

# FESTIVAL GUIDE

### **GREATER DFW AREA**

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### JANUARY

#### Texas Rangers Fan Fest | Arlington

The official annual winter warm-up of the Texas Rangers. This event features autograph sessions from top players, tours of the clubhouse, games and activities for kids of all ages, and interaction with past, current and future stars of the Texas Rangers. texas.rangers.mlb.com

#### Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo | Fort Worth Enjoy various livestock shows and professional rodeo

thrills. fwssr.com

### FEBRUARY

#### Mardis Gras Texas Style | Dallas

All of the food, fun and flavor of Mardi Gras and some of the hottest Texas Country Music acts. mardigrasdfw.com

#### Cowtown Marathon | Fort Worth

There's a race distance for everyone including the Cook Children's 5K, Adults 5K and 10K on Saturday and the Ultra Marathon, Marathon and Half Marathon. cowtownmarathon.org

### MARCH

#### Dallas St. Patrick's Day Parade | Dallas

"The Largest St. Patrick's Parade in the Southwest". A procession of floats and marchers make this festive Irish celebration a big draw for huge crowds who line the streets decked out in green. dallasstpatricksparade.com

#### Big Texas Beer Fest | Dallas

A celebration of craft brews from all over the world, as well as Texas' growing craft beer culture. **bigtexasbeerfest.com** 

#### Texas Pinball Festival | Frisco

More than 400 pinball machines, classic video games and other game room goodies set up on free play for everyone to enjoy the entire weekend! texaspinball.com

### APRIL

#### Cajun Fest | Celina

This free-admission festival features a massive crawfish boil, great music, an alligator show and fabulous shopping! **celina-tx.gov** 

#### Deep Ellum Art Festival | Dallas

Six blocks of Main Street in the Deep Ellum entertainment district will be transformed into a street festival that features hundreds of decorative and visual artists as well as musicians on four different stages. **deepellumartsfestival.com** 

#### Dallas Cowboys Draft Day Party | Frisco

Get close to the drafting action with live draft feed, war room footage, autographs and more! dallascowboys.com

#### Fort Worth Food & Wine Festival | Fort Worth A four day eating-and-sipping extravaganza. fortworthfoodandwinefestival.com

#### Arts in Bloom | McKinney

Experience the magic of McKinney's historic shopping district with art, music, food and more! mckinneytexas.org

### M A Y

#### Taste Addison | Addison

Taste Addison delivers the tastiest eateries with the best music at Addison Circle Park. tasteaddisontexas.com

**Dallas International Guitar Festival** | Dallas A rockin' gathering of guitar dealers, manufacturers,

collectors, celebrities and music enthusiasts! guitarshow.com

Elm Street Music & Tattoo Fest | Dallas

A celebration of the art of body modification and unapologetic rock and punk music. elmstreettattoo.com

#### **Texas Scottish Festival &**

Highland Games | Decatur Renowned for its outstanding entertainment, the Festival hosts top Scottish musicians, professional athletes, and champion highland dancers. texasscots.com

Wildflower! Art & Music Festival | Richardson An eclectic celebration of visual and performing arts with events and activities for all ages! wildflowerfestival.com

**Rockwall Founders Day Festival** | Rockwall Exciting bands, great food and drinks, games and a healthy dose of Rockwall's small town charm! **playrockwall.com** 

### **Ι Π Ν Ε**

#### Addison Summer Series | Addison

Pack a picnic for Addison's annual Summer Series. Spend your Saturday nights in June, July and August soaking up FREE live music from a variety of genres or enjoying a family-friendly movie. **addisontexas.net** 

#### Dallas Pride | Dallas

Watch the city of Dallas come alive with the vibrant celebration that is Dallas Pride. Loud, proud and loaded with events, Dallas Pride provides a weekend chock-full of parties, performances and a fabulous parade. **dallaspride.org** 

#### Taste of Dallas | Dallas

Taste of Dallas is a culinary event that promises full plates and full stomachs. The three-day festival hosts over 70 indoor and outdoor restaurants along with inspiring art and music that gets you moving. tasteofdallas.org

#### MuralFest | McKinney

In addition to watching murals come to life, you can enjoy food and drinks by neighborhood restaurant Tasty Casa, performances by local musicians, and fun activities for the kids.

millhousefoundation.org/muralfest



### JULY

#### Kaboom Town | Addison

The largest fireworks display in the metroplex, with over 1,500 lbs of fireworks plus an air show! addisonkaboomtown.com

#### Liberty by the Lake | The Colony

Celebrate America's freedom with family fun at The Colony! **libertybythelake.com** 

#### Asian Film Festival of Dallas | Dallas

This festival is dedicated to celebrating and supporting emerging and established Asian and Asian-American filmmakers and sharing the rich diversity of Asian culture through the medium of cinema. **asianfilmdallas.com** 

#### Fair Park Fourth | Dallas

Celebrate America with family fun in Fair Park at the City of Dallas' official Independence Day celebration. **fairpark.org** 

#### Frisco Freedom Fest | Frisco

Don't miss your once-in-a-year chance to celebrate our nation's birthday with fantastic food, great music and aaahhh-worthy fireworks! **friscofreedomfest.org** 

Rockin' the River - Live on the Trinity | Fort Worth Tube the Trinity River or bring a blanket and chairs and enjoy free concerts every Thursday. rockintheriverfw.com

#### Stars & Stripes | Southlake

A star-spangled celebration kicked off with patriotic music, followed by crafts, games, food and more! visitsouthlaketexas.com



### AUGUST

#### North Texas Fair & Rodeo | Denton

9 exciting nights of hot country music, top notch rodeos, livestock shows, shopping, food and more! ntfair.com

#### **DFW Restaurant Week** | DFW Metroplex Dine out, discover new eats and give back to the community. The summer's hottest food event! **dfwrestaurantweek.com**

#### ArtFest | McKinney

Explore juried art by local artisans showcased against the grandeur of century-old architecture. **millhousefoundation.org/artfest** 

### SEPTEMBER

#### Addison Oktoberfest | Addison

Named one of the country's most authentic Oktoberfest celebrations by *Forbes* and *USA Today*, Addison Oktoberfest features four days of family-oriented entertainment. German entertainers in authentic costumes perform traditional Bavarian folk dances, schuhplattling, oompah music, sing-alongs, yodels and more. **addisonoktoberfest.com** 

Autumn at the Arboretum | Dallas Named one of "America's Best Pumpkin Festivals". dallasarboretum.org

#### GrapeFest | Grapevine

GrapeFest is the place to discover and try new wines and even rediscover some of your favorite varietals. Along with celebrating the fruit of the vine, this four-day annual festival offers a variety of activities and events to discover. grapevinetexasusa.com/grapefest

#### Plano Balloon Festival | Plano

For three days in September each year, the sky of Plano is filled with hot air balloons. This action-packed weekend features a slew of family-friendly entertainment such as live concerts, skydiving performances and a kid's zone. **planoballoonfest.org** 

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#### Anna Harvest Fest | Anna

Live music, costume contest, a classic car show, a pumpkin carving content, and more! **greaterannachamber.com** 

**Putts & Pumpkins** | Allen, The Colony & Dallas Topgolf's Annual KidZone Halloween Party. Costumes encouraged! **topgolf.com** 

#### Six Flags Over Texas Fright Fest | Arlington

It's a spooky time of year as zombies and ghouls take over the park. Enjoy thrills and activities for the whole family throughout the day and come back for a truly frightening evening of fun after the sun goes down. sixflags.com



#### Cottonwood Art Festival | Richardson

This family-friendly festival features countless art vendors, stations, and displays of some of the best art from around the country. This is a great event for those with an artistic soul! **cottonwoodartfestival.com** 

#### Southlake Oktoberfest | Southlake

Take a stroll in Southlake's beautiful Town Square while looking at the unique, handcrafted arts and crafts booths. There's great food, live entertainment, and fun for the whole family. **oktoberfestsouthlake.com** 

#### State Fair of Texas | Dallas

A 24-day showcase of entertainment, exhibits and competition, in historic Fair Park, a 277-acre complex recognized for its beautiful landscaping and unique collection of art deco architecture. **bigtex.com** 

#### Scare on the Square | McKinney

Enjoy hayrides, treats and a safe, secure, family-fun Halloween event. Historic Downtown is closed off for trick-or-treaters to cross the street safely and go shop-to-shop for goodies. **mckinneytexas.org** 

### ΝΟVΕΜΒΕR

#### Chi Omega Christmas Market | Dallas

First held in 1978, this wonderful Christmas Market at Fair Park in Dallas has tons of unique gift items. **chiomegaxmas.org** 

#### Sundance Square Tree Lighting | Fort Worth

Celebrate the start of the holiday season with the lighting of a beautiful, live, 59-foot tall Christmas Tree. Sing along to holiday carols and enjoy a hot chocolate before a visit with Saint Nick himself! **sundancesquare.com** 

#### 12 Days of Christmas | Dallas

Celebrate the holidays like never before with this centerpiece exhibit featuring an elaborate collection of 25-foot Victorian gazebos filled with the charming costumed characters and whimsical animals made famous by the beloved Christmas carol. dallasarboretum.org

### DECEMBER

#### Texas Christkindl Market | Arlington

One of the largest open-air holiday markets in the Southwest! Nestled next to Globe Life Park, this family-friendly market features a unique shopping experience for gifts and holiday decorations along with authentic German cuisine, holiday beverages, live entertainment, children's activities, and much more! txchristkindlmarket.com

#### Old Fashioned Christmas | Carrollton

Victorian carolers stroll the grounds of the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum, spreading holiday cheer. Guides provide informal tours of the home decorated for the season. Children can make an old-fashioned Christmas tree ornament in the enlarged and expanded craft tent, and enjoy homemade style cookies and hot chocolate. cityofcarrollton.com

#### Christmas in the Stockyards | Fort Worth

A free holiday event centered on western heritage activities that the entire family can enjoy. fortworthstockyards.org

#### Christmas on Main | Grapevine

Step back in time this season at Christmas on Main, with the beautiful backdrop of the Victorian-style buildings dressed up with ribbons, bows and wreaths and set aglow with twinkling lights! **grapevinetexasusa.com** 

#### Home for the Holidays ...

A McKinney Christmas | McKinney Downtown McKinney's premier festival! It's a new spin on an old favorite with horse-drawn carriages, traveling carolers, visits with Santa Claus, a Christmas tree lighting ceremony and activities for all ages. mckinneytexas.org



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