



2018 Festival Facts

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"Scarborough Faire"

Dates & Times: April 7 – May 28, 2018
Saturdays & Sundays + Memorial Day Monday
10 am – 7 pm Daily
Interactive Fun for Everyone 16th Century Style!

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 March 31, 2018
- "\$10 off 2 Tickets" Discount Coupons available at MetroPCS March 23 - April 29, 2018 (coupons only valid through April 29, 2018).
- Discount Coupons available at Waxahachie Nissan starting April 2, 2018
- Military Discount offered all season long - \$4 off at the gate for active military members
- Group discounts and Consignment Programs are also available

Parking: Free compliments of Waxahachie Nissan

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®:

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is interactive fun for everyone, 16th Century style! Here you will discover our 35-acre recreation of an English village celebrating the visit of King Henry VIII and his beloved wife, Catherine of Aragon and their guests to the "Village of Scarborough" with a festival of entertainment, artisans, food, magic and merriment!

Enjoy full combat jousting and birds of prey exhibitions; a living chess match, a Mermaid Lagoon, 27 stages of non-stop Renaissance entertainment including *over a dozen new shows* and our performing company of over 150. Discover 200 shoppes of exquisite crafts and amazing artisan demonstrations. Experience Knighting Ceremonies, a Grande Parade, Renaissance rides, games of skill and so much more.

Feast on food & drink fit for a king with 5 food court areas including the Village Bakery, Pasta Palace, our famous giant roasted Turkey Legs and the largest food-on-a-stick selection in Texas. There is also a full service restaurant and 12 pubs & taverns. For the more discerning tastes there are *daily* wine and beer tasting events as well.

Each weekend also has a different theme and a variety of special events.



2018 Themed Weekends and Special Events

- **April 7 & 8: Time Traveler's Weekend/Opening Weekend:** Adult Costume contest celebrating Steampunk and other Time Traveler's along with a Children's Travel through Scarborough Scavenger Hunt.
 - Kid's Free: Kids 12 & Under Free (3 with each paid adult) and Senior's Half Price Discount (Half price single day tickets for Adults 65+ - at the gate only) this weekend only.
- **April 14 & 15: Artisan's Showcase Weekend:** Explore the tremendous variety of wares that the Village Artisans of Scarborough have to offer in our 5th Annual Artisan's Showcase! There will be Showcase tents in each of the three areas of the Festival, a Best in Show contest, an Artisan's gift basket giveaway and an Artisan's Scavenger Hunt. Plus, Shop & Win – by turning in receipts totaling \$250 or more to get free 2018 Scarborough tickets.
- **April 21 & 22: Celtic Weekend:** Unleash your inner Celt this Weekend while enjoying special Scottish bagpipe music from the Rogues, Irish Dancing by Shandon O'Regan School of Irish Dancers, Celtic Themed Contests, and special Keg Tapping events with Franconia Brewing.
- **April 28 & 29: Royal Ale Festival:** Bring your friends and meet a few new ones while sampling a wide variety of beer and enjoying lively entertainment and tasty snacks at Scarborough's annual Royal Ale Festival 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm each day. \$10 per person (in addition to Festival admission). Tickets may be purchased in advance on-line or at the event itself. Must be 21 or older to participate. Plus the all new Stein Holding Competition will take place at 2:00 pm each day.
- **Deaf Awareness Day, Saturday April 28th.** Special Signed performances throughout the Festival provided by Hired Hands, Inc.
- **May 5 & 6: Live the Fantasy/Spring Celebration Weekend:** Fantasy enthusiasts, Cosplay Fans and techies – this weekend is just for you! Come Live the Fantasy and show off your best costumes with adult & children's costume contests each day. Plus there's a children's fairy initiation ceremony. **Spring Celebration:** join in the fun with the Villagers of Scarborough as they commemorate "May Day" and the beginning of Spring by adorning beautiful flowers throughout the weekend!
- **May 12 & 13: Celebrating Chivalry Weekend:**
 - Mother's Day Brunch: Treat Mom to a scrumptious brunch buffet (either Saturday or Sunday) along with lively entertainment and a special visit from the Royal Court to honor all mothers! This is a separate ticketed event (in addition to Festival admission) with limited seating available. Tickets \$20 for adults (13 & up), \$10 for children (5-12) and free for kids 4 & under. Brunch takes place 12:00 pm – 1:00 each day. Get your Tickets early at SRFestival.com before they sell out!
 - Vow Renewal Ceremony: Couples are invited to join us in the lovely Scarborough Wedding Garden at 11:30 am (each day) to renew their wedding vows. Free with Festival admission. Plus don't miss the all new Wooing Contest.
- **May 19 & 20: 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 and all manner of sea creatures! There will be children's costume contests each day plus special Pirate music with the Bilge Pumps and Sea Shanty Sing Along. Also don't forget to check out the all new So you Want to be a Sailor? show.
- **May 26, 27, & 28: The Last Huzzah:** Come give one Last Huzzah as we close out the 2018 season with a grand celebration over the 3 day Memorial Day Weekend with music, merriment & magic throughout the Village of Scarborough! Of course you never know when you might encounter a few surprises as well! **Memorial Day:** Active Military & Veterans are invited to march in the Grande Parade and everyone is invited to attend the Fallen Heroes Tribute ceremony immediately following the Parade.



2018 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
 - An intimate one hour wine tasting and educational experience conducted by Scarborough's certified Sommelier.
 - Includes specially paired fruit and cheese plate and souvenir wine glass
 - \$30 per person (in addition to Festival admission) - *Limited seating available*

- **Beer Tasting Events** (must be 21 to attend)
 - **12 noon and 3:00 pm** every day at the Village Green
 - An intimate one hour beer tasting and educational experience conducted by Scarborough's brew master. Includes specially paired fruit & cheese plate and souvenir glass
 - \$30 per person (in addition to Festival admission) - *Limited seating available*

- **Grande Parade**
 - **1:00 pm** each day
 - **A spectacle of villagers, entertainers and Courts on the march each day through the entire Village of Scarborough**

- **Living 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 protector of the realm.
 - **FREE**



2018 – New & Notable

Things to Note

- The year in which our Festival is set has changed to 1521 at the beginning of the reign of King Henry VIII during his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. The 150+ members of the Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA) bring this period to life with their outstanding portrayals of these historical figures and other period characterizations.
- A number of our fan favorites will be performing on new stages/locations at this year's Festival including Don Juan & Miguel, Zilch the Tory Steller, The Fire Whip Show, Nature of Mercy, Cale the Juggler and several others.
- Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is family friendly with many performances and activities for kids such as the Children's Knighting Ceremony, Living Chess Match, the Mermaid Lagoon, Fae Follies, Nature of Mercy, Tales from the Village, Renaissance Rides, games of skill and much more!
- There are some performances that are geared toward a more mature audience (16+). They include: Arthur Greenleaf Holmes the Wildly Inappropriate Poet, Christophe the Insultor, Iris & Rose – Wild and Thorny and the King's Pub - Pub Sing.

New Entertainment

- **Acrobatix** – a two-person comedy circus spectacular
- **Deante' Fettucine** – the world's premier red-nosed rope-walking Spaghetti juggler
- **Fae Follies** – a fun-filled journey of story, music & laughs with fairies & trolls
- **Garry Siler** – a minstrel with songs for the cradle to the grave
- **Glenn the Wee Piper** – enjoy the sweet tones of the Scottish Small pipes
- **Hoop Enchantress (5/19-5/28)** – Erin spins, twirls and dances her many dazzling hoops
- **Iron Hill Vagabonds** – this traditional Irish Folk duo delights with banter and a mix of classical & original songs
- **Ky Hote (4/7 – 4/8)** – the most dangerous guitar player combining adventurous arrangements of Celtic tunes & tall tales
- **Mass Appeal with Father Martin** – villagers ponder life's most important questions, but hardly ever agree
- **Scarborough Hath Talent** – the talent competition where anything could happen and the points matter not
- **Scarborough Waites** – the musicians of the Town Watch perform with trumpet & drum to announce the presence of royalty and highlight the jousts
- **Sea Shanty Sing Along (5/19 – 5/20)** – Sea Shanties are taught and sung by Tobias Anchor, Bosun and Shantyman
- **So you Want to be a Sailor?** – comic, interactive show that will help you discover if you have the skills, dexterity and cleverness to sail the seven seas
- **Synderre the Fae Queen** – the Queen of the Fairies floats through the lanes entertaining with stories and dance and bestowing gifts of fairy magic
- **Tales from the Village** – an interactive story telling show for youngsters of all ages
- **The Bilge Pumps (5/19 & 20)** – billowing voices performing nautical songs, sea shanties and Celtic music with a huge dose of silly comedy
- **The Flying Freak Show** – Sir Real the Puppet Man brings puppets, comedy and audience participation to the stage. It's silly but smart, weird & wonderful!
- **The Rogues (4/21 – 4/22)** – Grammy nominated Celtic music with exceptionally well played bagpipes and driving percussion
- **The Spindleshanks** – fantastical creatures and tall friendly folk striding through the village embodying the folklore of Scarborough!
- **The Toobadours (5/5 – 5/13 & 5/26-5/28)** – enjoy the hi-jinx of the Schnozzians, Hoppy & Fly as they perform "pinkerdoodling" a musical journey of juggling, music & fun
- **Wolgemut** – (vol-guh-moot) meaning to "be in a good mood", this traditional German style bagpipe and percussion group present a high energy show with historical music on original instrument. They make the Renaissance Rock!



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New & Guest Artisans

- **Enchanted Chains** - *New Artisan* (April 7 - May 28)
- **Fuglyware** (pottery) – *New & Guest Artisan* (May 19 – 28)
- **Hang De Sign** – *New Artisan* (April 7 – May 28)
- **KPE – Pressed Flowers in Glass** (glass works) – *New & Guest Artisan* (May 5 – 13)
- **Living Art & Lanterns** – *New Artisan* (April 7 – May 28)
- **Magpie’s Trick** – *New Artisan* (April 7 – May 28)
- **Masquerade Life Casting** – *Guest Artisan* (May 5 -13)
- **Painted by U** – *New & Guest Artisan* (April 7 – April 29)
- **Runaway Rabbit Press** – *New Artisan* (April 7 – May 28)
- **Sculpted Jewelry by Connie Colten** – *Guest Artisan* (May 5 – 13)
- **Soarsa Studios** (jewelry) – *New & Guest Artisan* (May 19 – 28)
- **Storm Leather Werks** – *New & Guest Artisan* (April 7 – April 29)
- **SWS Cutlery** – *New & Guest Artisan* (April 7 – 29 and May 19-28)
- **Three Bells Tapestries** – *New Artisan* (April 7 – May 28)

New Food Offerings

- **Stuffed Tater Kegs** (jumbo tater tots stuffed with bacon, cheddar cheese & chives)
- **Frito Pies** (Frito corn chips with chili & cheese topping)
- **Irish Bangers & Mash** (Irish sausage and mashed potatoes with a brown gravy with onions)
- **Yogurt Parfaits** (vanilla yogurt with fruit & granola topping)
- **Fruit Smoothies**



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History/Overview

2018 marks the 38th 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 with 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 the Waxahachie area and the D/FW Metroplex
- (27) Entertainment stages with more than 300 performers entertaining each day of the Festival
- (150) Member performing company makes up the “the cast” of Scarborough – Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA). This includes the characters of the Royal Court, villagers, gypsies and more
- (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)
- (12) 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

Entertainment

- (27) 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, Aerialists, 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, Living Chess Match, Renaissance Rides, Games of Skill, and much more!
- History, Customs & Manners lessons and Historic Weapons demonstrations
- (150) Members of the Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA) make up the performing company that become the “characters” of Scarborough including the Royal Court, visiting Nobility, 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 Living Chess Match, History, Customs & Manners Show, Scarborough Hath Talent, Tales from the Village, the Fae Follies, Maypole Dance/Ceremony; Court & Country Dances and more.
 - Many SAPA performers have been in “character” for many years. In fact Queen Margaret is celebrating her 21st year!



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Visual Artwork, Crafts & Demonstrations

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is one of 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 also 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, 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 & tapestries
- **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
- (12) Pubs & Taverns and (1) full bar
- Scarborough Mead – specially blended exclusively for Scarborough Renaissance Festival by North Texas’ La Buena Vida Winery