

# Shreveport-Bossier FESTIVALS & ANNUAL EVENTS





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The sister cities love to party! Shreveport-Bossier is a mixture of spicy Cajun attitude and wide-open Texas spirit. Shreveport-Bossier is home to a year-round calendar of more than 60 festivals and annual events celebrating everything from jazz music and art to crawfish and beer.

# WHAT'S



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2018

There's more to do than ever before in Shreveport-Bossier. With new shops, restaurants and attractions opening on a regular basis, we've hand-picked a few of our favorites. For a complete list of things to do in Shreveport-Bossier, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org.



#### WHEELS IN THE HILLS

#### Betty Virginia Park, 3901 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport

>> September 7-8

Wheels in the Hills offers a unique playplace made of bulldozers, tractors, buses, military, police, and fire vehicles for kids to explore, as well as live music, a chicken wing cookoff, and movie showing. Admission is free.

www.facebook.com/wheelsinthehills

#### BEAUXJAX CRAFTHOUSE

East Bank District, 501 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

>> Opened July 2018

The popular BeauxJax food truck now has a brick-and-mortar location in the upand-coming East Bank District. BeauxJax features a front-of-house Cajun eatery, and backroom speakeasy-style bar, which is open for guests ages 21 and over. www.beauxjax.com

#### THE MISSING LINK

#### Downtown Shreveport, 504 Texas St., Ste. 110, Shreveport

>> Opened July 2018

Another food truck has found its concrete home, in a remodeled steampunkstyle warehouse in downtown Shreveport, specializing in gourmet sausages and hot dogs. Popular selections are the Gordon McKernan dog and crawfish étouffée fries!

www.facebook.com/themissinglinkfoodservices

#### SB FASHION WEEK

#### Multiple locations, see website for details

Celebrate SB Magazine's inaugural SB Fashion Week with live music, fashion shows, competitions, and shopping at multiple hotspots in Shreveport-Bossier. Visit website for ticket prices.

www.sbmag.net/fashionweek

#### CIROUE DU LAKE SBAA

#### The Agora Borealis, 421 Lake St., Shreveport

Join the Lake Street block's biggest party! Celebrate the Agora Borealis's 5th anniversary with an evening of local music, art, and food. Admission is free.

www.facebook.com/cirquedulake

#### CHRISTMAS IN CANDYVILLE SBAA

CenturyLink Center, 2000 CenturyLink Center Dr., Bossier City

>> December 1

Kids of all ages are invited to attend this season's sweetest holiday event, "Christmas in CandyVille." On Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., CenturyLink Center will be transformed into a landscape of candy-coated holiday bliss.

www.centurylinkcenter.com

# **SEPTEMBER**<sup>2</sup>

# Events

SEPTEMBER

### 4TH ANNUAL RED RIVER MARGARITA POUR OFF

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

This margarita and taco competition features tequila, rum and beer sampling from local bars, three lucha libre wrestling shows, live music, food, a bouncy house for children, and more. Visit website for ticket prices. www.redriverpouroff.com

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# THE BATTLE ON THE BORDER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SHOWCASE

Independence Stadium,

3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport

This sporting event highlights some of the top high school football programs in the southern region and country. Visit website for ticket prices.

www.thebattleontheborder.com

SEPTEMBER 7-

### 32ND ANNUAL CENTENARY COLLEGE BOOK BAZAAR

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

Browse thousands of discounted books, CDs, and vinyl records at the Centenary College Book Bazaar. Admission is free.

318-869-5011 | www.centenary.edu

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www.facebook.com/wheelsinthehills

#### SEPTEMBER Events



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#### 10TH ANNUAL NORTH LOUISIANA Gay & Lesbian film Festival

Robinson Film Center, 617 Texas St., Shreveport
This weeklong festival honors filmmakers that share
the struggles and triumphs of the lesbian, gay,
bisexual, and transgender community. Visit website
for ticket prices.

www.nlglff.org

SEPTEMBER 15

#### PIONEER HERITAGE FESTIVAL SBAA.

William Peters Park, 9381 Greenwood Rd., Greenwood
This festival celebrates the heritage of Greenwood,
La. with live music, food, crafts, a pancake breakfast,
a watermelon supper, pioneer parade, chili cook-off,
fishing tournament, and more. Admission is free.
318-938-7261 | www.greenwoodla.org/

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Additional Dates:
Oct. 20 & Nov. 17

#### CHIMPANZEE DISCOVERY DAYS SRAA.

Chimp Haven, 13600 Chimpanzee Pl., Keithville Chimpanzee Discovery Days give visitors the chance to observe rescued chimpanzees in their natural, forested habitats. Learn all about their personalities and behavior, and explore the nature trail. Admission is \$5-10.

318-925-9575 | www.chimphaven.org

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Additional Dates:
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#### CHIMP CHAT & CHEW SBAA

Chimp Haven, 13600 Chimpanzee Pl., Keithville Chimp Chat and Chew gives visitors the opportunity to go behind the scenes of Chimp Haven. Enjoy lunch, a presentation, chat with the staff, and take a closer look at the rescued chimpanzees. This program is suitable only for adults and children 6 and older. Admission is \$25-50.

318-925-9575 | www.chimphaven.org

# SEPTEMBER 15

### HIGHLAND JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL SRAA

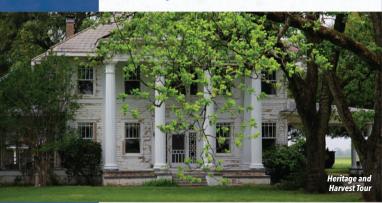
Columbia Park, 600 Columbia St., Shreveport Enjoy live jazz and blues performances by local and national artists, great food and local artwork. Admission is free.

318-869-5706 | www.highlandjazzandblues.org

# SEPTEMBER 21

#### CIRQUE DU LAKE SBAA

The Agora Borealis, 421 Lake St., Shreveport
Celebrate the Agora Borealis's 5th anniversary with an evening of local music, art, and food. Admission is free.
www.theagoraborealis.com



# SEPTEMBER 22

#### HERITAGE AND HARVEST TOUR SBAA

Along LA Hwy 3049 and U.S. Hwy 71 North, Louisiana Participants are invited to follow a route with various stops through the rural towns of Caddo and Bossier parishes. The tour takes you on a scenic path that includes home tour stops, scenic routes, historic landmarks, antique shops, and more. Tickets are available at Belcher Presbyterian Church and the Crossroads Museum in Gilliam. Home tour tickets are \$10.

318-296-4303 | www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

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#### **DIXIEMAZE FARMS FALL FESTIVAL**

**DixieMaze Farms, 9596 Sentell Rd., Shreveport**Spend a day in a field of festivities at this festival with fall activities including an eight-acre corn maze, pumpkin patch, haunted trail, cow train, hayride, duck races, and more. Admission is \$13.

318-703-2870 | www.dixiemaze.com

#### SEPTEMBER Events

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#### **DIXIEMAZE HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS**

**DixieMaze Farms, 9596 Sentell Rd., Shreveport**Every Friday and Saturday leading up to Halloween night, DixieMaze Farms opens thrill-seeking trails and activities including Field of Screams, Trail of Terror, and the Gauntlet. Admission is \$25.

318-703-2870 | www.dixiemaze.com

SEPTEMBER 29

#### MOORINGSPORT CYPRESS FESTIVAL SRAA

Edwin Tuttle Currie Park,

**574 Greenwood Mooringsport Rd., Mooringsport**This rural festival celebrates family, food and fellowship. It features arts and crafts, food, karaoke, children's activities, live entertainment, a parade, and more. Admission is free.

318-469-6282 | www.mooringsportfestival.com

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#### RED RIVER REVEL ARTS FESTIVAL SBAA.

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport
This popular art and music festival consists of nine days of food, live entertainment, children's activities, and some of the finest visual and performing arts experiences from local and regional artists.
Visit website for ticket prices.

318-424-4000 | www.redriverrevel.com

- $\bigstar$  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.



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#### **SB FASHION WEEK**

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with live music, fashion shows, competitions, and
shopping at multiple hotspots in Shreveport-Bossier.
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# OCTOBERS Events

OCTOBER 3-

#### PRIZE FEST 2018

Various locations in downtown Shreveport

The Prize Fest weekend welcomes chefs, filmmakers, and musicians to battle it out for cash, glory, and a good time. The festival features competitions in short films, music, cooking, and art exhibitions. Visit website for ticket prices.

318-213-6437 | www.prizefest.org

OCTOBER 13

#### **GREAT RAFT RAMBLE**

**Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport**This annual anniversary party celebrates its fifth year of making beer with the community by offering specialty brews, live entertainment, food, and games. Tickets range from \$5-\$60.

318-734-9881 | www.greatraftbrewing.com

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## AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COMPETITION

Louisiana State University Shreveport, 1 University Pl., Shreveport

Bring your own kite to fly, learn from experts, and watch the kite flying competion decorate the sky with unique kites of different colors and sizes.

Admission is free.

www.kite.org

OCTOBER 20

#### 6TH ANNUAL JAZZ IN THE PARK SBAA

Chris Hays Park, 4300 Illinois Ave., Shreveport
Bring your friends and family to experience an
afternoon of live jazz music, food, and entertainment.
Blankets, umbrellas, and big hats are encouraged.
Admission is free.

318-673-7814

#### OCTOBER Events



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#### FALL WILDLIFE CELEBRATION

Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Pt., Bossier City

Explore the outdoors at this family-friendly event that features canoeing, archery, arts and crafts, outdoor games, demonstrations, and close encounters with live animals. Admission is free.

318-742-1219 | www.facebook.com/redrivernwr

OCTOBER 20

#### SBC ZOMBIE WALK: BARK & BITE

**Pierre Bossier Mall, 2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City**At this apocalypse-themed event, participants and their pets can dress up in zombie costumes while enjoying an array of local vendors, food trucks, costume contests, a raffle. and more. Admission is free.

www.facebook.com/sbczombiewalk

OCTOBER 20

#### SHREVEPORT BREW: A PREMIER BEER TASTING

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

This beer festival is the largest in the Ark-La-Tex and features live music, food, and more than 150 beer samples including domestic and imported ales, pilsners, stouts, and more. Visit website for ticket prices.

318-226-5641 | www.shreveportbrew.com

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#### STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA SBAA

State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson Ave., Shreveport This fair features a sea lion show, four-acre zoo, the Louisiana Rodeo Cowboy Association rodeo finals,

unique fair foods, live music, Louisiana's largest display of carnival rides, and more. Admission starts at \$8.

318-635-1361 | www.statefairoflouisiana.com

OCTOBER 27

#### **ASEANA AUTUMN FESTIVAL**

Asian Gardens, 800 Texas Ave., Shreveport

The Seventh Annual ASEANA Fall Festival will spotlight India's Diwali Festival of Lights – the largest and most important holiday celebrated in India – as well as Asian street foods and fireworks. Admission is free.

318-401-8078

OCTOBER 31

#### BOO! AT THE BOARDWALK SBAA

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, 540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

This Halloween event welcomes families to dress in costume as they trick-or-treat from store to store at the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets. Admission is free.

318-752-1455 | www.louisianaboardwalk.com

# NOVEMBER & Events

NOVEMBER 1

#### BASS PRO SHOP SANTA PARADE SRAA

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, 540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

This family-friendly Christmas parade welcomes Santa as he arrives at Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets and settles in at Bass Pro Shops with the lighting of Santa's Wonderland. Admission is free.

www.louisianaboardwalk.com

15-18

#### LES BOUTIOUES DE NOEL

Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd., Bossier City

This annual one-stop, holiday shopping extravaganza features an arts and crafts show with a variety of items for holiday gifts and decorations. Visit website for ticket prices.

318-675-9142 | www.lesboutiquesdenoel.com

#### OCTOBER - NOVEMBER Events



NOVEMBER 17

#### **CRANKSGIVING**

Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport
Join the annual bike ride to collect canned goods for those in need. Participants can enjoy live music, local food and craft beer at the Great Raft Brewing tasting room. Admission is free.

318-734-9881 | www.greatraftbrewing.com

Fri., Sat., Sun. Only
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#### CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND SBAA

American Rose Center,

8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport

Walk through a winter wonderland with thousands of twinkling lights, dozens of lighted displays, giant Christmas cards, nightly entertainment, rides on the Roseland Express train, photos with Santa, and tons of fun for the whole family. Visit website for ticket prices. 318-938-5402 | www.christmasinroseland.org

NOVEMBER 24

#### ROCKETS OVER THE RED FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

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

Enjoy a night of fireworks over the Red River, Christmas music, local performance arts groups, food trucks, face painting, Santa Claus, and more. The fireworks show can be viewed from RiverView Park and the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets. Admission is free.

318-222-9391 | www.rocketsoverthered.com

NOVEMBER 30

#### TINSEL SBAA

Line Avenue Shopping District, Shreveport

This exclusive shopping experience chauffeurs participants to multiple locally owned retailers along Line Avenue. Tinsel shoppers can enjoy complimentary food, entertainment, discounts, and more. Visit website for ticket prices.

318-272-3139 | www.tinselshreveport.com

# NOVEMBER 30

#### CHRISTMAS JUBILEE SBAA

Jubilee Zoo, 6402 LA Hwy. 1, Shreveport

Get into the holiday spirit with a trip to the Jubilee Zoo. Take your family to pick out the perfect Christmas tree, pose for holiday photos in the "sno" pit, take the kids to jump in the bounce house, visit the petting zoo, or join the sing-along hayride. Visit website for ticket prices. www.jubileezoo.com

# DECEMBERS Events

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# CHRISTMAS ON CADDO FIREWORKS FESTIVAL SRAA.

**Earl G. Williamson Park, 11425 LA Hwy. 1, Oil City**This festival celebrates Christmas with a life-size snow globe, food, children's activities, live music, and a fireworks show that lights up Caddo Lake. Admission is free.

318-740-1450

www.christmasoncaddofireworks.com

# DECEMBER

#### CHRISTMAS IN CANDYVILLE SBAA

CenturyLink Center,

2000 CenturyLink Center Dr., Bossier City

Kids of all ages are invited to attend this season's sweetest holiday event. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., CenturyLink Center will be transformed into a landscape of candy-coated holiday bliss.

www.centurylinkcenter.com

#### DECEMBER

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#### COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SRAA

Downtown Vivian, 100 Front St., Vivian

This family-friendly Christmas festival includes food vendors, arts and crafts, the crowning of Miss Country Christmas, a Santa meet and greet, town lighting, parade, and more. Admission is free.

318-375-5300

#### NOVEMBER - DECEMBER Events

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### BENTON CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE FESTIVAL AND PARADE SBAA

Heritage Village Square, 417 Sibley St., Benton
Celebrate the holiday season with traditional familyoriented activities including a parade, food court, 5k
run, art contest, Santa, and more. Admission is free.
www.bentonchristmasonthesquare.com

DECEMBER 16

### JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

First Baptist Church, 543 Ockley Dr., Shreveport Members of the Shreveport Symphony will join the First Baptist Church Choir to present a spectacular holiday musical and other seasonal selections. Admission is free.

www.fbcshreveport.org

DECEMBER 27

# WALK-ON'S BISTREAUX & BAR INDEPENDENCE BOWL SRAA

Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport

This SEC and ACC football experience allows fans to enjoy traditional college football with lots of tailgating at a postseason Division I college football bowl game. Visit website for ticket prices.

318-221-0712 | www.independencebowl.org

DECEMBER 29

#### LAST BEER OF THE YEAR

Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport
Celebrate the New Year with a pint of craft beer at
Great Raft Brewing. This event features live music,
food, dancing, fireworks, and a complimentary toast.
Admission is free.

318-734-9881 | www.greatraftbrewing.com





JANUARY **19** 2019

#### KREWE OF SOBEK PARADE

Parade begins at the Fair Grounds Field parking lot and goes through the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport.

This fun-filled afternoon features floats, bands, marching groups, drill teams, queens, kings, youth sports teams, homecoming courts, and more. Admission is free. www.kreweofsobek.org

JANUARY **21 2019** 

#### KREWE OF HARAMBEE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MARDI GRAS PARADE

Parade begins at Milam and Texas Street and ends at Municipal Auditorium in downtown Shreveport.

Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Mardi Gras style, this family-friendly parade features marching bands, dancers, stilt-walkers, dozens of floats, and more. Admission is free.

www.kreweofharambee.org

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#### KREWE OF CENTAUR PARADE

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport, follows Clyde Fant Parkway south, turns right onto Shreveport-Barksdale Highway and ends in the Broadmoor neighborhood at E. Kings Highway Park.

One of the largest parades in Louisiana, the Krewe of Centaur rolls 10 days before Fat Tuesday and features marching bands, brightly colored floats, and more. Admission is free.

www.kreweofcentaur.org

#### SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER MARDI GRAS Events



FEBRUARY **24 2019** 

#### KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX Pet parade

Events on the Red, 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City
Drawing more than 10,000 spectators a year, this huge
parade of costumed pets is a chance for festive pet
owners to celebrate Mardi Gras with their fur babies.
Register your pet online. Admission is free.
www.barkusandmeoux.org



The KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX is one of the only parading Mardi Gras krewes in Louisiana to welcome animals as royalty. Past grand marshalls of the Krewe of Barkus and Meoux include an English Bull Terrier named Mr. Kippers ('14), a Pit Bull named

Braveheart ('15), and a retired police K-9 named Febe ('16).



MARCH **2 2019** 

#### KREWE OF GEMINI PARADE

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport, follows
Clyde Fant Parkway south, turns right onto
Shreveport-Barksdale Highway and ends in the
Broadmoor neighborhood at E. Kings Highway Park.
Parade attendees can catch limitless beads, trinkets, stuffed animals, toys and more from masked revelers on floats as they yell the age-old cry, "Throw me something, Mister!" Admission is free.
www.kreweofgemini.com

MARCH 3 2019

#### KREWE OF HIGHLAND PARADE

Parade begins at the intersection of Gregg Avenue and Gilbert Drive in Shreveport and rolls through the Historic Highland Neighborhood.

Shreveport's most eccentric krewe welcomes everyone to attend this funky, family-friendly neighborhood parade, which is famous for its unpredictable throws including ramen noodles, moon pies and hot dogs. Admission is free. www.thekreweofhighland.org



### September 1 - November 24 (SATURDAYS) BOSSIER CITY FARMERS' MARKET

**Pierre Bossier Mall Parking Lot, 2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City**At this market, visitors can find fresh produce, arts and crafts, food trucks, handmade goods, plants, baked goods, and more from more than 100 vendors. Admission is free.

www.bossiercityfarmersmarket.com

#### September 8 and December 15

#### **BOSSIER NIGHT MARKET**

**Pierre Bossier Mall Parking Lot, 2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City**Enjoy a night of family-friendly fun and shopping under twinkling lights.
This market includes unique food, arts and crafts, fresh produce, clothing, children's activities, and more. Admission is free.

www.bossiernightmarket.com

#### October 4 - 25 (THURSDAYS)

#### PROVENANCE FARMERS' MARKET

Windrush Park, 1968 Bridgewater Ave., Shreveport

This market features arts and crafts, locally grown produce, live music, food trucks, and more. Admission is free.

318-683-0399 | www.yourprovenance.com

#### October 27 - November 17 (SATURDAYS)

#### SHREVEPORT FARMERS' MARKET

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

This fall market includes live music, a café, and fall crops such as sweet potatoes, greens, and other late summer produce from more than 150 vendors. Admission is free.

318-455-5788 | www.shreveportfarmersmarket.com





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