

## Southeast Getaway Travel Newsletter

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### Fall Festivals and Fairs: Stone Mt, GA

7th Annual Pumpkin  
Festival

Dates: October 2 - 31  
(Fridays - Sundays)

Times:

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM on  
Fridays & Sundays

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM with  
Lasershow at 8:00 PM on  
Saturdays

Come out and enjoy some cooler weather at Atlanta's favorite place to celebrate the fall season. Now in it's 7th year, Stone Mountain Park's annual Pumpkin Festival has become a family favorite with kids and parents alike.

Throughout weekends in October enjoy attractions, entertainment, activities and fall decorations that are fun for all ages.

#### Event Highlights

**Include: New! The Pumpkin Tumbler** - Crawl into the pumpkin tumbler if you dare! You fumble and bumble, but just don't crumble before you tumble

**Dear Harry,**

Fall Fairs and Festivals. I just love a good festival and the southeast has plenty to offer. After the heat of August we are all looking for cooler days and getting back outside. In this issue we are going to cover some of the major fairs and festivals for October. Make plans to visit for these huge parties and go back home with new vigor and vitality.

### • More Southeastern Festivals

#### North Carolina Wine & Food Weekend

8 Marina Wynd  
Bald Head Island, NC 28461  
September 25 to the 27

Enjoy a weekend of North Carolina Wine, Food, Art & more. Kick-off the weekend with wine tastings at the Maritime Market on Friday, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, the North Carolina Open-air Market and Grand Tasting will take place at the Harbourside Pavilion. Attend an afternoon of local and state cuisine, wine, beer, art, and music from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The evening ends with a Childress Wine Dinner and wine pairings at the River Pilot Cafe, 6 p.m. End your exciting weekend on Sunday, from noon-2 p.m. with a Sparking Wine Brunch at the Shoals Club. For Accommodations on Bald Head Island

#### Cypress Bend Vineyards Jazzy Fridays and More

21904 Riverton Rd  
Wagram, NC 28396

Begin with a farm that has been in the family since 1807. Add two proprietors, Dan and Tina Smith, who are totally dedicated to the art of crafting quality wines. Toss in fabulous one-of-a-kind events, and you have Cypress Bend Vineyards near Laurinburg. The Smiths' winemaking began in 2005, as they planted 30 acres with five varieties of muscadine grape. You can taste the results in 11 different table wines including one of the driest muscadines you can find. The cellar also provides Chardonnay and Syrah vintages. One of the neat things about Cypress Bend is its unique calendar. Jazzy Fridays feature live jazz every other week. Late September marks the Fall Harvest and Grape Stomp, and there's an annual Christmas Open House in December. The vineyard is open seven days a week for tastings and tours. Cypress Bend Vineyards. A winery for all seasons. Off route 95 near Fayetteville, NC

#### 7th Annual Carolina In The Fall Festival

Fri, Sat & Sun, September 25, 26, & 27, 2009 on the Shepherd Farm

North Wilkesboro, NC

North Carolina is considered the banjo state and has produced world renowned banjo players - Snuffy Jenkins,

your way through our all new inflatable obstacle course. Come join in the fun with this dress-up tale where children from the audience get to be the stars of the show! **Trick or Treat Scavenger Hunt** - Back by popular demand. Follow the clues to various locations around the park and collect different punches to reveal the final prize. It's sure to be a sweet treat!

**The Great Pumpkin Puppet Parade** - Parents and kids, join us and dance in the streets as we present the Great Pumpkin Puppet Parade. Those wishing to be in the parade and/or costume contest should arrive 10 minutes early at the Dogwood.

**Children's Costume Contest** - All costumed kids are welcome to join in the Costume Contest. Judging is silly and prizes are minimal, but great fun is sure to be had by all! To be considered for the Costume Contest, you must participate in the Great Pumpkin Puppet Parade. Please arrive 10 minutes early at the Dogwood.

**Storytelling** - Kids will love these classic and contemporary stories told by our fantastic storytellers

**Pie Eating Contests** - A Pumpkin Festival favorite! Don't miss watching these gooey pies get consumed in record time. Adult and child contestants are chosen before each contest.

Journey to the Center of the Earth 4D Adventure  
■ Sky Hike

Entrance to the Pumpkin Festival is included in the Adventure Pass; \$26 (plus tax) for adults and \$21 (plus tax) for children ages 3-11. Vehicle Entry to Stone Mountain Park is \$10 for a one day parking permit or \$35 for an annual permit.

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Earl Scruggs, Jonny Whisnant, Merle Watson, Doc Walsh and Jim Mills. To honor the banjo tradition of the great state of North Carolina, Carolina in the Fall will once again host the North Carolina Banjo Championship at the 2009 festival

[For Accommodations in Wilksboro, NC](#)

#### • **The 15th Annual Beaufort Shrimp Festival**

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Friday, October 2 & Saturday, October 3, 2009

Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park

FREE ADMISSION

Tickets for food & drink \$1 each

Friday, October 2 Gates open at 6pm Dance your Shrimp

Tails off with Deas-Guyz

Come with an empty stomach 6 restaurants will be previewing their dishes for the **Restaurant Competition Saturday!!** Saturday, October 3 8am - 5pm 8am - 5K run (entry fee) 8am - Walk Through History (entry fee) 8:45am - Popcorn Shrimp Run 10:30am - Shrimp Race - 11am - 5pm Craft Market hosted by The South Carolina Shrimpers' Association Restaurant Booths & Childrens' Area Open 11am 11:00 - 12:30 Judges tasting

Entertainment by Brett Mosley 12:30 - Winners of Shrimp Race by SIRC announced 1:00 - 2:30 Entertainment by Chocolate Thunder 2:30 - 3:00 Adult Shrimp Heading & Kids Peeling Contests Announcement of Restaurant Winners & Presentation of the People's Choice and Silver Cup Award 3:15 - 5:00pm The Burnin Smyrnans

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#### • **Taste of Charleston, SC**

Save-the-date for the **29th annual Taste of Charleston** scheduled October 9-11, 2009.

The three-day celebration of Lowcountry cuisine is being hosted by the Greater Charleston Restaurant Association and will feature some of Charleston's finest, nationally renowned chefs. There are three special events this year, including:

- **Iron Chef Competition** will be held Friday, October 9, at the Culinary Institute of Charleston's (CIC) Palmer Campus in downtown Charleston and will showcase the Institute's new, \$7 million facility, pitting some of the best local chefs in a hot head-to-head battle in CIC's state-of-the-art amphitheater kitchen.

· **Taste of the Kitchen** will be held Saturday, October 10, at the Culinary Institute of Charleston's Palmer Campus in downtown Charleston. There will be fun by the forkful as celebrity chefs take the culinary stage to show how chefs do it and CIC chefs take participants in the kitchens to cook hands-on. Add wine and beer classes and a Taste of the CIC buffet lunch, and you have a full plate.

· **Taste of the Arts** will be held Saturday evening, October 10, at various art galleries in downtown Charleston. The art walk combines Lowcountry art with the culinary arts and will showcase the talents of local artists while offering guests a sampling of appetizers from favorite Charleston restaurants. · **Taste of Charleston (Main Event)** will be held on Sunday, October 11, at

**Boone Hall Plantation** in Mount Pleasant. The event will showcase a sampling of the taste-tempting delights served at more than 40 of Charleston's finest restaurants. Additional highlights include the legendary Waiter's Wine Race, food and wine pairings, a selection of specialty and imported beers, cooking demonstrations, the Best of the Taste contest, live bands on the main stage and a Kids Corner (complete with a petting zoo).

Last year Charleston, South Carolina attracted nearly 5.5 million visitors. When surveyed, visitors indicated that food tied with history as Charleston's number one tourism attraction. Visitors and residents alike can't help themselves when it comes to enjoying a fare that rivals any in the nation, especially when it's served up with oysters, Lowcountry-style. **ABOUT THE LOWCOUNTRY OYSTER FESTIVAL:**

The Oyster Festival is a two-day tribute to the mighty mollusk so many of us know and love. It is little wonder that the Oyster Festival has been the highlight of Charleston's "January-doldrums" for the past 26 years. And for 20 consecutive years, the Lowcountry **Oyster Festival has been named one of the "top 20 events in the southeast"** by the Southeastern Tourism Society.

**MAIN EVENT LOCATION:** Since 1991 the Greater Charleston Restaurant Association has hosted the Lowcountry Oyster Festival's Main Event on the grounds of historic Boone Hall Plantation. Located on 700+ acres, just north of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, Boone Hall is one of America's oldest working plantations. It is a flexible venue which can comfortably accommodate groups from 30 to 15,000. The Oyster Festival uses multiple tents and a permanent stage on the plantation's spacious back lawn and acres of parking on the polo fields. **SAVE THE DATE:** The 27th annual Lowcountry Oyster Festival is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010.

#### **For Accommodations in Charleston**

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