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10 fabulous fests this weekend: Greek Food Festival of Dallas; the new Beer, Bourbon & Brisket Festival and more

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GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL OF DALLAS

Get a taste of Greece at this annual festival (food aside, it's worth going just to see the lovely church where it's held). There'll be plenty of gyros, spanakopita, souvlakas and baklava, as well as Greek wine and beer, live music and traditional folk dancing.

Sept. 27 from 4 to 11 p.m., Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 13555 Hillcrest Road, Dallas. [Admission](#) is \$6 for those ages 13 and up, free for kids 12 and younger. 972-233-4880. greekfestivalofdallas.com.

WESTERN DAYS FESTIVAL

Attractions include gunfight re-enactments, trick ropers, three stages of live entertainment and the World Tamale Eating Championship. Musical headliners include Randy Rogers Band on Sept. 27 and Casey Donahew Band on Sept. 28.

Sept. 27 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. and Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in Old Town Lewisville, in the area around Lewisville City Hall, 151 W. Church St. Free tickets available in advance online, \$20 [admission](#) at the gate if you don't have a ticket. lewisvillewesterndays.com.

BEER, BOURBON & BRISKET FESTIVAL

This festival, presented by KJJK-FM (100.3) "Jack FM," celebrates Texas traditions with barbecue, spirits, music and more at Panther Island Pavilion in Fort Worth. Bring along your swimming suit for some tubing on the Trinity River. Live music acts will include Jace Everett, Somebody's Darling and Whiskey Folk Ramblers on the Main Stage. Craft beer and bourbon sampling will be offered in the tasting tent.

Sept. 28 from 5 to 11 p.m. at Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey St., Fort Worth. Tickets are available online and at the door. General [admission](#) is \$10; \$25 ticket includes sampling coupons for the craft beer and bourbon tasting tent; and food and beverages will also be available for purchase. The event is open to all ages; craft beer and bourbon tastings will be available only for participants ages 21 and older. beerbourbonbrisket.com.

FRONT STREET FESTIVAL

The 10th annual festival at Knapp Heritage Park in Arlington brings the past to life with living history re-enactments. There'll be cabin tours, an archaeological dig and craftsmen demonstrating old-time skills such as blacksmithing, quilting and corn husk doll-making. The event will also include vendors, entertainment and food.

Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Knapp Heritage Park, 201 W. Front St., Arlington. [Admission](#) to Knapp Heritage Park will be \$3; free for children ages 12 and under; free admission to the festival. 817-460-4001. historicalarlington.org.

MCKINNEY OKTOBERFEST

FREE The celebration in downtown McKinney will feature authentic German beer from local brewery Franconia, wine and German and other cuisine for purchase. Merriment will include music, dancing and a Volktoberfest Car Show. Kids will also find plenty of fun with arts and crafts, a hay bale maze, keg barrel races, face painting and more.

Sept. 27 from 4 to 11 p.m. and Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Volktoberfest Car Show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with check-in and same-day registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.) at 111 N. Tennessee St. in downtown McKinney. Free [admission](#), free parking in lots surrounding the downtown square. Some activities cost extra.

See the website for locations of free shuttles to the event. 972-547-2660. downtownmckinney.com.

CORVETTE CHEVY EXPO

Everything is indoors at this Corvette and Chevy event at Dallas Market Hall. You'll find major vendors from all over the country selling hard-to-find parts and accessories at the large swap meet. The event will include Chevrolet Show Cars, a Car Sales Mart, food concessions and a Sept. 29 bikini contest.

Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., bikini contest at 3 p.m., at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N. Stemmons Freeway. Tickets are \$15 for an adult one-day pass, \$20 for a weekend pass, free for children ages 12 and under; available online and at the door. 386-775-2512. corvettechevyexpo.com.

SOUTH STREET ART FESTIVAL

FREE This new three-day juried art festival in downtown Arlington will feature up to 75 artists from throughout the country with art for purchase. There'll also be food vendors and local bands, with headliner Buddy Whittington on Sept. 27 at 9:30 p.m., Jon Christopher Davis & Lone Star Attitude on Sept. 28 at 9:30 p.m. and Led Zepelin tribute act Swan Song on Sept. 29 at 2:30 p.m.. Friendly dogs on leashes can join the fun, too.

Sept. 27 from 5 to 11 p.m., Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 300 E. South St. (between Mesquite and Mary streets, one block south of Abram Street), Arlington. Free [admission](#) and parking; no outside coolers will be allowed into the festival. southstreetartfest.com.

MURPHY MAIZE DAYS

FREE A day of activities presented by the city of Murphy includes live music, a children's area, a car show during the day and fireworks that evening. Craft and food vendors will also be on site.

Sept. 28, with activities starting at 10 a.m. and the fireworks finale at 8 p.m. Admission to Murphy Maize Days festival (206 N. Murphy Road) is free. Full Class Car, Truck & Cycle Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Country Burger in Murphy, 104 N. Murphy Road at FM544, Murphy. Free to attend. Participant registration (from 10 a.m. to noon) is \$15 online or on site. murphymaizedays.com.

ASPASIANS FALL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

FREE The Aspasians Arts and Crafts Fair heads to the downtown Rockwall square with something for everyone's shopping list. More than 200 vendors will offer a wide range of goods, from jewelry and apparel to food, fine art, woodworking, on-site blacksmithing, handmade items and vintage decor. Proceeds will provide scholarships to Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath high school seniors and benefit local charitable causes.

Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rockwall's downtown square, 100 W. Rusk St., Rockwall. Free admission. 214-712-0212. aspasians.com.

ROCK THE PARK

FREE There'll be plenty of activities to choose from during this event at Bear Creek Park in Keller. You'll find games, rides, laser tag, a climbing wall, zip lines, bounce houses, an arts-and-crafts zone, business vendors, a food-truck festival and fireworks.

Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Bear Creek Park, 400 Bear Creek Park Road, Keller. Free admission; some activities require a purchased ticket; an all-access pass will be \$25. 817-743-4050. cityofkeller.com/parksandrec.

CLICKIN WALK: DALLAS

FREE Clickin Moms, an online community of photographers, is hosting a photography meetup for all skill levels. Though the site is geared toward women, everyone is welcome. At the event, attendees will explore and photograph the campus of Southern Methodist University for about two hours and then have lunch at a restaurant.

The group meets Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. on the Southern Methodist University campus at the Laura Lee Blanton Building fountain, 6185 Airline Road, Dallas. Free, participants buy their own lunch. Advance registration is required through [clickinmoms.com/clickinwalk](#).

DALLAS ZOO DISCOUNT

The Dallas Zoo is hosting a farewell party for Patrick the gorilla, who will be moved in November to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia, S.C. Zoo admission for visitors 3 and older will be \$5 Sept. 28 and 29 so people can come say goodbye to him. There will also be cupcakes and special gorilla presentations.

Sept. 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dallas Zoo, 650 S. R.L. Thornton Freeway (Interstate 35 at Marsalis), Dallas. 469-554-7500. dallaszoo.com.

DALLAS GAY & LESBIAN WEDDING EXPO

FREE Resources for dream weddings will be available at this LGBT Wedding Expo. Dozens of gay-friendly exhibitors will participate in the event, with guest host Miss Violet O'Hara. Features will include raffles, music, samples and more.

Sept. 29 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Renaissance Dallas Hotel, 2222 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. Free to attend, registration is requested through the website. 828-645-8750. rainbowweddingnetwork.com.

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