

Scarborough Renaissance Festival®

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Pirates & Mermaids Invade Scarborough Renaissance Festival® May 20 & 21!

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX (May 15, 2017) – Pirates and mermaids invade Scarborough Renaissance Festival® May 20 & 21, 2017 for the second to last weekend of the 2017 season when we celebrate their mysteries and mischievousness with the Legends of the Seas weekend! Children (12 & under) in mermaid and pirate costumes are invited to compete in a costume contest 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 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 Sparrow’s’ among our visitors”.

Visitors to Scarborough Renaissance Festival® are also invited to experience a keg tapping that is being done just as they did it hundreds of years ago. The Franconia Brewery from McKinney, TX will be conducting a keg tapping of its “Franconia Kristallweizen” both Saturday and Sunday at Scarborough Renaissance Festival's Village Green Beer Garden at 11:45 am hosted by Scarborough's Beer Master, Seamus Norwood (who is also the host of the Festival's daily beer tasting events). The event is free with Festival admission. The keg used in the tapping event is an original 200 year old keg from Franconia's owner, Dennis Wehrmann's family brewery in Tanna, Germany. This keg tapping event is something that all beer lovers will want to make sure to attend! Following the tapping events, the Franconia Kristallweizen (tapped from the keg) will be sold exclusively at the Village Green Beer Garden while supplies last.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is interactive fun for everyone, 16th Century style offering 24 stages of extraordinary non-stop entertainment, full combat jousting, Birds of Prey exhibitions, a human chess match, the Mermaid Lagoon and a 150+ members performing company. There are 200 shoppes of exquisite crafts and amazing artisan demonstrations. Plus, Children's Knighting Ceremonies, a Grande Parade, Renaissance rides, games of skill and so much more.

Limited engagement performers this weekend (May 20th & 21st) include “Cirqa Brava” (high flying acrobatics & comedy), “Captain Creosote & Major Burns” (hilarious chimney sweeps), “Danny Lord – Silent Wicked Comedy” (unique humor and silent comedy), “Simple Simon” (comedy, magic and side show stunts), “Queen Anne's Lace” (A cappella singing), “Dublin Doubles” (Celtic music) and “Tobias the Adequate” (bombastic goofball magic and comedy).

From the Artisan's Realm, discover new Festival shoppes and guest Artisans: Magpie's Trick, Queen Bee Honey and Honey Products, Hand Drawn Fantastical Portraits and Three Bells Tapestries.

The May 20th and 21st daily Wine Tastings will feature the wines of the New World and the daily Beer Tastings will feature beers of the New World, West. 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 as the largest food on-a-stick selection in Texas!

Upcoming Themed Weekends and Special Events are Final Knights May 27th, 28th & 29th and special Memorial Day Veterans Tribute on May 29th to close out the 2017 season.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival[®] is open Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day Monday, now through May 29, 2017 from 10 AM to 7 PM. Located in Waxahachie, Scarborough Renaissance Festival[®] is just 30 minutes south of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex on FM 66 off of I-35E at exit 399B. From Austin or Waco, follow I-35E north to Exit 399.

Admission is \$28 for adults and \$13 for children, ages 5-12 . Children age 4 and under are admitted free. Parking is free compliments of Waxahachie Nissan. Food, drinks, games and rides all require cash. The Festival does have ATMs on-site, but it is recommended that you bring cash with you to avoid lines at the ATMs. Most of the artisan shoppes, the ticket booth and the Rose & Crown Inn Restaurant also accept credit cards.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival[®] tickets are available at the gate on Festival days and on-line at SRFestival.com. Discount tickets can be purchased in advance at D/FW area Tom Thumb & Albertsons stores and discount coupons are available at Waxahachie Nissan. Sponsored by Dr Pepper and MetroPCS. For more information visit **SRFestival.com**. Facebook & Twitter (SRFestival) or on Instagram (theSRFestival).

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