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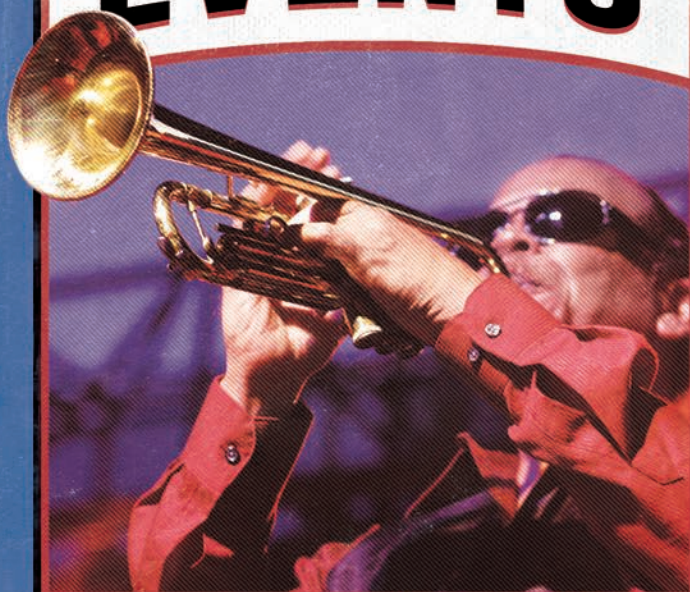
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and

ANNUAL

EVENTS



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JANUARY 2016

Events

Krewe of Harambee
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Mardi Gras Parade



JANUARY
16

KREWE OF SOBEK MARDI GRAS PARADE (1 P.M.)

Parade begins at the Fairground Fields parking lot, Shreveport. It goes through the Queensborough neighborhood and offers a fun-filled afternoon featuring floats, bands, marching groups, drill teams, queens, kings, youth sports teams, homecoming courts and more.

318-222-0132 | www.kreweofsobek.org

JANUARY
18

KREWE OF HARAMBEE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MARDI GRAS PARADE (1 P.M.)

Parade begins at Milam and Texas Street, Shreveport. It is a huge, family-friendly parade that celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. It rolls through downtown Shreveport and features marching bands, stilt walkers, dozens of floats and more.

318-617-7886 | www.kreweofharambee.org

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Celebrate Mardi Gras in Shreveport-Bossier with tons of beads, mouth-watering king cake, family-fun parades, glitzy parties and glamorous balls. There's nothing like Mardi Gras season in northwest Louisiana, and every year it's one of Shreveport-Bossier's biggest celebrations.



For a complete listing of Mardi Gras events, pick up the 2016 *Mardi Gras Gris Gris Guide* or visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/MardiGras.

Krewe of Centaur Mardi Gras Parade XXV

JANUARY
30

KREWE OF CENTAUR MARDI GRAS PARADE XXV (4:30 P.M.)

Parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport. One of the largest parades in Louisiana, it takes place 10 days before Fat Tuesday, and it features marching bands, brightly colored floats and more.

318-572-4632 | www.kreweofcentaur.org

JANUARY
31

KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX MARDI PAW PET PARADE (1 P.M.)

Parade takes place at Reeves Marine Center, 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City. The Mardi Paw Pet Parade is a chance for festive pets to celebrate Mardi Gras. All pet owners are invited to participate. Animal costumes are encouraged.

318-752-2287 | www.barkusandmeoux.org

FEBRUARY 2016

Events

FEBRUARY
06

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PARADE (11 A.M.)

Parade begins on Texas Avenue, Shreveport. This parade kicks off in downtown Shreveport and pays homage to the African American culture and achievements. It features floats, marching bands, motorcycle groups and more.

318-635-2923

FEBRUARY
06

KREWE OF GEMINI MARDI GRAS PARADE XXVII (4 P.M.)

Parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport. Masked revelers on floats, marchers and horseback riders respond to the age old cry "Throw me something, Mister!" by tossing beads, toys and trinkets.

318-741-9284 | www.kreweofgemini.com

FEBRUARY
07

KREWE OF HIGHLAND MARDI GRAS PARADE XXI (1 P.M.)

Parade begins at Gilbert Drive and Oakley Drive, Shreveport. It rolls through the historic Highland neighborhood. Shreveport's most eccentric krewe is famous for throwing hotdogs, packs of ramen noodles and moon pies.

318-402-1132 | www.thekreweofhighland.org

FEBRUARY
09

FAT TUESDAY TEXAS BRIDGE CLOSING CEREMONY (11:30 P.M.)

Texas Street Bridge, Shreveport

At midnight on Fat Tuesday, a crowd gathers at the center of the Texas Street Bridge in downtown Shreveport to participate in a closing ceremony led by Monsignor Provenza of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. This final round of revelry is open to the public.

318-221-5990

MARCH 2016

Events

**Battle of the
Gumbo Gladiators**



MARCH
19

BATTLE OF THE GUMBO GLADIATORS

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

Battle of the Gumbo Gladiators is a gumbo cook-off fundraiser. The all-day event offers gumbo fanatics the opportunity to sample dozens of gumbos in categories including seafood, non-seafood, and "gumbo of the people."

318-425-4431 | www.gumbogladiators.com

MARCH
19

LOUISIANA REDBUD FESTIVAL

Vivian Townsquare, 100 N. W. Front St., Vivian

Families looking for fun should check out Louisiana Redbud Festival's all-day events including music on the square, a parade, food and arts and crafts booths.

318-426-6457 | www.laredbud.com

APRIL 2016 Events



APRIL
02

ASEANA SPRING FESTIVAL: LAOTIAN FESTIVAL

ASEANA Asian Gardens, Milam Street at Texas Avenue, Shreveport

Learn about a variety of Asian cultures through food, art, dance, games and martial arts at ASEANA Spring Festival. Sample authentic cuisine from Vietnamese noodle soups to Philippino-style whole hog barbecue.

318-401-8078

APRIL
02

CORK – A RED RIVER REVEL WINE EVENT

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon of wine tasting at Cork – A Red River Revel Wine Event. Adults can taste more than 80 wines from around the world with great jazz entertainment and sample food from local restaurants.

318-424-4000 | www.corkwinefestival.com

APRIL
09

ARK-LA-TEX AMBASSADORS BBQ COOK-OFF

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

The Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors Barbecue Cook-Off attracts top barbecue teams from across the southern region. Barbecue lovers can purchase tickets to sample ribs, brisket, sausage and more while enjoying live music and family activities.

318-865-5555 | www.arklatexambassadors.com

APRIL
15-24

HOLIDAY IN DIXIE

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

One of the oldest festivals in the South, Holiday in Dixie celebrates the beginning of spring and the Louisiana Purchase. This event includes a 10-day carnival, parade, treasure hunt, live music and family fun.

318-865-5555 | www.arklatexambassadors.com

APRIL
18-24

ARTBREAK

Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport

Art lovers and families should pay a visit to the largest children's festival in Louisiana. Artbreak features the artwork of Caddo and Bossier Parish students with dance, music, theater, food, crafts and a 5K race.

318-673-6500 | www.srac.squarespace.com

APRIL
22

EARTH DAY

Marlene Yu Museum, 710 Travis St., Shreveport

Hosted by the Rainforest Art Foundation, the Earth Day event features music, kids' activities, performances, art, food and an unveiling of the Marlene Yu Museum's sculpture garden and veranda.

318-717-9111 | www.rainforestartfoundation.org

APRIL
30-
MAY
01

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE AIRSHOW

Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City

The Barksdale Air Force Base Airshow features flight demonstrations by U.S. Navy Blue Angels, aerobatic performers and a B-52 fly-by. Since 1933, the base has been inviting the public to view its historical aircrafts and state-of-the-art jets at the annual airshow.

318-456-1015 | www.barksdaleafbairshow.com



**Barksdale
Air Force Base
Airshow**

MAY 2016 Events



Gusher Days
Festival

MAY
07

GUSHER DAYS FESTIVAL

Earl G. Williamson Park, 11425 Hwy. 1, Oil City

Gusher Days Festival celebrates the north Caddo Parish oil industry with an archery tournament, fishing tournament, music, food and entertainment.

318-210-7845 | www.gusherdaysfestival.com

MAY
09-
14

POKE SALAD FESTIVAL

Between Darby Avenue and Pinehill Road off Hwy. 1, Blanchard

The Poke Salad Festival kicks off with a \$1,500 treasure hunt and includes a pet parade, carnival, food, children's activities and live entertainment.

318-309-2647 | www.pokesaladfestival.com



Poke Salad
Festival

**Mudbug Madness
Festival****MAY
26-
29****MUDBUG MADNESS FESTIVAL*****Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport***

Come enjoy Cajun and Creole cuisine at Mudbug Madness Festival. This is the premier crawfish festival in the South and features non-stop live Cajun and zydeco music, activities for children and other delicious food. This festival is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 event and American Bus Association Top 100 event.

318-226-5641 | www.mudbugmadness.com**Mudbug Madness
Festival**

JUNE-JULY 2016

Events



Let the Good
Times Roll Festival

JUNE
17-19

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FESTIVAL

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

A weekend-long celebration of African American culture, Let The Good Times Roll Festival features performances by top names in soul, gospel, hip-hop and R&B. The festival was named a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 event, because of its great line up music, food and art booths.

318-393-7084 | www.rhoomega.com

JUNE
18

SUNFLOWER TRAIL AND FESTIVAL

Sunflower Trail, Hwy. 3049, Gilliam

View the beautiful, blooming sunflowers at Sunflower Trail and Festival along Highway 3049 in Gilliam. Enjoy crafts, entertainment, food and family fun.

318-296-4393 | www.facebook.com/sunflowertrail

JULY
04

KTBS-3 INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

On July 4, Festival Plaza will come alive with the annual KTBS-3 Independence Day Festival. In honor of the United States military, this celebration features food, music, fireworks and fun for the whole community.

318-861-5843 | www.ktbs.com



Local **FARMERS'** MARKETS

April - December (SATURDAYS)

BOSSIER FARMERS' MARKET

Pierre Bossier Mall , 950 E. Texas St., Bossier City

The Bossier City Farmers' Market features a variety of vendors such as farmers, hobbyists, artists, small businesses, food trucks and activities for children.

318-210-3588 | www.bossiercityfarmersmarket.com

May - July (SUNDAYS)

BENTON FARMERS' MARKET

Simpson Street Park, 495 Simpson St., Benton

The Benton Farmers' Market includes a huge number of regional producers, as well as local arts and crafts vendors, ready-to-eat food, live entertainment and more.

318-584-5977 | www.bentonlafarmersmarket.com

June - August (TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS)

October - November (SATURDAYS)

SHREVEPORT FARMERS' MARKET

Festival Plaza, 101 Crocket St., Shreveport

The enormous Shreveport Farmers' Market features more than 100 vendors, live music and a café serving an uncommon variety of foods.

318-455-5788 | www.shreveportfarmersmarket.com

June - August (FRIDAYS)

SOUTH HIGHLANDS SUMMER MARKET

Mall St. Vincent, 1133 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport,

The South Highlands Summer Market offers an outdoor open air market experience with more than 20 of the area's chefs, gardeners, artists and craftsmen.

318-771-1768

SEPTEMBER 2016

Events

Highland Jazz and Blues Festival



SEPTEMBER
08-10

THE BATTLE ON THE BORDER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SHOWCASE

Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport

The Battle on the Border High School Football Showcase features some of the top regional high school football teams as they battle for the title of champion.

318-673-7838 | www.thebattleontheborder.com

SEPTEMBER
09-10

MOORINGSPORT CYPRESS FESTIVAL

Mooringsport Elementary School, 602 Latimer St., Mooringsport

The Mooringsport Cypress Festival features live entertainment, arts and crafts, food eating contests, children's activities, a parade and more.

318-780-8380 | www.mooringsportfestival.com

SEPTEMBER
16-17

PIONEER HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Greenwood City Hall, 9381 Greenwood Rd., Greenwood

The Pioneer Heritage Festival celebrates the enduring spirit of the settlers of Greenwood and features concessions, games, entertainment, bass tournament, chili cook-off and parade.

318-938-7261 | www.greenwoodla.org

SEPTEMBER
17

HIGHLAND JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

Columbia Park, 600 Columbia St., Shreveport

Enjoy live music and a party in the park at Highland Jazz and Blues Festival. The event features local and national jazz and blues artists, great food and local artwork.

318-869-5707 | www.highlandjazzandblues.org

SEPTEMBER
17

RED RIVER DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

RiverView Plaza, 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

Gather in RiverView Park for Red River Dragonboat Festival. The dragonboat race on the Red River features teams rowing in sync to the beat of a drummer.

318-221-3053 | www.rotaryclubofshreveport.org

SEPTEMBER
24

HERITAGE AND HARVEST TOUR

Along LA Highway 3049 and U.S. Highway 71 North, Gilliam

Experience a day in the country on a self-guided tour of local homes, churches, cotton gins, country stores, a museum, and cotton fields during Heritage and Harvest Tour in Gilliam.

(318) 296-4303

SEPTEMBER
30-
OCTOBER
02

LOUISIANA FILM PRIZE & LOUISIANA MUSIC PRIZE

617 Texas St., Shreveport

The Louisiana Film Prize is an annual short film contest with one rule: the film must be shot in Shreveport, Bossier or Natchitoches. Movie-goers watch and vote on their favorite film during three days of fun screenings and parties as the Top 20 filmmakers compete for the grand prize of \$50,000.

318-213-6437 | www.lafilmprize.com

The Louisiana Music Prize is the weekends' sister festival in downtown Shreveport. The top five bands showcase their musical talents and battle for cash and prizes.

www.lamusicprize.com

Louisiana Film Prize

OCTOBER 2016

Events

OCTOBER
01-
08

RED RIVER REVEL ARTS FESTIVAL

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

Sample a variety of local food and art at Red River Revel Arts Festival. The eight-day festival features more than 100 visual artists, music from every genre and fun activities in the children's area.

318-424-4000 | www.redriverrevel.com

OCTOBER
15

BREW: A PREMIER BEER TASTING

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

Beer lovers can sample more than 100 craft brews; listen to live music and taste food from local restaurants. The selection at Brew: A Premier Beer Tasting includes local home brews, Louisiana craft brews and a variety of internationally acclaimed and domestically microbrewed ales, pilseners and stouts.

318-222-2337 | www.shreveportbrew.com

OCTOBER
27-
NOVEMBER
13

STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA

State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson St., Shreveport

Head to the State Fair of Louisiana to experience carnival rides, play midway games and try unique food. The fair features 14 days of fun with the largest livestock shows and carnival in the state, free daily circus shows and live entertainment.

318-635-1361 | www.statefairlofouisiana.com

OCTOBER
22

ASEANA AUTUMN FESTIVAL: ASIAN STREET FOOD

ASEANA Asian Gardens, Milam Street at Texas Avenue, Shreveport

Learn about a variety of Asian cultures through food, art, dance, games and martial arts at ASEANA Spring Festival. Sample authentic cuisine from Vietnamese noodle soups to Philippino-style whole hog barbecue.

318-401-8078

NOVEMBER 2016

Events



State Fair
of Louisiana

NOVEMBER
13-
DECEMBER
23

CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND

*Gardens of the American Rose Center, 8877
Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport*

Christmas in Roseland is a winter wonderland featuring thousands of twinkling lights among the 60-acre park, train rides, life-size Christmas cards, nightly entertainment and photos with Santa.

318-938-5402 | www.rose.org



Christmas
in Roseland

Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights

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The Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights in north Louisiana offers millions of lights, fireworks, live entertainment, parties, home tours, Christmas musicals and parades. Visitors and locals alike enjoy celebrating the holidays in the eight cities that make up the Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights: Shreveport-Bossier, Natchitoches, Minden, Monroe-West Monroe, Alexandria and Pineville. To plan your holiday trip, visit **www.HolidayTrailofLights.com**.

DECEMBER 2016

Events

Louisianan Boardwalk Outlets Tree Lighting Ceremony



DECEMBER
03

CHRISTMAS ON CADDO FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

Earl G. Williamson Park, 11425 Hwy. 1, Oil City

Get into the Christmas spirit at Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival. The festival features local entertainment, concessions, carnival rides, family fun, Santa and fireworks over Caddo Lake.

318-489-8358 | www.christmasoncaddofireworks.com

DECEMBER
03

ROCKETS OVER THE RED FIREWORKS

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, 540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

Every Saturday after Thanksgiving, Rockets over the Red Fireworks Festival features a spectacular fireworks display over the Red River, food vendors and arts and crafts.

318-752-1455 | www.louisianaboardwalk.com

DECEMBER
03

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Vivian Chamber of Commerce, 100 Front St., Vivian

Celebrate Christmas in the country with entertainment, lights, food, arts and crafts and a parade during Country Christmas Festival in Vivian.

318-375-5300

www.vivianchamberofcommerce.com

DECEMBER
10

LOUISIANAN BOARDWALK OUTLETS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, 540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

Live holiday music and family fun set the stage for lighting the 30-foot-tall Christmas tree in at the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets Tree Lighting Ceremony.

318-752-1455 | www.louisianaboardwalk.com

DECEMBER
10

BENTON CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE FESTIVAL & PARADE

Heritage Village Square, 417 Sibley St., Benton

The Benton Christmas on the Square Festival & Parade celebrates the holidays in the charming town of Benton and provides traditional, family-oriented activities such as food, entertainment, arts and crafts, a parade and more.

318-393-5246

www.bentonchristmasonthesquare.com

DECEMBER
TBD

CAMPING WORLD INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Independence Bowl Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport

Fans will enjoy a traditional college football experience with lots of tailgating at this post-season Division I college football bowl game. The Independence Bowl features teams from the SEC and ACC.

318-221-0712

www.campingworldindependencebowl.com



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