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**June Weekends**, South Carolina Ag + Art Tour, 12 Counties in South Carolina, [www.AgandArtTour.com](http://www.AgandArtTour.com)

Come join the fun at the South Carolina Ag + Art Tour, a free, self-guided tour of designated South Carolina farms featuring local artisans and farmer's markets. Visitors get a first-hand look at where their food comes from and are able to watch artists in action (and purchase their works), dance to bluegrass and folksong tunes all while learning more about farm life. A grassroots project for the betterment of agritourism community development, the South Carolina Ag + Art Tour is committed to education and teaches the goals of business strategy incubation in this field.

**June 1, 2019**, Fiesta Days Celebration and Boat Parade, Pensacola, FL, [www.fiestaoffiveflags.org](http://www.fiestaoffiveflags.org)  
A light-hearted re-enactment of the surrender of the city to Spanish explorer Don Tristan DeLuna will kick-off the Fiesta of Five Flags celebration for 2019. DeLuna first landed in Pensacola in 1559, so folks will get a mild history lesson just ahead of an evening filled with outdoor musical entertainment.

**June 1, 2019**, Warrior Dash North Carolina, Huntersville, NC, <https://wariordash.com/location/2018-warrior-dash-north-carolina/>  
Check out North Carolina's Warrior Dash, an obstacle course and festival that challenges participants in all of the planet's elements: Earth, Wind, Fire and Water. Here, both spectators and participants enjoy the day cheering on runners as they leap over fires, crawl through muddy waters and run on tough terrains. Mud clad folks celebrate after the race with live music, food trucks and games for everyone. Each year, participants face different courses and obstacles, keeping them coming back in an effort to top their previous times. Come see who crosses the finish line first. . .maybe it'll be you!

**June 1-2, 2019**, Flying Colors Butterfly Festival, Roswell, GA, [www.chattnaturecenter.org/](http://www.chattnaturecenter.org/)  
Monarchs and Milkweed take center stage in celebration of all things pollinators at the Flying Colors Butterfly Festival the first weekend in June at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. The Butterfly Encounter is newly expanded offering guests an experience like never before. Bring the family and enjoy one of Roswell's gems.

**June 1-2, 2019**, Lenoir City Arts & Crafts Festival, Lenoir City, TN,

<https://lenoircityartsandcrafts.com/>

Artisans from throughout the Southeast converge on Lenoir City for the Arts & Crafts Festival. Folks will enjoy shopping from the variety of vendors with homemade wares.

**June 2, 2019**, Alpharetta Brew Moon Fest, Alpharetta, GA,

<https://alpharettabusinessassociation.com/event-3023306>

Alpharetta's downtown comes alive for this annual beer fest with food, beer and entertainment. Live music by Electric Avenue and The 80s MTV Experience will keep the party going. Bring your own chairs or tables are available for purchase. Both beer and food also will be available for purchase.

**June 5-9, 2019**, Tupelo Elvis Festival, Tupelo, MS, [www.tupeloelvisfestival.com](http://www.tupeloelvisfestival.com)

Celebrating home town boy, Elvis Presley is easy in Tupelo with the festival bearing Presley's name. Of course there will be music; an Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Preliminary Round attracting competitors from all over the U.S., Canada and Europe; several concerts featuring professional Elvis Tribute Artists; and a unique-to-the-festival outdoor concert in Fairpark on the former grounds of the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show where Elvis performed his homecoming concert in 1956. There is also a Running with the King 5k, an Elvis Look Alike Pet Parade, a '56 Homecoming Parade with classic cars, a youth competition and education sessions to continue telling the story of a young boy from Tupelo who left a legacy larger than life.

**June 7-9, 2019**, South Carolina Festival of Flowers, Greenwood, SC,

<http://scfestivalofflowers.org/>

Have a blooming good time at the award-winning South Carolina Festival of Flowers where visitors enjoy flowers, families and fun. More than 100,000 people pour into South Carolina for this festival each year, enjoying over 30 events with a month-long list of entertainment options from gardening and performances to sporting and cultural events, including one main primary weekend. Enjoy a full schedule of Festival activities for the whole family. View the works of South Carolina's top artists and craftsmen at the Arts and Crafts Show. Enjoy a nice leisure day strolling through one of our beautiful gardens on tour. Plus see our now famous "Signature" Topiary Display in Uptown Greenwood. Rooted in tradition, this festival is on the grow!

**June 7-8, 2019**, Kids Fest, Orange Park, FL, [www.OPKidsFest.com](http://www.OPKidsFest.com)

Give summer a kick-start with a visit to Kids Fest, "The Funnest Event in Town!" Held at Town Hall Park, this award-winning event is in year six with two fun-packed days of games and activities, fascinating displays, interactive shows, live music, great food and shopping. Designed with children 12 and under in mind, kids will love the uniqueness of each play zone like Imagination Station and the Inflatable Zone. Bring a swimsuit and note that this year Kids Fest will incorporate even more toddler-friendly activities like Sensory Stations. Wristbands will be available for \$15.

**June 7-9, 2019**, North American Sand Soccer Championships, Virginia Beach, VA,

<https://sandsoccer.com>

The largest beach soccer event in the world is in Virginia Beach—the North American Sand Soccer Championship! Combining U8 through adult amateur competition as well as a U.S. Open Pro Men’s division, this event is incredible. In 2019, elite women competing in the inaugural U.S. Open Women’s Pro division will be added to the agenda. What should visitors expect? More than 10,000 athletes and thousands of fans convening in Virginia Beach’s resort area seeking competition and family fun. Additional beach sports include Knockerball, Lacrosse, Spikeball, wrestling and field hockey for even more competitive excitement. This year welcomes Lauren Bland as the new Executive Director for the event which serves as a fundraiser Hampton Roads Soccer Council.

**June 7-August 23, 2019**, Music on Main Street, Hendersonville, NC,

[www.visithendersonvillenc.org/music-on-main-street](http://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/music-on-main-street)

Music on Main Street is a free concert series held at the Visitors Center in Historic Downtown Hendersonville usually on Fridays (with two exceptions—June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>). This year enjoy a total of 13 shows offering a diverse line-up of music genres including pop, oldies, rock and contemporary. In addition to music, concessions are available, and most shows are offered in conjunction with either a Classic Car Show or a Corvette Night Car Show. Note that the July 4<sup>th</sup> show includes a patriotic tribute, patriotic music and great fireworks.

**June 9, 2019**, 2019 Hop Blossom Craft Beer Festival, Winchester, VA, <https://hopblossom.com/>

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Hop Blossom Craft Beer Festival, held in Old Town Winchester, focuses on craft beer education and exposing participants to the ever-increasing popularity and love for good craft beer. This year’s event features 40+ breweries, live entertainment and a homebrew competition.

**June 12-15, 2019**, W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival, Henderson, KY, [www.handyblues.org](http://www.handyblues.org)

The W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival is one of the largest free music festivals in the nation and is held in historic Downtown Henderson on the banks of the Ohio River. Get ready for a healthy portion of blues from award-winning performers, including gritty delta blues, smooth soul, big horn bands and Zydeco. A children’s umbrella-decorating workshop is part of the four-day festival as well as a Street Strut Parade, a 5k and live music lunch breaks plus happy hours. Come and celebrate the life and legacy of Hendersonian and “Father of the Blues,” William Christopher Handy at this year’s event where there is even more barbecue than ever, the revival of a barbecue competition, a new merchandise trailer, and red beans and rice during Zydeco Night.

**June 13-15, 2019**, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Holley National Hot Rod Reunion, Bowling Green, KY,

<https://nhramuseum.org/events/holley-hot-rod-reunion/>

The Holley Hot Rod Power Tour brings in some 1,200 cars and more than 10,000 drivers as well as car enthusiasts to the Historic Beech Bend Raceway. Visitors look forward to three days of drag-racing, car shows, vendor midways and more. Additionally, the Hot Rod Reunion is a tradition that, in addition to the racing, honors pioneers in drag racing.

**June 13-July 25, 2019**, Sounds of Summer, Columbus, MS, [www.columbusmainstreet.com](http://www.columbusmainstreet.com)

A partnership between Main Street Columbus and the Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce makes the Sounds of Summer concert series a continued tradition. Set in beautiful Downtown Columbus on Thursdays in June and July, the free event is held on the banks of the Tennessee Tombigbee River at the Columbus Riverwalk Park. Gather with other music lovers and enjoy local musicians, cold beverages, delicious food, kids' activities and a sense of community. Bring lawn chairs and blankets along with friends and family and head to award-winning Sounds of Summer.

**June 15, 2019**, Bell Buckle RC-MoonPie Festival, Bell Buckle, TN, [www.bellbucklechamber.com](http://www.bellbucklechamber.com)

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bell Buckle RC-MoonPie Festival where this Southern dynamic duo is celebrated with Kings and Queens, music, food, entertainment, games, a parade and lots of happiness! There are 5k and 10-mile runs through the countryside, arts and crafts vendor booths, games and, of course, lots of RC Cola and Moon Pies. Enjoy a day of fun for young and old alike to celebrate THREE southern traditions: RC Colas, Moon Pies and Historic Bell Buckle, Tennessee—close to home, but a world away.

**June 15, 2019**, Tour de Coal, Tornado, WV, [www.coalrivergroup.com/tour-de-coal.html](http://www.coalrivergroup.com/tour-de-coal.html)

Experience “Flatwater Heaven” in Almost Heaven, West Virginia. Here, flatwater kayaking is one the fastest growing water sports in the U.S. and Tour de Coal has been a great contributor to that growth. The annual 11-mile float along the Coal River draws over 1,500 participants and another 500 or so in boaters. The Tour de Coal appears to be the largest flatwater kayak event ever held in the country and is a fundraiser for the Coal River Group. This event continues to grow and expand yearly.

**June 16-30, 2019**, FestivALL Charleston, Charleston, WV,

<https://festivallcharleston.com/events/feastivall-fundraiser>

FestivALL Charleston is a multi-arts festival in multi-venues across the city over an exciting couple of weeks. With more than 100 events, performances and exhibitions from music, theatre, dance, visual art, humanities and more, the events utilize some 40 indoor and outdoor venues, most of which are low cost or free. This year the FestivALL celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> year and will partner with the Appalachian Power Park (home to local minor league baseball team Appalachian Power) for extended programming and special events surrounding the 2019 SAL All-Star Game to be hosted at the Power Park this year.

**June 22-23, 2019**, Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival, Roan Mountain, TN,

[www.roanmountain.com/rhododendron-festival/](http://www.roanmountain.com/rhododendron-festival/)

The Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival has been on-going since June of 1947 and it only continues to grow. Held the third weekend of June atop Roan Mountain, the festival holds true to its origin of celebrating the most gorgeous display of natural beauty on the North American continent—rhododendron. Enjoy not only Mother Nature's glorious blooms, but also handmade crafts, food, music and old-time folkway demonstrations.

**June 26-30, 2019**, Beaufort Old Homes Tour and More, Beaufort, NC,

<https://beauforthistoricsite.org/>

A growing community, Beaufort continues to evolve and change along with the 59<sup>th</sup> annual Old Homes Tour and More weekend with something for everyone including tours of beautiful homes and gardens in scenic Beaufort by the Sea. More than 20 private homes, gardens, churches and artist studios will be featured in the self-paced walking tour. Shop and dine in the downtown area or attend a luncheon featuring a well-known author for a very special memory.