a proud tradition of hard-working people, and we want to acknowledge their work and invite them to take a well-deserved break. We know they've been cutting back in this recession and that a few free treats go a long way right now."

The economic times have been tough Adams added, and it's good to draw people together for a lighter occasion. "We have all worked hard, and now it's time to relax, enjoy the end of summer and a day off work."

