**Celebrate National Tourism Week in Beaumont**

Below is a number of activities happening in Beaumont during National Tourism Week. We encourage everyone join in the fun and experience being a tourist in their own backyard.

**Monday, May 5:**
**1:30 pm, Jefferson County Commissioner's Court Proclamation**
The Beaumont CVB along with the Port Arthur CVB and the Ben J. Rogers Regional Visitors Center will gather at the County Courthouse to receive a proclamation declaring May 3-11, 2014 National Travel & Tourism Week in Jefferson County.

**Tuesday, May 6:**
**All Day, National Wear Red Day**For at least two decades, wearing red during National Travel & Tourism Week has been a signature act that signals unity among travel and tourism workers as well as industry supporters. The Beaumont CVB will encourage local partners to wear red and use the bold color to decorate hotel lobbies, businesses, museums and attractions. Participating businesses are encouraged to share pictures or videos of your office and staff celebrating "Go Red Day" with the Beaumont CVB via our social media outlets. Share them on our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/VisitBeaumontTX), or tweet [@VisitBeaumontTX](https://twitter.com/VisitBeaumontTX).

**10:00 am - Noon, "Masters of Hospitality" Beaumont Bowl & Travel Rally**
In effort to show the Beaumont CVB's gratitude Tuesday, May 6 has been designated "Hospitality Industry Appreciation Day" in Beaumont. Hotel, restaurant and customer service partners will be invited to enjoy a morning of fun at the third annual "Masters of Hospitality" Travel Rally. This years Beaumont Bowl at Crossroads Bowling Center will encourage partners to mingle in a competition-free environment while celebrating the outstanding service shown to visitors everyday. Pizza, cupcakes & soft drinks will be served. Wear your RED shirts! [Register your team now!](http://www.beaumontcvb.com/beaumontbowl/)

**1:30 pm, Beaumont City Council Proclamation**
Join us at Beaumont City Hall as we receive a Proclamation from Mayor Becky Ames and Beaumont City Council in recognition of National Travel & Tourism Week. Beaumont CVB staff will promote the importance of the tourism industry on Beaumont's economy. Help us pack Beaumont City Hall with red-clad supporters and partners for maximum impact!

**Wednesday, May 7:**
**8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Beaumont Destination Training (registration is closed)**
The Beaumont CVB will hold a special session of its wildly popular and informative Beaumont Destination Training. Attendees will board a motor coach for tour of Beaumont and visit some of the area's most popular museums while being learning positive hospitality habits and area history.

**2:00-4:00 TXDOT Travel Appreciation Day – Travel Information Center in Orange and across the state**

**Thursday, May 8:**
**All Day, Discover Beaumont Day**
In honor of National Travel & Tourism Week, the Beaumont CVB will host Discover Beaumont Day where visitors and locals alike will receive free or discounted admission to Beaumont area museums and attractions.

* **10am Spindletop Gusher Reinactment – Spindeltop Gladys City Boomtown Museum**

**Friday, May 9:**
**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Traveler Appreciation Day & Tourism Round Up at the Ben J Rogers Regional Visitors Center** Dust off your saddle and shine up your boots for an exciting afternoon of fun, entertainment, and information about area museums, attractions, nature activities and more!

For more information on Beaumont and attractions waiting to be discovered, visit [www.beaumontcvb.com](http://www.beaumontcvb.com). Learn more about #TravelEffect and the economic benefits of tourism, by visiting [www.traveleffect.com](http://www.traveleffect.com) and for Texas, [www.travel.state.tx.us](http://www.travel.state.tx.us).

**Museum Events & Exhibits:**

*Art Museum of Southeast Texas*

500 Main St. Beaumont, TX 77701 409-832-3432

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sunday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm. Free admission. Suggested donation, $2.

* Artwork by Abigail McLaurin in Café Arts
* Figures: Artwork from the Permanent Collection - Figures organized by AMSET, features artwork from the permanent collection depicting the human form. This exhibition will include photography, painting, mixed media, ceramics, and sculpture from the museum's contemporary folk art and fine art collections. Featured artists include: Sharon Kopriva, Keith Carter, Carl Block, Rosemary Meza, Paul Kittelson, Mary McCleary, Gael Stack, Terry Allen and Enrique Chagoya.
* Justice Illuminated: The Art of Arthur Szyk - Justice Illuminated: The Art of Arthur Szyk organized by The Arthur Szyk Society, exhibits reproductions as well as original art by artist Arthur Szyk focusing on three themes: World War II, America and Jewish Response. Arthur Szyk was a Polish Jew who escaped Europe in the wake of the Holocaust and immigrated to the United States in December 1940. Curator, Rabbi Irvin Ungar, will be attending the opening reception and present a lecture addressing the themes found in Szyk's artwork.
* Mirrored and Obscured: Contemporary Texas Self-Portraits May 04, 2014 – May 11, 2014 Mirrored and Obscured: Contemporary Texas Self-Portraits, organized by the Art Museum of Southeast Texas is a group exhibition examining a range of self- portraiture from artists all over Texas including Cedar Hill, Conroe, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Galveston, Lubbock, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Self-portraits included in the exhibition are literal and non-literal. Portraits are in many different types of media: drawing, sculpture, painting, photography, and mixed media
* AMSET Treasure Auction - May 08, 2014 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm $35 Art Museum of Southeast Texas 500 Main St. Beaumont, TX 77701 409-832-3432 Alternating years with the gARTage sale, this fundraiser centers around artists who are invited to create decorative works of art based on a theme - clocks, mirrors, frames etc. A cocktail party, live auctioneer and tickets sold for around $35.00 contribute to the success of this fundraiser.

*Beaumont Art League 52nd Annual National Exhibition*

Wednesday - Saturday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Beaumont Art League 2675 Gulf Street Beaumont, TX 77703 409-833-4179

Starting May 3rd, the Beaumont Art League will host its 52nd annual National Juried Exhibition. This year the number of submissions reach an all time high with 263 entries received by 94 artists from all over the United States. This year's three person jury panel was comprised of Dallas-based contemporary artist Rusty Scruby, Houston gallerist and artist Megan Spacek and notable Texas painter and photographer Sam Keith. The jurors selected a total of 93 works by over 50 artists

*Ken Baskin & Lisa Reinauer Exhibition – The Art Studio, Inc.*

May 04, 2014 – May 30, 2014

The Art Studio, Inc. 720 Franklin Beaumont, TX 77701 409-838-5393

Tuesday - Saturday, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

*Lamar University Student Thesis Exhibition- Dishman Art Museum*

May 04, 2014 – May 16, 2014 Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Free admission and parking.

Dishman Art Museum 1030 E. Lavaca Beaumont, TX 77710 409-880-8959

Art students will fulfill the requirements for their degree by presenting their thesis projects, ranging from graphic design and painting to ceramics and sculpture. Free museum-dedicated parking is available in front of the Dishman during museum hours.

*Navajo Weaving: Tradition & Trade – Stark Museum of Art*

May 04, 2014 – July 12, 2014 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Stark Museum of Art 712 Green Ave. Orange, TX 77630 409-883-3513

*Step Right Up! Behind the Scenes of the Circus Big Top, 1890-1965 – Museum of the Gulf Coast*

May 04, 2014 – May 26, 2014 Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sunday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Adults, $4. Seniors (62+) & Students (w/valid ID), $3. Children (4-18), $2.

Museum of the Gulf Coast 700 Procter Port Arthur, TX 77640 409-982-7000

*Texas City Burning Exhibit – Fire Museum of Texas*

May 05, 2014 – June 30, 2014 Recurring every week day Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Free admission

Fire Museum of Texas 400 Walnut Beaumont, TX 77701 409-880-3927

Our temporary exhibit, Texas City Burning, features never before seen photographs of the 1947 Texas City Disaster. The 40 images are drawn from the collection of the Fire Museum of Texas and the Moore Memorial Public Library in Texas City.

*Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden – McFaddin-Ward House Lecture Series*

May 08, 2014 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free admission.

McFaddin-Ward House Lecture Hall 1906 Calder Avenue Beaumont, TX 77701

409-832-1906

The McFaddin-Ward House is excited to bring Peter Hatch to Beaumont, TX. With 38 years of experience in the restoration and care of historic landscapes, Mr. Hatch spent 35 years as the Director of Gardens and Grounds at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello estate in Virginia.

*Neches River Adventures – Big Thicket Association Boat Tour*

May 10, 2014 Saturday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Adults, $15. Children (12 & Under) & Seniors (60+), $10. Children (3 & Under), Free.

Beaumont Riverfront Park 801 Main Beaumont, TX 77701

409-651-5326 (reservations required)

Sail aboard the Ivory Bill to learn about the unique ecosystems along the Neches River with their dense bottomland forests of hardwoods and pine trees. The area is home to more than 200 tree species, 47 mammals, 300 birds and many reptiles and amphibians. Reservations required. Private charters available. Owned and operated by the Big Thicket Association.

**Shows & Performances:**

*Lamar University A Cappella Choir and Grand Chorus*

May 04, 2014 3:30 pm Free admission.

St. Anthony's Cathedral Basilica 700 Jefferson Drive Beaumont, TX 77701 409-880-8144

Lamar University's A Cappella Choir and Grand Chorus will perform under the direction of conductor James Han.

*Listen to Your Mother – Jefferson Theatre*

May 04, 2014, 2:00 pm $15

Jefferson Theatre 345 Fannin Beaumont, TX 77701 409-838-3435

Listen To Your Mother features heartfelt, hilarious, and inspirational live readings from local writers in celebration of motherhood.

*Murder on the Nile – Port Arthur Little Theatre*

May 04, 2014 – May 11, 2014 Every Sunday, Friday, Saturday Evenings, 7:30 pm. Matinee, 2:30 pm. General Admission, $12. Seniors (65+), $10, Students, $6. Port Arthur Little Theatre 4701 Jimmy Johnson Blvd. Port Arthur, TX 77642 409-727-7258

*Menopause the Musical - Lutcher Theatre*

May 07, 2014 – May 08, 2014 7:30 pm Balcony, $39. Orchestra, $42.

Lutcher Theater 707 W. Main Orange, TX 77630 409-886-5535

The international hit show Menopause The Musical® has recognized SOUTHEAST TEXAS as a ‘hot' national market and will return to the LUTCHER THEATER for 2 performances MAY 7 and 8 only at 7:30 pm. It doesn't necessarily mean women in this area are more prone to symptoms of "The Change."

*Christus LiveWell Women's Conference with Keynote Speaker, Melissa Joan Hart*

May 08, 2014

Ford Park Event Center 5115 IH-10 S Beaumont, TX 77705 The CHRISTUS LiveWell Women's Conference takes place each May here in Beaumont, Texas. Dedicated to improving the lives of women through health education, it's one of the most anticipated conferences of the year. Melissa Joan Hart of the highly popular 90s TV show, Clarissa Explains It All, is this year's keynote speaker.

*Lagniappe Film & Music Festival*

May 08, 2014 – May 10, 2014

Jefferson Theatre 345 Fannin Beaumont, TX 77701 409-422-3378

A lagniappe (LAN-yap) is a small gift given to a customer by a merchant at the time of a purchase (such as a 13th doughnut when buying a dozen), or more broadly, "something given or obtained gratuitously or by way of good measure". The Lagniappe Film and Music Festival (LFMF) is the premiere yearly entertainment event in Southeast Texas.

*Dreamgirls*

May 09, 2014 – May 24, 2014 Every Friday, Saturday Evenings, 7:30 pm. Matinee, 2:30 pm. $12 - $25

Beaumont Community Players 4155 Laurel Ave Beaumont, TX 77707 409-833-4664

*Loretta Lynn Concert*

May 09, 2014 7:00 pm $35 - $50

Nutty Jerry's 18291 Englin Road Winnie, TX 77665 877-643-7508

*Mother’s Day Love Fest featuring K. Michelle*

May 09, 2014 7:30 pm $20 - $70

Beaumont Civic Center 701 Main Street Beaumont, TX 77701409-838-3435

M&L Productions presents Mother's Day Love Fest featuring K. Michelle, with performances by K-Ci & Jo Jo, Tank and many more.

**Athletic & Sports:**

*Future Stars Over Texas: Sabine River Rumble Tournament*

May 04, 2014 - Ford Fields 5115 Interstate 10 South Beaumont, TX 77705

409-753-3907

*Tour du Rouge Bike Ride*

May 04, 2014 – May 09, 2014 713-313-1636

Tour du Rouge: Houston to New Orleans. Ride 533 miles in 6 days while helping support the American Red Cross.

*Golden Triangle Strutters Weekly Run*

May 05, 2014 Every Monday, Wednesday 6:30 pm - Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt 3015 Dowlen Rd, #250 Beaumont, TX

Join the Golden Triangle Strutters for their weekly runs, every Monday & Wednesday. Three and four mile options available. All paces welcome.

*Conversational Bike Ride*

May 07, 2014 Every Wednesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Bicycle Sports 2770 Interstate 10 Beaumont, TX 77703 409-860-5959

An easy conversational speed bicycle ride around Beaumont. No one is left behind and speed is adjusted to slowest rider.

*Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America: 20th Anniversary Motorcycle Trek*

May 07, 2014 – May 08, 2014 Estimated arrival, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Time subject to change.

Hampton Inn 3795 Interstate 10 S Beaumont, TX 77705

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America 20th Anniversary Ride takes place from Saturday, May 3 through Saturday, May 10, 2014. More than 175 riders will embark on the cross-country motorcycle trek, which begins in Carlsbad, Calif. and travel more than 2,800 miles before reaching Daytona Beach, Fla.

*Moonlight Madness Bicycle Ride*

May 09, 2014 Registration, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Ride starts at 10:00 pm.

Early Registration: $8 w/out shirt, $15 w/shirt. After May 4th: $12 w/out shirt, $20 w/shirt.

Rogers Park 1455 Dowlen Road Beaumont, TX 77701 409-860-5065 or 409-838-3613
Enjoy live entertainment, door prizes, and family fun. Helmets and lights are recommended. Beginner level, 14-miles. Course includes rest stops. Rollerbladers welcome

**Food & Local Music**

*St. Michael Mediterranean Festival*

May 03, 2014 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, Free admission. Food & Drink coupons, $1 each.

St. Michael Orthodox Christian Church 690 North15th Street Beaumont, TX 77702

409-767-2685

The St. Michael Syrian Dinner was first served to Beaumont in 1909 and became an annual fundraiser for the church. Come and enjoy this tradition that is over 100 years old. Enjoy Greek and Arabic foods A la Carte. Take a stroll up and down our outdoor venue, booth after booth of exciting and delicious cuisine. Greek and Arabic Dance Troops throughout the day

*Lunch at the Lake*

May 05, 2014 – November 24, 2014 Every Monday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm The Event Centre 700 Crockett Street Beaumont, TX 77701 409-838-3435

We'll provide the food, seating, and scenery. You choose lunch from one of our onsite mobile food vendors, or bring a menu item from your favorite local eatery.

*Beaumont Farmers Market -* May 10, 2014. 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Beaumont Athletic Complex 950 Langham Road Beaumont, TX 77707

The Beaumont Farmers Market is a place for the community to meet and to support local farmers. Visitors can expect locally grown produce, goat milk body products, grass fed beef, coffee, locally baked breads, goat's milk cheese, entertainment and more. Vendors are all within a 150 mile radius of Beaumont, Texas and are located on the basketball court of the Beaumont Athletic Complex.

*Boys Haven Crawfish, Food & Music Festival*

May 10, 2014 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Crawfish: $10/box

Parkdale Mall 6155 Eastex Frwy. Beaumont, TX 77706 409-866-2400

Join us for the Boys Haven Crawfish Food & Music Festival! Enjoy crawfish, food, live

entertainment, a car show and fun for everyone!

*Karaoke Night* - May 06, 2014 Every Tuesday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Logon Cafe 3805 Calder Beaumont, TX 77706 409-832-1529

*Open Mic Night*- May 07, 2014 - Every Wednesday 8:00 pm The Gig 240 Crockett St. Beaumont, TX 77701 409-833-4002

*Open Mic Night*- May 07, 2014 - Every Wednesday Signup, 7:30 pm. Show starts, 8:00 pm. Logon Cafe 3805 Calder Beaumont, TX 77706 409-832-5129