

Shreveport-Bossier FESTIVALS & ANNUAL EVENTS





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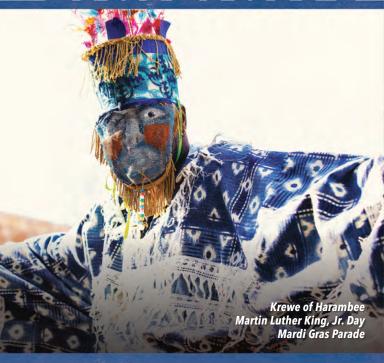
ONGOING EVENTS

LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS

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 55 festivals and annual events celebrating everything from jazz music and art to crawfish and beer.

NUARY



JANUARY 18

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.

318-734-8206 | www.kreweofsobek.org

JANUARY 19

KREWE OF HARAMBEE ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND FLOAT-LOADING PARTY

1049 Grimmett Dr., Shreveport

The members of Krewe of Harambee bring their favorite Southern dish to share including a pig roasted on an open pit for guests to share.

318-286-5878 | www.kreweofharambee.net

JANUARY **20**

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

Parade begins at Milam Street 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. 318-286-5878 | www.kreweofharambee.net

JANUARY 1-31

SNO-PORT AT SCI-PORT SBAA

Sci-Port Discovery Center, 820 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

Experience a variety of winter-themed games and exhibits and then climb aboard the Red River Rocket Sleigh to take an interactive virtual reality ride through a snow blizzard.

318-424-3466 | www.sci-port.org

FEBRUARYS



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KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEDIIX PET PARADE

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

This huge parade of costumed pets is a chance for festive pet owners to celebrate Mardi Gras with their fur babies. All pet owners are invited to participate and must register in advance.

www.barkusandmeoux.org

FEBRUARY **14**

KREWE OF CENTAUR FLOAT-LOADING PARTY

351 Aero Dr., Shreveport

The Krewe of Centaur opens its den to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

318-393-8560 | www.kreweofcentaur.org

FEBRUARY 15

KREWE OF CENTAUR MARDI GRAS PARADE

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport at Clyde Fant Parkway at Lake Street, follows Clyde Fant Parkway south, and rolls through the Broadmoor neighborhood.

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.

318-393-8560 www.kreweofcentaur.org

FEBRUARY 15

VIVIAN BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL AND PARADE SBAA

Downtown Vivian

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

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



FEBRUARY Events



FEBRUARY **21**

KREWE OF GEMINI FLOAT-LOADING PARTY

2101 E. Texas St., Bossier City

Explore the Krewe of Gemini den with all the Mardi Gras floats while enjoying food, music and more. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

318-741-9264 | www.kreweofgemini.com

FEBRUARY **22**

KREWE OF GEMINI MARDI GRAS PARADE

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport at Clyde Fant Parkway at Lake Street, follows Clyde Fant Parkway south, and rolls through the Broadmoor neighborhood.

Parade attendees can catch 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.

318-741-9264 | www.kreweofgemini.com

FEBRUARY 23

KREWE OF HIGHLAND MARDI GRAS PARADE

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, MoonPies and hot dogs. This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

318-402-1132 | www.thekreweofhighland.org

WARCH2



MARCH 16-21

318 RESTAURANT WEEK

Multiple local restaurants

Dine at participating local restaurants with lunch specials for \$10 and dinner specials for \$20 and enjoy one-night-only dining experiences with local foodies throughout the week. www.318restaurantweek.com

MARCH **20-21**

CRAWFEST SBAA

Betty Virginia Park, 3901 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport Crawfest features continuous live music, a kids' carnival, and the opportunity to try boiled crawfish, a whole hog roast, smoked barbecue, and more, all in one place. www.shreveportevent.com

MARCH 21

BATTLE OF THE GUMBO GLADIATORS SBAA

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 event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

318-425-4413 | www.gumbogladiators.com



APRIL

CORK - A RED RIVER REVEL WINE EVENT SBAA.

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

APRIL

SPRING 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 egg hunt throughout their 118-acre rose garden.

318-938-5402 | www.rose.org

APRIL 18

ASEANA SPRING FESTIVAL

Asian Gardens of Shreveport, 800 Texas Ave., Shreveport

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

www.facebook.com/asiangardenofshreveport

APRIL 25

GINGERBREAD HOUSE FOOD TRUCK BLOCK PARTY

East Bank Plaza.

600 Block of Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

Taste local food trucks while supporting the Gingerbread House. This street party-style festival features live music, children's activities and a grand prize raffle of \$1,000 in restaurant gift cards.

318-674-2900 | www.gingerbreadhousecac.org



KEGS AND CORKS CRAFT BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL

East Bank Plaza,

600 Block of Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

Flying Heart Brewing presents Kegs and Corks Beer and Wine Festival, the first of its kind to take place in Bossier City. The event will feature regional craft beers and wines, local food and live musical performances. 318-584-7039 | www.facebook.com/

kegsandcorksfestival

SHREVEPORT STUFFED SHRIMP FESTIVAL

Louisiana State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson Ave., Shreveport

Celebrate Shreveport-style stuffed shrimp with live entertainment, vendors, food, and fun activities for the kids. 318-631-9082

www.facebook.com/eddiesstuffedshrimp

MAY 22-24

MUDBUG MADNESS FESTIVAL

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport

Enjoy Cajun and Creole cuisine. The festival features live Cajun and zydeco music, children's activities and food. This festival is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event and American Bus Association Top 100 event.

318-222-7403 | www.mudbugmadness.com



12-13

RED RIVER BALLOON RALLY

Louisiana State University Shreveport, 1 University Pl., 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

JUNE 13

ARTINI SBAA

Location TBA

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



JUNE **19-21**

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FESTIVAL SRAA

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

JUNE 20

SUNFLOWER TRAIL & FESTIVAL SRAA

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

JULY²⁰



JULY 4

AMBER WAVES OF PAIN

Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., ShreveportCelebrate the release of Great Raft Brewing's all-American amber ale with live music and pro wrestling, all happening inside the brewery.

www.greatraftbrewing.com

JULY 4

KTBS-3 INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

Festival Plaza,

101 Crockett St., Shreveport

On July 4, 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 18

SCOTTISH RITE ANTIQUE BAZAAR

Scottish Rite Cathedral, 735 Cotton St., Shreveport

The bazaar will showcase local vendors selling antique and vintage décor, jewelry, furniture, clothing and more. Tours of the historic cathedral are available throughout the event. All proceeds go directly to the maintenance of the cathedral.

318-221-9713 | www.facebook.com/ssrbazaar

AUGUST?

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SHREVEPORT NIGHT MARKET

St. Vincent Mall Parking Lot, 1133 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport

The Shreveport Night Market is the largest one-day market in Shreveport. The event features almost 130 vendors and is lit up by thousands of twinkling lights.

www.shreveportnightmarket.com

AUGUST 21-23

LOUISIANA SOUL FOOD FALL FESTIVAL

Louisiana State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson St., Shreveport

The Louisiana Soul Food Fall Festival will be filled with food for your soul. The event will showcase local and national recording artists, chefs, soul food, and fun for the entire family.

318-779-8941



AUGUST **21-23**

GEEK'D CON

Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport

This event brings the 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?

SEPTEMBER 11-12

CENTENARY BOOK BAZAAR

Centenary Gold Dome, 3482 Dixie Dr., ShreveportBrowse thousands of discounted books, CDs and vinyl records at this annual fundraiser.

www.centenary.edu

SEPTEMBER 18-19

PIONEER HERITAGE FESTIVAL SBAA.

Open Range Fellowship, 9950 Greenwood Rd., 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 19

HIGHLAND JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL SBAA

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 **26**

HERITAGE AND HARVEST TOUR SAME

Red River Crossroads Museum, 12797 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
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PRIZE FEST

Multiple locations in downtown Shreveport

Shreveport-Bossier's biggest party includes Louisiana Film Prize, Louisiana Music Prize, Louisiana Food Prize, and Louisiana Fashion Prize. The festival features short films, music, fashion, cooking competitions, and more.

318-213-6437 | www.prizefest.org

OCTOBERS



OCTOBER 3-11

RED RIVER REVEL ARTS FESTIVAL SBAA

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.

318-424-4000 | www.redriverrevel.com

OCTOBER 10

GREAT RAFT RAMBLE

Great Raft Brewing, 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport
Celebrate Great Raft Brewing's anniversary with 30
different beers, live music and specialty food.
318-734-9881 | www.greatraftbrewing.com

OCTOBER 17

BREW: A PREMIER BEER TASTING SBAA

Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport
Beer lovers can sample more than 100 craft brews, listen
to live music and taste food from local restaurants.
318-424-4000 | 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
LRCA rodeo finals, unique fair foods, live music,
Louisiana's largest display of carnival rides, and more.
318-635-1361 | www.statefairoflouisiana.com

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 Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets. www.louisianaboardwalk.com

NOVEMBERS

Pri. - Sun., NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 13

Nightly, DECEMBER 17-23

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

OCTOBER - DECEMBER Events



NOVEMBER 28

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 Christmas music, food trucks, Santa Claus, and fireworks over the heart of the sister cities.

318-222-9391 | www.rocketsoverthered.com

DECEMBER?



DECEMBER 5

CHRISTMAS ON CADDO FIREWORKS FESTIVAL SBAA

Earl G. Williamson Park, 11425 LA-1, Oil City

This festival celebrates Christmas with food, children's activities, live music, and a fireworks show that lights up Caddo Lake.

www.christmasoncaddofireworks.com

DECEMBER **5**

TINSEL SBAA

Multiple locations in the 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 **19-21**

LES BOUTIQUES DE NOEL

Location TBA

Les Boutiques de Noel is the annual one-stop, holiday shopping extravaganza. This arts and crafts show features a variety of items for holiday gifts and decorations.

www.lesboutiquesdenoel.com

ONGOING Events

Events

MARCH 14 April 25 Oct. 17 Nov. 14

CHIMPANZEE DISCOVERY DAYS SBAA

Chimp Haven, 13600 Chimpanzee Pl., Keithville Observe rescued chimpanzees in their natural habitats, learn about their personalities, natural behavior, and explore the nature trail.

318-925-9575 | www.chimphaven.org



DECEMBER Events / LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS



Local FARMERS' MARKETS

Feb.1, Sept.12, and Dec.12 BOSSIER NIGHT MARKET SAM

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 21 and Oct. 10 BOSSIER CITY MAKERS FAIR SAA

Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, 540 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City

With more than 125 local vendors, The Bossier City Makers Fair is a celebration of handcrafted goods, crafts, arts, and foods.

www.eastbankmarket.com

March 28-Nov. 14 (SATURDAYS) BOSSIER CITY FARMERS' MARKET SMALL

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

May 30-Aug. 29 (SATURDAYS) & Oct. 24-Nov. 21 (SATURDAYS)

SHREVEPURI FARMERS MARKEI
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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