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*and*

**ANNUAL**

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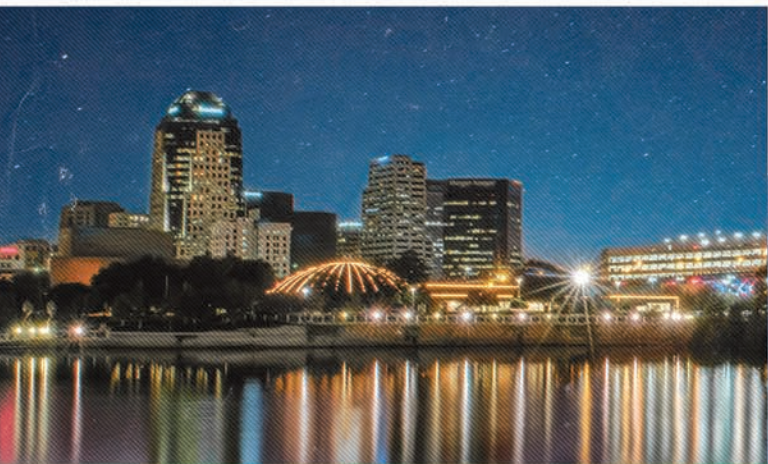
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# JANUARY 2017

## Events



Krewe of Centaur  
Mardi Gras Parade

JANUARY  
14

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

*Parade begins at the Fairground Fields parking lot and goes through the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport.*

318-470-3890 | [www.kreweofsobek.org](http://www.kreweofsobek.org)

JANUARY  
16

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

*Parade rolls in downtown Shreveport on Milam Street and Texas Street.*

318-617-7886 | [www.kreweofharambee.org](http://www.kreweofharambee.org)

# FEBRUARY 2017

## *Events*

FEBRUARY  
4

### **KREWE OF DEMETER MARDI GRAS PARADE (5:30 P.M.)**

*The parade begins at 1039 Washington Ave., Mansfield and will roll down Washington Street and Polk Street.*

318-344-3335

FEBRUARY  
17

### **KREWE OF CENTAUR FLOAT LOADING PARTY (5:30 P.M. TO 9 P.M.)**

*351 Aero Dr., Shreveport*

318-572-4632 | [www.kreweofcentaur.org](http://www.kreweofcentaur.org)

FEBRUARY  
18

### **KREWE OF CENTAUR MARDI GRAS PARADE (4 P.M.)**

*The parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway and travels down Shreveport-Barksdale Highway and E. Kings Highway in Shreveport.*

318-572-4632 | [www.kreweofcentaur.org](http://www.kreweofcentaur.org)

FEBRUARY  
18

### **VIVIAN BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL AND PARADE ~~SBA~~**

*Various locations in downtown Vivian, Louisiana.  
100 Front St., Vivian*

318-375-3471

FEBRUARY  
19

### **KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX PET PARADE (3 P.M.)**

*Events on the Red, 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City*

318-294-3977 | [www.barkusandmeoux.org](http://www.barkusandmeoux.org)

★ The **Krewe of Barkus and Meoux** is one of the only parading Mardi Gras krewe in Louisiana to welcome animals as royalty. Past Grand Marshalls of the Krewe of Barkus and Meoux have included an English bull terrier named Mr. Kippers ('14), a Pit bull named Braveheart ('15) and a retired police K-9 named Febe ('16). ★



# FEBRUARY 2017

## Events



Krewe of Gemini  
Mardi Gras Parade

FEBRUARY  
24

### KREWE OF GEMINI FLOAT LOADING PARTY (6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.)

2101 E. Texas St., Bossier City

318-458-5555 | [www.kreweofgemini.com](http://www.kreweofgemini.com)

FEBRUARY  
25

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

*The parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway and travels down Shreveport-Barksdale Highway and E. Kings Highway in Shreveport.*

318-458-5555 | [www.kreweofgemini.com](http://www.kreweofgemini.com)

FEBRUARY  
26

### KREWE OF HIGHLAND MARDI GRAS PARADE (2 P.M.)

*The parade rolls through Shreveport's historic Highland neighborhood and begins at the corner of Gilbert Drive and Gregg Avenue.*

318-402-1132 | [www.thekreweofhighland.org](http://www.thekreweofhighland.org)

★ One of the most popular floats in the annual **Krewe of Highland Mardi Gras Parade** is the "Krewe of Bar-B-Q," a float that tosses grilled hot dogs to the crowd. During the 2016 parade, a total of 5,280 hot dogs were thrown from the float. ★

FEBRUARY  
28

### CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS PARADE (6:30 P.M.)

Pierre Bossier Mall, 2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City

318-426-6120 | [www.lesfemmesmystique.org](http://www.lesfemmesmystique.org)

# MARCH 2017

## Events



Battle of the  
Gumbo Gladiators

MARCH  
4

### ARTINI ~~SBA~~

601 Spring Event Center, 601 Spring St.  
Shreveport

318-741-8310 | [www.bossierarts.org](http://www.bossierarts.org)

MARCH  
11

### BATTLE OF THE GUMBO GLADIATORS ~~SBA~~

Festival Plaza, 101 Crocket St., Shreveport

318-425-4413 | [www.gumbogladiators.com](http://www.gumbogladiators.com)

★ At the 2016 Battle of the Gumbo Gladiators, more than 250 gallons of gumbo were served to thousands of hungry gumbo fans. ★

MARCH  
14-18

### 318 RESTAURANT WEEK

Various Shreveport-Bossier restaurants

318-222-9391 | [www.318restaurantweek.com](http://www.318restaurantweek.com)

MARCH  
18

### LOUISIANA REDBUD FESTIVAL ~~SBA~~

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

318-286-8093 | [www.laredbud.com](http://www.laredbud.com)

MARCH  
25

### ASEANA SPRING FESTIVAL: ASIAN FESTIVAL

Asian Gardens, Milam Street at Texas Avenue,  
Shreveport

318-401-8078

# APRIL 2017 Events



Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors  
BBQ Cook-Off

APRIL  
1

## CORK – A RED RIVER REVEL WINE EVENT ~~SBAA~~

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crocket St., Shreveport*  
318-424-4000 | [www.corkwinefestival.com](http://www.corkwinefestival.com)

APRIL  
7-8

## 44TH ANNUAL STREET ROD REUNION

*Boomtown Casino & Hotel, 300 Riverside Dr., Bossier City*  
318-746-0711 | [www.redriverstreetrod.com](http://www.redriverstreetrod.com)

APRIL  
8

## ARK-LA-TEX AMBASSADORS BBQ COOK-OFF

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport*  
318-865-5555 | [www.arklatexambassadors.com](http://www.arklatexambassadors.com)

★ The official mascot of the **Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors BBQ Cook-Off** is ★  
★ Eric the Pink Pig, a 20-foot-tall inflatable pig that welcomes barbecue ★  
★ lovers to the festival. ★





Chimp Haven  
Discovery Days

APRIL  
**14-23**

### HOLIDAY IN DIXIE

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport*  
318-865-5555 | [www.arklatexambassadors.com](http://www.arklatexambassadors.com)

APRIL  
**22**

### CHIMP HAVEN DISCOVERY DAYS ~~SBA~~

*13600 Chimpanzee Pl., Keithville*  
318-925-9575 | [www.chimphaven.org](http://www.chimphaven.org)

APRIL  
**22-23**

### LOUISIANA COMIC CON

*Hirsch Memorial Coliseum, 3701 Hudson Ave.,  
Shreveport*  
[www.louisianacomicon.com](http://www.louisianacomicon.com)

APRIL  
**24-30**

### ARTBREAK

*Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St.,  
Shreveport*  
318-673-6500 | [www.artbreaksb.com](http://www.artbreaksb.com)



Holiday in Dixie

# MAY 2017 Events



Gusher Days Festival

MAY  
6

**GUSHER DAYS FESTIVAL**   
 Earl G. Williamson Park, 11425 Hwy. 1, Oil City  
 318-470-3446 | [www.gusherdaysfestival.com](http://www.gusherdaysfestival.com)

- ★ The annual **Gusher Days Festival** in Oil City commemorates the city's
- ★ unique place in the history of oil and gas exploration. Caddo Lake in
- ★ Oil City was the site of the world's first over-water oil well, the Ferry
- ★ Lake No. 1, which was erected in 1911 by the Gulf Refining Co.

MAY  
6-7

**BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE  
AIRSHOW**  
 Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City  
 318-456-1015 | [www.barksdaleafbairshow.com](http://www.barksdaleafbairshow.com)

- ★ Barksdale Air Force Base, site of the annual **Barksdale Air Force Base**
- ★ **Airshow**, is home to the oldest bomb wing in the United States Air
- ★ Force, the 2nd Bomb Wing. The 22,000-acre installation is staffed by
- ★ more than 11,400 military and civilian personnel.



Barksdale Air Force  
Base Airshow





Mudbug Madness Festival

MAY  
6

### SHREVEPORT DERBY DAY ~~SBA~~

*R. W. Norton Art Gallery, 4747 Creswell Ave.,  
Shreveport*

318-865-4201 | [www.derbydayshreveport.com](http://www.derbydayshreveport.com)

MAY  
8-13

### POKE SALAD FESTIVAL

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

318-309-2647 | [www.pokesaladfestival.com](http://www.pokesaladfestival.com)

MAY  
25-28

### 34TH ANNUAL MUDBUG MADNESS FESTIVAL

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport*

318-222-7403 | [www.mudbugmadness.com](http://www.mudbugmadness.com)

★ **Mudbug Madness Festival** attracts as many as 56,000 people per day to downtown Shreveport to eat spicy boiled crawfish and dance to Cajun and zydeco music. All of that dancing can work up an appetite - on average, the festival serves about 80,000 pounds of boiled crawfish over the course of four days. ★



# JUNE-JULY 2017

## Events



Let the Good Times Roll Festival

JUNE  
**16-18**

### LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FESTIVAL ~~SBAA~~

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport*  
318-470-3890 | [www.rhoomega.com](http://www.rhoomega.com)

JUNE  
**17**

### SUNFLOWER TRAIL AND FESTIVAL ~~SBAA~~

*Gilliam Park, 12797 Main St. at Hwy. 3049, Gilliam*  
318-296-4303 | [www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org](http://www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org)

JULY  
**1**

### "INDEPENDENTS" DAY

*Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport*  
318-734-9881 | [www.greatraftbrewing.com](http://www.greatraftbrewing.com)

JULY  
**4**

### KTBS-3 INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport*  
318-861-5800 | [www.ktbs.com](http://www.ktbs.com)

JULY  
**10-16**

**US NATIONAL HOT AIR BALLOON  
COMPETITION**

Louisiana State University Shreveport Campus  
1 University Pl., Shreveport  
1-800-551-8682 | [www.redriverballoonrally.com](http://www.redriverballoonrally.com)

JULY  
**14-15**

**RED RIVER BALLOON RALLY**

Louisiana State University Shreveport Campus  
1 University Pl., Shreveport  
1-800-551-8682 | [www.redriverballoonrally.com](http://www.redriverballoonrally.com)



*Local*  
**FARMERS'**  
MARKETS

*April - November* (SATURDAYS)

**BOSSIER FARMERS' MARKET**

Pierre Bossier Mall, 950 E. Texas St., Bossier City  
[www.bossiercityfarmersmarket.com](http://www.bossiercityfarmersmarket.com)

*May - July* (SUNDAYS)

**BENTON FARMERS' MARKET** ~~SBA~~

Simpson Street Park, 495 Simpson St., Benton  
318-584-5977 | [www.bentonlafarmersmarket.com](http://www.bentonlafarmersmarket.com)

*June - August* (SATURDAYS)

**SHREVEPORT FARMERS' MARKET**

Festival Plaza, 101 Crocket St., Shreveport  
318-455-5788 | [www.shreveportfarmersmarket.com](http://www.shreveportfarmersmarket.com)

# AUGUST-2017

## SEPTEMBER *Events*



The Battle on the Border High School Football Showcase

AUGUST  
**18-20**

### GEEK'D CON

*Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St.,  
Shreveport*  
318-841-4000 | [www.geekdcon.com](http://www.geekdcon.com)

SEPTEMBER  
**3**

### RED RIVER MARGARITA POUR OFF

*Red River District, 450 Clyde Fant Pkwy.,  
Shreveport*  
[www.redriverpouroff.com](http://www.redriverpouroff.com)

SEPTEMBER  
**7-9**

### THE BATTLE ON THE BORDER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SHOWCASE

*Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd.,  
Shreveport*  
[www.thebattleontheborder.com](http://www.thebattleontheborder.com)



Red River Margarita Pour Off



SEPTEMBER  
8-9

## CENTENARY COLLEGE BOOK BAZAAR

*Centenary College of Louisiana Gold Dome, 3482 Dixie Dr., Shreveport*

318-869-5011 | [www.centenary.edu](http://www.centenary.edu)

★ More than 80,000 used books are available for purchase each year at the **Centenary Book Bazaar**. To date, the massive book sale has raised more than \$1 million in funds for Centenary College of Louisiana. ★

SEPTEMBER  
15-16

## PIONEER HERITAGE FESTIVAL ~~SBAA~~

*Greenwood City Hall, 9381 Greenwood Rd., Greenwood*  
318-938-7261

SEPTEMBER  
16

## HIGHLAND JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL ~~SBAA~~

*Columbia Park, 600 Columbia St., Shreveport*  
318-869-5706 | [www.highlandjazzandblues.org](http://www.highlandjazzandblues.org)

SEPTEMBER  
23

## HERITAGE AND HARVEST TOUR ~~SBAA~~

*Along LA Highway 3049 and U.S. Highway 71 North, Louisiana*

318-296-4303 | [www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org](http://www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org)

SEPTEMBER  
23-  
OCTOBER  
31

## DIXIE MAZE FARMS FALL FESTIVAL AND CORN MAZE

*Dixie Maze Farms, 9596 Sentell Rd., Shreveport*  
318-703-2870 | [www.dixiemaze.com](http://www.dixiemaze.com)

SEPTEMBER  
30

## MOORINGSPORT CYPRESS FESTIVAL ~~SBAA~~

*Higgins St., Mooringsport*  
318-469-6282 | [www.mooringsportfestival.com](http://www.mooringsportfestival.com)



Highland Jazz and Blues Festival

# OCTOBER 2017

## Events

SEPTEMBER  
30-  
OCTOBER  
7

### RED RIVER REVEL ARTS FESTIVAL

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport*  
318-424-4000 | [www.redriverrevel.com](http://www.redriverrevel.com)

- ★ The **Red River Revel Arts Festival** was founded by the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier in 1976 to be a bicentennial celebration of America. It is the largest outdoor arts festival in the region, attracting more than 200,000 visitors every year.

OCTOBER  
4-8

### LOUISIANA FILM PRIZE, LOUISIANA FOOD PRIZE AND LOUISIANA MUSIC PRIZE

*Various Locations in Downtown Shreveport*  
318-213-6437 | [www.lafilmprize.com](http://www.lafilmprize.com)

OCTOBER  
7

### GREAT RAFT RAMBLE

*Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport*  
318-734-9881 | [www.greatraftbrewing.com](http://www.greatraftbrewing.com)

OCTOBER  
21

### JAZZ IN THE PARK

*Chris Hays Park, 4363 Illinois St., Shreveport*  
318-673-7814

OCTOBER  
21

### BREW: A PREMIER BEER TASTING

*Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport*  
318-226-5641 | [www.shreveportbrew.com](http://www.shreveportbrew.com)

OCTOBER  
26-  
NOVEMBER  
12

### STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA

*State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson St., Shreveport*  
318-635-1361 | [www.statefairloflouisiana.com](http://www.statefairloflouisiana.com)

# NOVEMBER 2017

## *Events*

OCTOBER  
28

### ASEANA AUTUMN FESTIVAL: ASIAN STREET FOOD

*Milam Street at Texas Avenue, Shreveport*  
318-401-8078

OCTOBER  
31

### BOO! AT THE BOARDWALK ~~SBA~~

*Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, 540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City*

318-747-8487 | [www.louisianaboardwalk.com](http://www.louisianaboardwalk.com)

NOVEMBER  
18

### RCA NATIONAL BLACK RODEO FINALS

*CenturyLink Center, 2000 CenturyLink Center Dr., Bossier City*

318-747-2501 | [www.realcowboyassociation.com](http://www.realcowboyassociation.com)

NOVEMBER  
24

### CRANKSGIVING

*Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport*

318-734-9881 | [www.greatraftbrewing.com](http://www.greatraftbrewing.com)

NOVEMBER  
24-  
DECEMBER  
17

### CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND ~~SBA~~

*American Rose Center, 8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport*

318-938-5402 | [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org)

NOVEMBER  
25

### ROCKETS OVER THE RED FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

*RiverView Park, 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport  
Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, 540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City*

318-549-8500 | [www.rocketsoverthered.com](http://www.rocketsoverthered.com)



# DECEMBER 2017

## Events



Shreveport Spirit of the Season Events

DECEMBER  
1

### TINSEL ~~SBAA~~

Line Avenue Shopping District, Shreveport  
318-272-3139

DECEMBER  
1-25

### GREENING OF THE LOUISIANA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM ~~SBAA~~

Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, 3015 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport  
318-632-2020 | [www.laexhibitmuseum.org](http://www.laexhibitmuseum.org)

DECEMBER  
2

### CHRISTMAS ON CADDO FIREWORKS FESTIVAL ~~SBAA~~

Earl G. Williamson Park, 11425 LA Hwy. 1, Oil City  
318-631-0182 | [www.christmasoncaddofireworks.com](http://www.christmasoncaddofireworks.com)

DECEMBER  
2

### COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ~~SBAA~~

Vivian Chamber of Commerce, 100 Front St., Vivian  
318-393-3858 | [www.vivian.la.us](http://www.vivian.la.us)

Country Christmas  
Festival

DECEMBER  
**2,9  
&16**

## SHREVEPORT SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

*RiverView Park, 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport*  
[www.shreveportspiritoftheseason.com](http://www.shreveportspiritoftheseason.com)

DECEMBER  
**9**

## BENTON CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE FESTIVAL & PARADE ~~SBA~~

*Heritage Village Square, 417 Sibley St., Benton*  
318-393-5246  
[www.bentonchristmasonthesquare.com](http://www.bentonchristmasonthesquare.com)

DECEMBER  
**16**

**COWBOY CHRISTMAS** ~~SBA~~  
*Faith Farm and Arena, 1185 Hwy. 527, Elm Grove*  
318-747-9595 | [www.faithfarmsarena.com](http://www.faithfarmsarena.com)

DECEMBER  
**TBD**

**INDEPENDENCE BOWL** ~~SBA~~  
*Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd.,  
Shreveport*  
318-221-0712  
[www.independencebowl.org](http://www.independencebowl.org)



Independence Bowl

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