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THE PLACE TO PARTY

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.

JANUARY 2019

Events



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

JANUARY
19

KREWE OF SOBEK MARDI GRAS 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.

318-470-3890 | www.kreweofsobek.org

JANUARY
21

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

Parade begins at Milam at 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.

318-617-7886 | www.kreweofharambee.org

FEBRUARY 2019 *Events*



*Krewe of Centaur
Mardi Gras Parade*

FEBRUARY
16

VIVIAN BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL AND PARADE SBA

Downtown Vivian

This parade celebrates African American history and culture. Visitors can also enjoy great music, food, family fun, and good ol' Southern hospitality.

318-375-3471 | www.vivian.la.us

FEBRUARY
23

KREWE OF CENTAUR MARDI GRAS PARADE XXVIII

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport and follows Clyde Fant Parkway south.

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. This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

www.kreweofcentaur.org

FEBRUARY
24

KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEUX 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.

318-752-CATS | www.barkusandmeoux.org

MARCH 2019

Events

MARCH
2

KREWE OF GEMINI MARDI GRAS PARADE XXX

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport and follows Clyde Fant Parkway south.

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!" This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

www.kreweofgemini.com

MARCH
3

KREWE OF HIGHLAND MARDI GRAS PARADE XXIV

The parade begins at the intersection of Gregg Avenue at 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. This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

318-402-1132 | www.thekreweofhighland.org



*Krewe of Highland
Mardi Gras Parade*



318 Restaurant Week

**MARCH
5**

FAT TUESDAY CHILDREN'S PARADE

The parade will roll in the parking lot of Pierre Bossier Mall, 2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City

Join the Krewe de Les Femmes Mystique for a fun night of celebrating Mardi Gras at this children's parade.

www.lesfemmesmystique.org

**MARCH
9**

ARK-LA-TEX CRAFT BEER AND BARBECUE FESTIVAL SBA

Louisiana State Exhibit Museum

Experience the blending of two great American pastimes, craft beer and competition barbecue. Enjoy craft beer samples, a barbecue competition, live music, games, and a little bit of regional history.

www.arklatexcraftbeerandbbq.com

**MARCH
18-23**

318 RESTAURANT WEEK

Various local restaurants

Dine at participating local restaurants with fixed-price lunch specials for \$10 and dinner specials for \$20 and enjoy one-night-only dining experiences with local foodies throughout the week.

318-222-9391 | www.318restaurantweek.com

**MARCH
23**

BATTLE OF THE GUMBO GLADIATORS SBA

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

Teams of Gumbo Gladiators from near and far will battle for the title of Ultimate Gumbo Gladiator. Gumbo categories include seafood, lagniappe and chicken and sausage. This festival is free to attend and enjoyable for all ages. Gumbo sample tickets are available at the event to taste the gumbo goodness.

318-425-4413 | www.gumbogladiators.com

**MARCH
30**

ARTINI SBA

East Bank District and Plaza

600 Block, Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

Shake in a little imagination, stir in a lot of creativity and mix in some friendly competition. ARTini is live music, visual art, signature martinis and socializing served with a twist, presented by the Bossier Arts Council.

318-741-8310 | www.bossierarts.org

**MARCH
30**

ASEANA SPRING FESTIVAL

Asian Gardens of Shreveport

Milam Street at Texas Avenue

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 Filipino-style whole hog barbecue.

318-401-8078



ASEANA Spring Festival

APRIL 2019 Events

**APRIL
6**

**CORK – A RED RIVER REVEL
WINE EVENT** SBA

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

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



*Cork - A Red River
Revel Wine Event*

APRIL
12-21

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, treasure hunt, live music, and family fun.

318-865-5555 | www.arklatexambassadors.com

APRIL
13

EASTER EGG HUNT AND LADYBUG RELEASE ~~SBAA~~

American Rose Center

8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport

The American Rose Center will be celebrating spring by hosting a ladybug release and Easter egg hunt throughout their 118-acre rose garden.

318-938-5402 | www.rose.org

APRIL
23-28

ARTBREAK

Shreveport Convention Center

400 Caddo St., Shreveport

ArtBreak features beautiful artwork from Caddo and Bossier parish students and free, hands-on art activities. The largest children's festival in the state, ArtBreak is a weekend of dance, music, theater, food, fun, and a 5K race.

318-673-6500 | www.shrevearts.org

APRIL
26-27

ARK-LA-TEX AMBASSADORS BBQ COOK-OFF

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

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

318-865-5555 | www.arklatexambassadors.com

MAY 2019

Events

MAY
1-31

BE A FAN OF SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER SBAA

Various local attractions

Be A Fan of Shreveport-Bossier happens every May with 31 days of discounts at local attractions, as well as giveaways and special events. Be prepared to experience the sister cities' best attractions and events.

318-222-9391 | www.beafanofsb.com

MAY
4

GUSHER DAYS FESTIVAL SBAA

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
4

SHREVEPORT DERBY DAY SBAA

R.W. Norton Art Gallery

4747 Creswell Ave., Shreveport

This event celebrates the Kentucky Derby with live entertainment, lawn games, a live broadcast of the Kentucky Derby, and specialty food and drinks.

318-865-4201 | www.derbydayshreveport.com

MAY
17-18

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE AIRSHOW SBAA

Barksdale Air Force Base Flight Line

556 Barksdale Blvd. W., Barksdale AFB

The Barksdale Air Force Base Air Show features flight demonstrations by U.S. Navy Blue Angels, aerobatic performers and a B-52 fly-by. The base has been inviting the public to view its historical aircraft and state-of-the-art jets every year since 1933.

www.barksdale.af.mil

MAY
24-26

MUDBUG MADNESS FESTIVAL

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

Enjoy Cajun and Creole cuisine at the 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 delicious food. This festival is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event and American Bus Association Top 100 event.

318-222-7403 | www.mudbugmadness.com

JUNE 2019 *Events*

*Sunflower Trail
& Festival*

JUNE
15

SUNFLOWER TRAIL & FESTIVAL SBAA

Hwy. 3049, Gilliam

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

318-296-4303 | www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

JUNE
21-23

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FESTIVAL SBAA

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 lineup of music, food and art booths.

www.facebook.com/letthegoodtimesrollfestival

JULY-AUGUST 2019

Events

JULY
4

"INDEPENDENTS" DAY

Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport

Celebrate Shreveport-Bossier's local independents with live music, games, food, and beer at Great Raft Brewing. Admission is free.

318-734-9881 | www.greatraftbrewing.com

JULY
4

KTBS-3 INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

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 more.

318-861-5800 | www.ktbs.com

JULY
12-13

RED RIVER BALLOON RALLY

Louisiana State University Shreveport

1 University Place, Shreveport

Bring family and friends to experience the hot air balloon glow, food, craft vendors, live music, kids' carnival, and fireworks to cap off the evening.

318-222-9391 | www.redriverballoonrally.com



*Red River
Balloon Rally*

AUGUST
16-18

GEEK'D CON

***Shreveport Convention Center
400 Caddo St., Shreveport***

This event brings geeks of the Ark-La-Tex, comic book artists and stars of television and film together with video games, cosplay and more.

318-841-4000 | www.geekdcon.com

SEPTEMBER 2019 *Events*

*The Battle on the Border
High School Football Showcase*



SEPTEMBER
5-12

11TH 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.

www.nlgiff.org

SEPTEMBER
5-7

THE BATTLE ON THE BORDER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SHOWCASE

***Independence Stadium,
3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport***

The Battle on the Border High School Football Showcase highlights some of the top regional high school football programs.

318-673-7838 | www.thebattleontheborder.com



Highland Jazz
and Blues Festival

SEPTEMBER
6-7

CENTENARY BOOK BAZAAR

Centenary Gold Dome, 3482 Dixie Dr., Shreveport

Browse thousands of discounted books, CDs and vinyl records at this annual fundraiser.

318-869-5011 | www.centenary.edu

SEPTEMBER
7

SUPER DERBY FESTIVAL OF RACING

Harrah's Louisiana Downs

8000 E. Texas St., Bossier City

Horses, trainers and riders come from around the country to compete at Harrah's Louisiana Downs during the festival, which culminates in the Grade I Super Derby.

318-742-5555 | www.harrahslouisianadowns.com

SEPTEMBER
14

HIGHLAND JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

Columbia Park, 600 Columbia St., Shreveport

Enjoy live jazz and blues performances by local and national artists, great food and local artwork.

318-469-5642 | www.highlandjazzandblues.org

SEPTEMBER
21

HERITAGE AND HARVEST TOUR

Red River Crossroads Museum

1297 Main St., Gilliam

Historic homes, farms, businesses, and attractions will be open for public tours to allow visitors to explore the history and culture of the region. Visitors may also enjoy arts and crafts vendors, live entertainment and food vendors throughout the day.

www.redrivercrossroadshistorical.org

SEPTEMBER
20-21

PIONEER HERITAGE FESTIVAL SBA

William Peters Town Park
6878 Howell St., 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
28-
OCTOBER
31

DIXIEMAZE FALL FESTIVAL

DixieMaze Farms, 9596 Sentell Rd., Shreveport

This farm offers fall fun for the whole family. It features a pumpkin patch, corn maze, hayrides, pony rides, paintball games, arts and crafts, and many other attractions.

318-703-2870 | www.dixiemaze.com

OCTOBER 2016 *Events*



*Red River Revel
Arts Festival*

OCTOBER
TBD

RED RIVER REVEL ARTS FESTIVAL SBA

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

This popular art and music festival features nine days of food, live music, children's activities, and some of the finest visual and performing arts experiences from local and regional artists. This iconic Shreveport festival is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

318-424-4000 | www.redriverrevel.com



State Fair of Louisiana

OCTOBER
2-6

PRIZE FEST

Various locations in downtown Shreveport

The Prize Fest weekend includes Louisiana Film Prize, Louisiana Music Prize, Louisiana Food Prize, and its newest competition — Louisiana Fashion Prize. The festival features short films, music, fashion, cooking competitions, and more.

318-213-6437 | www.prizefest.org

OCTOBER
19

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Chris Hays Park, 4300 Illinois Ave., Shreveport

Enjoy an afternoon of live jazz music, authentic Louisiana food and family-friendly entertainment. Blankets, umbrellas and big hats are encouraged.

318-673-7814

OCTOBER
24-
NOVEMBER
10

STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA

State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson Ave., Shreveport

This fair features a sea lion show, four-acre zoo, the LRCA rodeo finals, unique fair foods, live music, Louisiana's largest display of carnival rides, and more.

318-635-1361 | www.statefairlofouisiana.com

OCTOBER
26

ASEANA FALL FESTIVAL: ASIAN STREET FOOD

Asian Gardens of Shreveport

Milam Street at Texas Avenue

Learn about a variety of Asian cultures through food, art, dance, games, and martial arts at ASEANA Fall Festival.

Sample authentic cuisine from Vietnamese noodle soups to Filipino-style whole hog barbecue.

318-401-8078

OCTOBER
31

BOO! AT THE BOARDWALK SBAA

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets

540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

This Halloween event welcomes families to trick-or-treat from store to store at the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets.

318-752-1455 | www.louisianaboardwalk.com

NOVEMBER 2019 *Events*



*Rockets Over the Red
Fireworks Festival*

NOVEMBER
30

ROCKETS OVER THE RED FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

*Riverview Park, 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets*

540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

Celebrate the holiday season with fireworks over the Red River, Christmas music, food trucks, Santa Claus, and more.

318-222-9391 | www.rocketsoverthered.com

NOVEMBER
29 -
DECEMBER
23
(WEEKENDS)

CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND SBAA

American Rose Center

8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport

Walk through a winter wonderland with thousands of twinkling lights, giant Christmas cards, nightly entertainment, Roseland Express train rides, photos with Santa, and more.

318-938-5402 | www.christmasinroseland.org

DECEMBER 2019 Events



DECEMBER
6

TINSEL **SBA**

Line Avenue Shopping District

This exclusive shopping experience chauffeurs participants to locally-owned retailers along Line Avenue. Tinsel shoppers can enjoy food, entertainment, discounts, and more.

318-272-3139 | www.tinselshreveport.com

DECEMBER
7

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL **SBA**

100 Front St., Vivian

The annual Country Christmas Festival entertains guests with delicious food, entertainment, crafts, holiday lights, and more.

318-375-5300 | www.vivian.la.us

DECEMBER
TBD

WALK-ON'S INDEPENDENCE BOWL **SBA**

Independence Stadium

3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport

This SEC and ACC football experience allows fans to enjoy traditional college football with lots of tailgating at this postseason Division I college football game.

318-221-0712 | www.walkonsindependencebowl.com



Local FARMERS' MARKETS



February 9

BOSSIER NIGHT MARKET SBAA

Pierre Bossier Mall Parking Lot

2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City

The Bossier Night Market hosts more than 200 vendors and a dozen food trucks to provide an environment where there's something for everyone.

www.bossiernightmarket.com

March - June, Sept. - Nov. (TUESDAYS)

EAST BANK MARKET SBAA

East Bank Plaza

600 Block, Barskdale Blvd., Bossier City

The East Bank Market will include more than 45 vendors with market goods, food trucks, art, and local small businesses.

www.eastbankmarket.com

April - November (SATURDAYS)

BOSSIER CITY FARMERS' MARKET SBAA

Pierre Bossier Mall Parking Lot

2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City

The Bossier City Farmers' Market is open to all farmers, hobbyists, artists, craftsmen, restaurants, food trucks, and other creative vendors.

www.bossiercityfarmersmarket.com

June - August (SATURDAYS)

SHREVEPORT FARMERS' MARKET SBAA

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett 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

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