



2017 Festival Facts

Dates & Times: April 8 – May 29, 2017
Saturdays & Sundays + Memorial Day Monday
10 am – 7 pm Daily

**Please DO NOT use
the term "MEDIEVAL"!**

A North Texas Tradition for over 36 Years!

Location: 2511 FM 66 (just off I-35E) in Waxahachie, Texas
30 minutes south of Downtown Dallas & Fort Worth
1 hour north of Waco

Tickets: \$28 Adults / \$13 Children (5-12) Children 4 & under are FREE
Discount Tickets available at Tom Thumb & Albertsons starting April 3, 2017
"\$10 off 2 Tickets" Discount Coupon 2 Tickets available at MetroPCS March 24 -
April 30, 2017 (coupons only valid through April 30, 2017).
Discount Coupons available at Waxahachie Autoplex
Military Discount offered all season long - \$4 off at the gate for active military
members
Group discounts and Consignment Programs are also available

Annual Attendance: 200,000

Theme: ***Step Back in Time for the Time of Your Life!***

More Information: SRFestival.com Facebook & Twitter: [SRFestival](#) Instagram: [theSRFestival](#)

What is Scarborough Renaissance Festival®:

The 37th Annual Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is the North Texas tradition that is interactive fun for everyone, 16th Century style - set in the days of King Henry VIII within our 35-acre (re-created) English Village!

Enjoy full combat jousting and birds of prey exhibitions; a human chess match, the Mermaid Lagoon, 24 stages of non-stop Renaissance entertainment and our performing company of over 155. Discover 200 shoppes of exquisite crafts and be amazed by artisans demonstrating crafts such as glass blowing, stone carving, metal forging, leather works, glass sculpting and weaving. Plus, there are Knighting Ceremonies, a Grande Parade, Renaissance rides, games of skill and so much more.

Visitors can partake in food & drink Fit for a King with 5 food court areas (kitchens), a full service restaurant and 11 pubs & taverns. For the more discerning tastes there are daily wine and beer tastings as well.

Every weekend also has a different theme and a variety of special events, so come experience it all as you Step Back in Time for the Time of your life this Spring at Scarborough Renaissance Festival®!



2017 Themed Weekends and Special Events

- **April 8 & 9** **Opening Weekend/Kid's Free /Senior Discount**
 - All children 12 and under are FREE this weekend only (up to 3 children free with each paid adult)
 - Senior Discount weekend – 1/2 Price for seniors 65+ all weekend
- **April 15 & 16** **Celtic Weekend / Easter**
 - Celtic themed activities & contests such as a Scottish Egg Eating Contests, Tug-O-War and more
 - Special Celtic Performances throughout the weekend
 - Renaissance Easter Service on Sunday, April 16th along with other special Easter activities
- **April 22 & 23** **Royal Ale Festival**
 - Ale Festival Tasting event both Saturday & Sunday – sampling a wide variety of beer while enjoying a variety of entertainment and tasty snacks
 - Separate ticketed event 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm each day. \$10 per person. Must be 21 or older to participate
- **April 29 & 30** **Artisan's Showcase Weekend**
 - Showcase of Scarborough's wide variety of artisans and works of art
 - Best in Show contest and Artisan's Scavenger Hunt
 - **Deaf Awareness Day** – Saturday April 29
- **May 6 & 7** **Live the Fantasy Weekend**
 - Fantasy enthusiasts, cosplay fans and techies – this weekend is just for you! Come Live the Fantasy and show off your best costumes! Adult & children's costume contests each day plus a children's fairy initiation ceremony.
- **May 13 & 14** **Mother's Day Weekend/Renaissance Romance**
 - **Mother's Day Brunch:** Each day of Mother's Day weekend 11 am – 12 noon, treat Mom to a scrumptious Mother's Day brunch buffet and lively entertainment
 - **Vow Renewal Ceremony** – Couples are invited to join us the Scarborough Wedding Garden to renew their wedding vows at 12 noon each day – FREE
 - **Vow Renewal Reception** – 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm each day, immediately following the Vow Renewal Ceremony, couples are invited to join us for a reception to celebrate their unions with a mead toast in souvenir Scarborough glasses and cake. Cost is \$35 per couple.
- **May 20 & 21** **Legends of the Seas Weekend**
 - Hoist anchor and swash your buckles, it's a yo-ho-ho of a weekend celebrating those legends of the seas – Mermaids & Pirates! Children's costume contest plus Pirate games and a Pirate initiation ceremony each day!
- **May 27, 28 & 29** **Final Knights/Veterans Tribute**
 - This lively weekend closes out the 2017 season
 - Memorial Day Veterans tribute – all active and retired military members are invited to march in the Grande Parade at 1 pm on Memorial Day Monday, May 29 plus there will be a special tribute to all veterans immediately following the Parade.



2017 Daily Special Events

- **Wine Tasting Events** (must be 21 to attend)
 - **1:00 pm and 3:00 pm** every day at the Cat & Fiddle Vinery
 - One hour wine tasting experience conducted by Scarborough's certified Sommelier
 - Includes specially paired fruit and cheese plate and souvenir wine glass
 - \$30 per person
- **Beer Tasting Events** (must be 21 to attend)
 - **12 noon and 3:00 pm** every day at the Village Green
 - One hour beer tasting experience conducted by Scarborough's brew master
 - Includes specially paired fruit & cheese plate and souvenir glass
 - \$30 per person
- **Grande Parade**
 - **1:00 pm** each day
 - Villagers, artisans, nobles and knights join together for an extravagant march through the Village of Scarborough. See banners held high and even catch a glimpse of Their Majesties – King Henry VIII and Queen Margaret
- **Human Chess Match**
 - **3:00 pm** each day at the Chess Field
 - The classic game of strategy played with real combatants! Knight takes pawn... with a sword!
- **Children's Knighting Ceremony**
 - **4:00 pm** each day at the Royal Marquee
 - Children of all ages are invited to be presented to Their Majesties to be recognized for acts of courage and deeds of meritorious service. Each participant receives a seal that names them a Knight of the Realm or a Lady of the Court
 - FREE



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History/Overview

2017 marks the 37th Season of Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. The Festival began on a patch of pasture land and a Pecan Grove with tents and a handful of Renaissance entertainers and artisans. Since that time it has grown to become one of the largest Renaissance Festivals in the United States as well as one of the country's largest outdoor juried craft shows.

General Facts

- Began in 1981
- Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is a Renaissance themed festival set in a re-created 16th Century English village celebrating the mirth and merriment during the days of King Henry VIII
- The festival runs 8 consecutive weekends and Memorial Day each Spring (April & May)
- One of the largest events and most unique entertainment experiences in North Texas
- One of the largest and most popular Renaissance festivals in the country (consistently voted among the top Renaissance festivals as well as the top of many other categories)
- The “village” of Scarborough is 35 acres (larger than most shopping malls) set within a 155 acre site
- (225) Renaissance style permanent structures
- The festival employs more than 2,000 performers, artisans, food service staff, grounds crew and retail staff – approximately half from Waxahachie area and the D/FW Metroplex
- (24) Entertainment stages with more than 300 performers entertaining each day of the Festival
- (155+) Member performing company “the cast of Scarborough” – Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA)
- (200) Shoppes - Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is one of the largest outdoor “juried” craft shows in the country
- (150+) Artisans including over twenty Artisans demonstrating their crafts each day of the Festival
- (5) Food Areas (Kitchens)
- (11) Pubs & Taverns including (1) full bar & sit down restaurant
- More than (20) tons of the Festival's famous Giant Turkey Legs are devoured annually during the eight week festival
- An average of (20) Weddings are conducted at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® annually during the course of each eight week season (real weddings – not performances)
- Average visit is (5) hours
- The festival is a privately held company owned by the same two families since its inception

National Recognition

- NBC's First Look
- Travel Channel
- CNN.com
- Food Network



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Accolades

- **Best Place to Escape Reality** – Dallas Observer
- **“Top (#2) Family Friendly Renaissance Faire in the U.S.”** – Family Vacation Critic
- **Best Seasonal Event in Ellis Co** – Waxahachie Daily Light
- **Top 5 Things to Do in D/FW** – Dallas Morning News
- **Top 6 Events Not to Miss in D/FW** – Dallas Child
- **Top 10 Things to Do** – Fort Worth Star Telegram
- **Best Bet** – Dallas Voice
- **2015 Renaissance Festival Awards**
 - #1 Best Jousting Troupe – *Noble Cause Productions*
 - #1 Best Dance Troupe – *The Vodca Family*
 - #1 Best Bawdy Show – *Iris & Rose, Wild & Thorny*
 - #2 Best Stage Combat Group Show – *Don Juan & Miguel*
 - #2 Best Children’s Show – *Fool Hearty*
 - #2 Best Musical Stage Show – *Tartanic*
 - #2 Best Music Solo Stage Show – *Cast in Bronze*
 - #2 Best Shop Vendor – *Pendragon Costumes*
 - #3 Best Non-Musical Solo Stage Show – *Zilch the Torysteller*

Entertainment

- (24) Stages of continuous live entertainment with over 200 performances daily
 - Sword Fighting, Whip Masters, Comedians, Acrobats, Musicians, Singers, Jugglers, Scottish Bagpipes, Magicians, Belly Dancing, Renaissance period instrumentals, Court Dancing, Escape Artist, Flame Throwers, Puppeteers and more
- (3) Full Combat Jousts each day
- Birds of Prey exhibitions conducted by “Last Chance Forever” Birds of Prey Conservancy
- Grande Parade, Children’s Knighting Ceremony, Human Chess Match, Renaissance Rides, Games of Skill, and much more!
- History, Customs & Manners lessons and Historic Weapons demonstrations
- (155+) Members of the Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA) make up the performing company that become the “characters” of Scarborough including our very own King Henry VIII and his sister Queen Margaret, their Courts, the Nobles, Villagers and Peasants.
 - The majority of the SAPA performers are volunteer actors and perform eight consecutive weekends of 10 hours a day, outdoor improvisational theater on our 35 acre stage
 - SAPA conducts eight weeks of rigorous training and rehearsals *prior* to the festival
 - A number of performances and activities also involve SAPA members: Children’s Knighting Ceremony; The Human Chess Match; History, Customs & Manners Show; Maypole Dance/Ceremony; Court & Country Dances and more.
 - Many SAPA performers have been in “character” for many years. In fact King Henry VIII is celebrating his 22nd year in the role and Queen Margaret is celebrating her 20th year!



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Visual Artwork, Crafts & Demonstrations

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is one the largest outdoor juried craft shows in the country and is the place to go to discover the most unique artwork and handmade crafts in North Texas. The Festival has 200 Shoppes featuring one-of-a-kind treasures for every taste and budget. Many of the artisans demonstrate their crafts throughout the days of the Festival and/or are on hand to talk about the outstanding workmanship and unusual techniques that go into creating every piece.

- **Glass Works** - Full glassblowing and glass sculpting studios at the festival. Blown glass (glasses, mugs, bowls, etc), sculpted glass figurines, jewelry, stained glass, cut glass and more
- **Painters & other visual artists** - paintings, charcoals, handmade books, etc.
- **Sculpting** - Life castings, intricate stone & wax carvings
- **Jewelry** - Precious stones, intricate beadworks, gold & silver masterpieces, chainmaille, crowns & tiaras
- **Pottery** - figurines plus functional pieces – bowls, mugs, pitchers & more
- **Woodworking** – musical instruments, carvings, mugs, bowls, walking sticks, treasure boxes, wands, model ships, toys, whistles, swords, bows, etc
- **Metalsmithing** - operational forge & blacksmithing shoppes at the festival with daily demonstrations with pewter, cast iron & steel. Household wares, wine racks, head boards, figurines, etc. Plus, swords & knives
- **Clothiers, Leatherworks & Hammock Weaving**
 - Fine, handmade clothing – weaving, needlepoint, silk works, cotton, wool & more
 - Clothing: dresses, capes, corsets, shirts, wraps, period attire, kilts, footwear, etc.
 - Accessories: scarves, belts, woven bags, leather pouches, wallets, purses, head-ware, parasols, etc
 - Household items: hammocks, pennants & tabards
- **Miscellaneous** - Soaps, Perfumes, lotions, oils, incense, dolls, handmade/painted masks, Ocarinas, hand fans, fairy wings and much, much more

Food & Drink Fit for a King

- (5) Food court areas (kitchens) are strategically located throughout the Festival site, each offering a completely different, non-traditional “fair” menu selection
- (1) Full service restaurant
- Daily wine and beer tasting events conducted each day
- Plus, our very own Bakery, Pasta Shop and roving specialty food carts
- Festival favorites include:
 - Giant Roasted Turkey Legs, Scottish Eggs, the *largest Food-On-A-Stick selection in Texas* (chicken, steak, sausage, fruit, macaroni & cheese, mushrooms, key lime pie, and more on-a-stick), hand-made Pastas, crab cakes, quiches, crepes, Sheppard’s Pie, meat pies, Etouffee, fresh fruit, salads, Jumbo Fajitas, delectable pastries and hundreds of other international foods
- (11) Pubs & Taverns and (1) full bar