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Pirates & Mermaids take over Scarborough Renaissance Festival May 21 & 22!

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX (May 16, 2016) – Pirates and Mermaids take over Scarborough Renaissance Festival® May 21 – 22, 2016 when we celebrate their mysteries and mischievousness with the Legends of the Seas weekend! Children in mermaid and pirate costumes are invited to compete in a costume contest presided over by none other than our very own King Henry VIII at 1:15 pm each day. Get all the details and register for the contest at the Front Gate by 12 noon each day. On both Saturday and Sunday, there will also be a children's Pirate Initiation ceremony at 12 noon at the Festival's Royal Marquee (where the Knighting Ceremony traditionally takes place) and a Children's Pirate Treasure Hunt throughout the Festival site. Pirate Treasure Hunt maps can be found at East Wind Games.

For the teenagers & adults there will be Pirate Games taking place at the Sea Hag Stage at 4:00 pm each day. Those wishing to participate in the Pirate Games will need to register at the Front Gate by 12 noon.

"So many people join in the fun of pirates and mermaids it truly looks like an invasion at Scarborough during the Legends of the Seas Weekend", says Coy Sevier, General Manager of Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. *"You might even see the queen of the Mermaids or a few Captain Jack Sparrows among our visitors".*

There is interactive fun for everyone at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® as you step back in time to the 16th Century days of King Henry VIII. 23 stages of extraordinary non-stop entertainment, full combat jousting, Birds of Prey exhibitions, the Grande Parade, Renaissance rides, games of skills, plus mermaids, knighting ceremonies, a human chess match, over 150 costumed performers and so much more!

Guest entertainers this weekend (May 21st and 22nd) include "The German Brothers", "Dublin Doubles" and "Tobias the Adequate".

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is also one of the largest outdoor juried craft shows in the country offering an incredible shopping experience with exquisite hand-made crafts in over 200 shoppes. Plus, artisans demonstrate a variety of age-old crafts throughout each day of the Festival. Visitors are invited to discover new shoppes such as "Lady of the Lake Silks", "The Knarly Knot", "Sea Glass Gypsy", "Book Faire" and "Namesake Henna" along with guest Artisans "Art by Allison" and "Queen Bee Honey".

The May 21st and 22nd daily Wine & Beer Tastings will feature wines and beers of The New World. The tastings sell out fast, so it is recommend that you purchase tasting tickets in advance. Make sure to check out the daily specials at the Rose & Crown Inn full service restaurant, Pasta Palace and Bakery as well.

Just two weekends left in the 2016 season! Scarborough Renaissance Festival® 2016 runs every Saturday & Sunday (and Memorial Day Monday) now through May 30, 2016. Each weekend has a different theme and a variety of special events. The final 2016 theme weekend will be Final Knights May 28th, 29th and the Veterans Tribute on Memorial Day, May 30th.

Located in Waxahachie, Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is just 30 minutes south of Dallas and Fort Worth on FM 66 off of I-35E at exit 399 B (*please note the NEW exit number*). From Austin or Waco, follow I-35E north to Exit 399.

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 5-12 . Children age 4 and under are admitted free. Parking is free compliments of Waxahachie Autoplex. Tickets are available on-line. Discount tickets can be purchased at Tom Thumb and Albertsons stores. Discount coupons can be found at Waxahachie Autoplex. Sponsored by Dr Pepper and MetroPCS. For more information visit **SRFestival.com**. Facebook & Twitter (SRFestival) or on Instagram (theSRFestival).

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