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SUWANEES WILD WILD FEST

2023

Round up your kinfolk and head on down to Town Center Park on September 16 and 17 for the 39th annual Suwanee Fest - a whole weekend filled with shopping, arts, entertainment, food, and more!

The shindig starts with a **jaw-droppin' parade** featuring bands, floats, performers, and more. Prizes are awarded to floats and participants in a variety of categories.

When the parade wraps up, mosey on down to Town Center Park where **200 vendors and exhibitors** will be selling their handcrafted goods and lip-smackin' delights. You'll find all kinds of artists, craftsmen, and vittle purveyors showing off their talents.

Y'all can also enjoy a heapin' helpin' of **live entertainment** all weekend! Dance groups, acrobats, solo artists, bands, and other groups will take center stage and be featured throughout the park.

We ain't forgotten 'bout the little ones neither! We got plenty of free activities for the tenderfoots in the **Family Fun Zone**, better known as the A-Okay Corral 'round these parts. The kiddos can attempt a series of cowboy obstacles, including a hay-mazing maze, rodeo round up, and more! Rides and inflatables are also available throughout the park.

Wanna be a part of this hoedown? We're lookin' for over 200 volunteers to help us wrangle this year's Suwanee Fest and make it a rootin' tootin' success!

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8am - 8pm ♣ Free Shuttle
to/from offsite parking

9am ♣ Parade

10am - 7pm

Arts & crafts exhibitors, inflatable rides,
family fun zone, food vendors

10:30am - 7pm

Free on-stage entertainment

5:30pm ♣ Headliner

Savannah Jack

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:30am - 7pm ♣ Free Shuttle
to/from offsite parking

Noon - 5pm

Arts & crafts exhibitors, inflatable rides,
family fun zone, food vendors,
free on-stage entertainment

4:00pm ♣ Headliner

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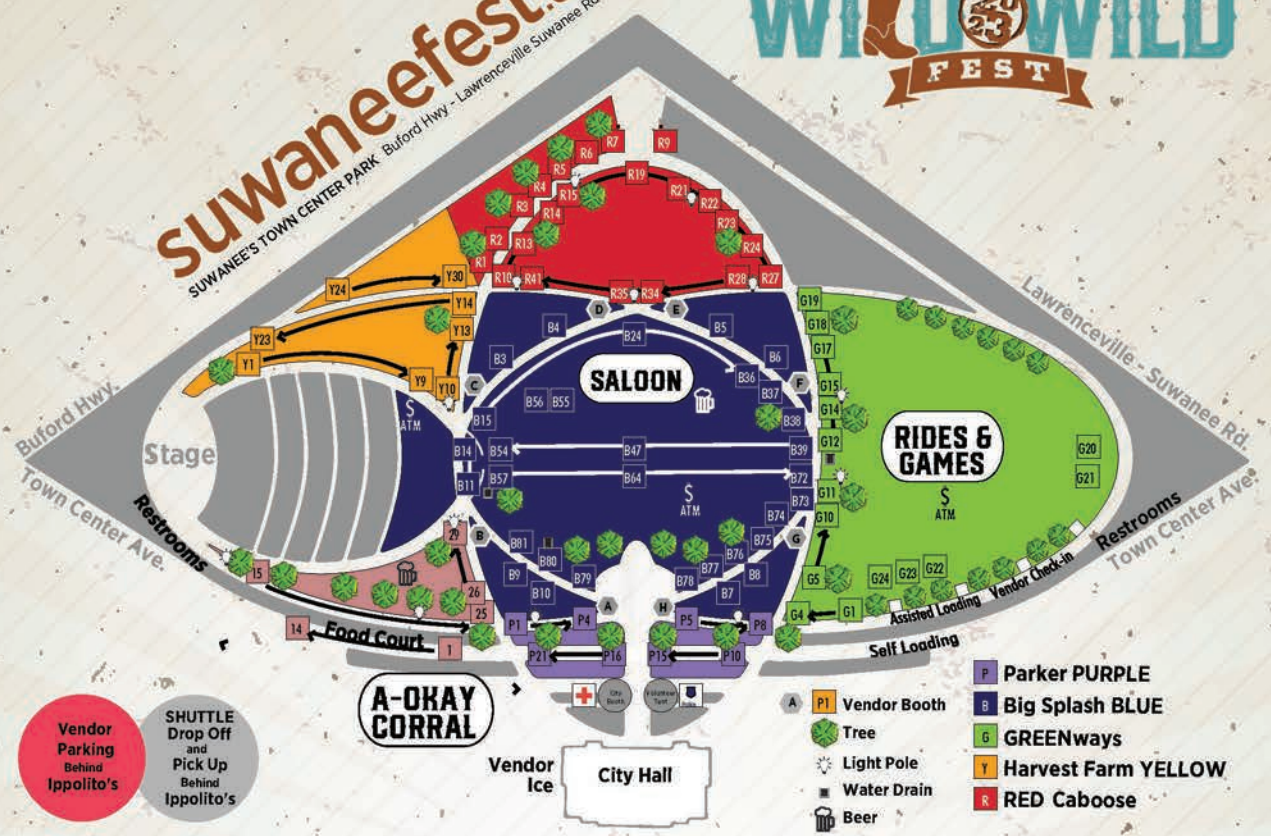
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Whether you're looking for handcrafted treasures, fine artwork, wood and metalwork, or a whole heap of gourmet grub that'll leave you full as a tick, Suwanee Fest is home to some of the finest purveyors this side of the Mississippi! Mosey on down to Town Center Park and

SHOP NEARLY 200 TALENTED ARTISTS.



COINHOLE + BOOTH # B 46

Ever been chained to your desk, when all you really want is to go outside and play cornhole? Introducing Coinhole! Great for giveaways, awards, and unique gifts, Coinhole is a 100% handcrafted mini version of cornhole played with quarters! Simply bounce a quarter or coin off the table; one point if you get on the board, three points for in the hole. Coinhole boards come in a variety of designs including officially licensed collegiate boards, and can be customized with your company's logo.

GARDENS OF HONEY + BOOTH # R 11

Visit this "gardener's gift shop" for handmade and hand-printed dish towels, plant stakes, stickers, magnets, pins, headbands, hats, totes, and adult/youth/baby attire that are plant- and nature-related with a healthy dose of sarcasm. Gardens of Honey is a fun, eco-friendly company that gives back to honeybee rescue and education. They source all of their beautifully handcrafted products from artisans that represent pollinators, beekeepers, and honeybee conservation around the world.



EDGEST LEATHER + BOOTH # B 17

Edgest Leather artists freehand carve, dye, and sew one-of-a-kind cowhide leather items. Using leather tools, wood burners, engravers, and multiple layers of dyes, Edgest creates journals, flasks, bags, wallets, cell phone cases, and more. Have something specific in mind? Edgest also takes custom orders!



MY SHOP + BOOTH # B 42

Artisan Lisa Yang produces handmade everything for mamas and babies: scrunchies, headbands, bloomers, skirts and dresses, as well as embroidered apparel such as sweatshirts, T-shirts, and rompers. Working mamas can also shop for key chains, badge reels, and an entire line of hand-sewn scrub hats for surgical health industries.



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THE QUESNELL GROUP + BOOTH # B 20

Artisan John Quesnell creates high-quality stained glass in a wide range of colors, patterns, and textures. John hand cuts and grinds the glass, then solders the design together with copper foil himself. Tiffany-style sun catchers, night lights, fire screens, lanterns, decorative hangings and more are available in popular themes including florals, geometrics, abstracts, and wildlife.

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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH



NEXUS DRUMLINE † 10:30AM

A competition and performance drumline with the best student percussionists in the area, NeXuS Drumline has been racking up trophies from competitions around the country. Catch them first in the Suwanee Fest Parade, then on the Town Center Stage as they kick off Suwanee Fest 2023!

HIP HOP ALL STARS † 11:00AM



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LAUREL TAYLOR † NOON

Originally from Alabama, singer/songwriter Laurel Taylor made her move to the Music City 11 years ago, right after turning 18. From the *American Idol* stage to Tootsies on Broadway and the local church leading worship, her voice and sound speak to every crowd. Laurel uses her life stories and raw country sound to speak to people through her music.

80HD BAND † 1:00PM

80HD is a high-energy, 80s new wave and alternative music tribute band. Combining authentic keyboard and synth sounds, driving electronic beats, and melodic vocal



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DAVID WILLS † 2:00PM

David Wills charted twenty-one singles on the *Billboard* country charts from 1974-1988, including two in the top ten. Wills has also penned songs for country music legends George Strait, Charley Pride, Martina McBride, The Oak Ridge Boys, Keith Whitley, and Garth Brooks. With two new albums, Wills is back on tour, bringing his traditional country style to audiences in a new way.

GRAVY † 3:15PM

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SAVANNAH JACK † 5:30PM

From lower Broadway honky-tonks in Nashville to opening arenas for Peter Frampton, John Fogerty, Vince Gill, The Doobie Brothers, and Kenny Rogers, to the Suwanee Fest stage! Joe Guercio, Elvis Presley's longtime music and orchestra director, calls Savannah Jack "the absolute best band I've seen in country music today...the Alabama of the 21st century." Get ready to enjoy original songs the band has written for major country artists, as well as a wide range of cover tunes from several decades, to include dynamic medleys of the Eagles, Alabama, and other artists in the country, Southern, and classic rock genres.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

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JASMINE DANCE GROUP ♣ 12:30PM

Jasmine Dance Group consists of eight dance members who have a passion for classical Chinese dances. Jasmine Dance Group has performed at many cultural arts festivals and events, including Georgia Power's companywide Lunar New Year Celebration, TECO's Lunar New Year Spring Festival, Taiwan Yes Night Market, and Fulton Science Academy's International Celebration.



BRETT RYDER ♣ 1:15PM

With his Southern rock and bluesy style, 17-year-old singer, songwriter, and guitarist Brett Ryder has been called an old soul, a young Elvis, and a melodic force for good. You can currently find Brett working tirelessly in the studio on his first album or playing shows around his hometown of Johns Creek.

METRO JAZZ CLUB ♣ 2:30PM

Metro Jazz Club is a 20-piece band that performs swing, jazz, R&B, and pop/rock from the 60s through the 80s. Featuring male and female vocalists, Metro Jazz Club plays popular tunes from Duke Ellington, Burt Bacharach, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Tina Turner, The Temptations, Ray Charles, Chicago, and many others.



Headliner



THE NEW QUINTET ♣ 4:00PM

Honoring the songs and styles that have shaped our country, from traditional folk to ragtime, old-time and early country, The NEW Quintet's big harmonies, intricate melodies, and lush textures rain upon both original and reimagined traditional material. The NEW Quintet has been on stages throughout the Southeast at festivals, concert series, listening rooms and theaters, and will be unveiling their first release in late 2023.



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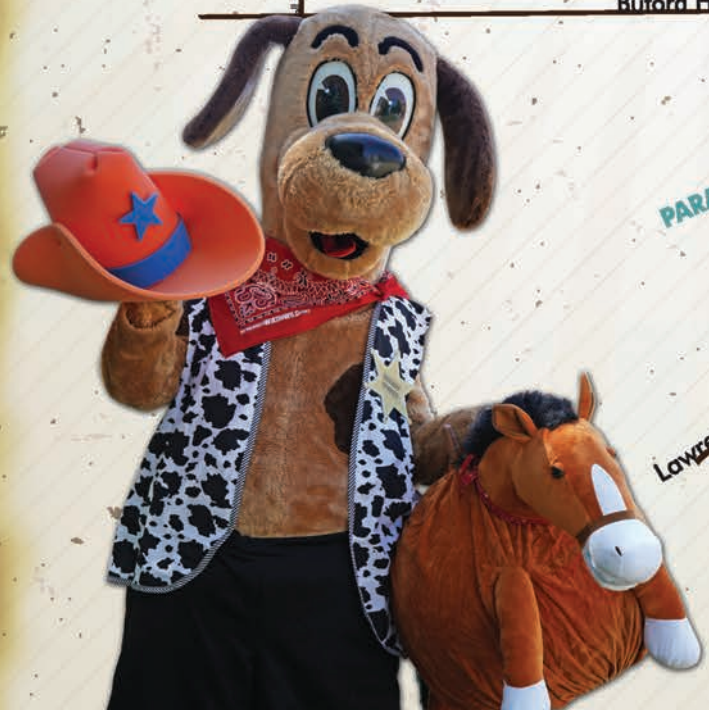
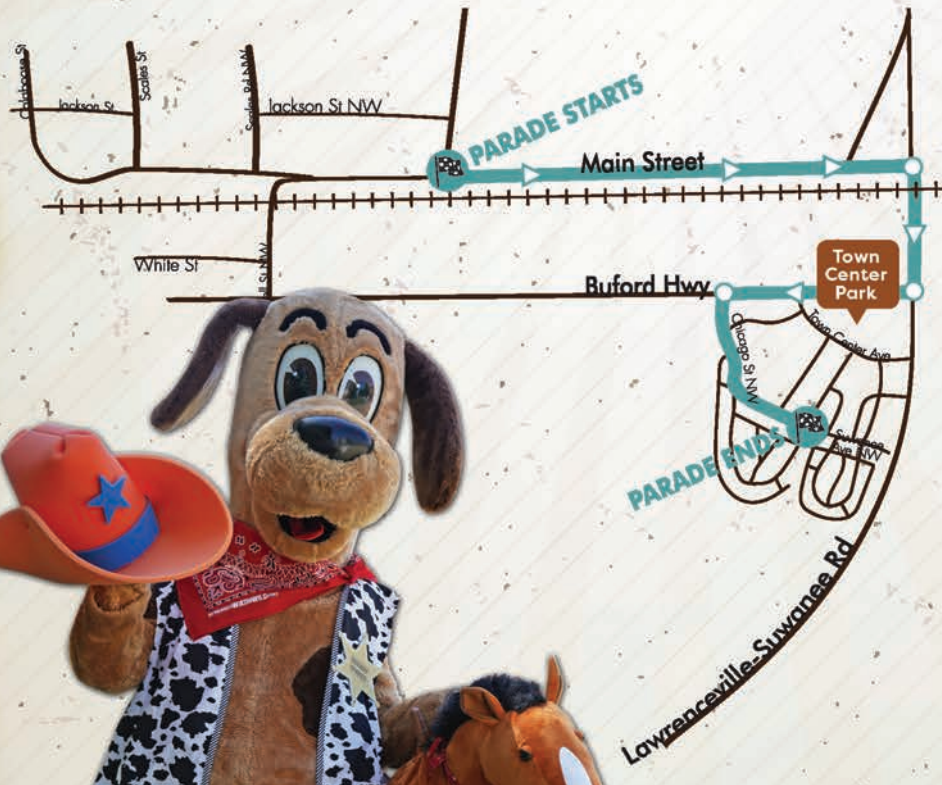
Parade

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM ↓ MAIN STREET SUWANEE

Grab your hat and boots and get down to Town Center lickety split for the annual Suwanee Fest Parade! The parade kicks up dust down Main Street on Saturday, September 16 at 9:00 am, mo'seyin' along Suwanee Dam to Buford Highway and passing in front of the judges' station to perform at Town Center Park.

Got a routin'-tootin' idea for a parade entry? Round up your posse, hitch up your wagon, and don your finest duds! Prepare a 60-second show for the judges for your chance to rustle up a prize. We got some cold hard cash up for grabs for the best use of theme, most entertaining, best costumes, and more. Sign up over yonder at SuwaneeFest.com!



Howdy, partner! We need the rootin-ist, tootin-ist kiddos in Suwanee to meet us at the A-Okay Corral, located on the west side of Town Center Avenue. Young tenderfoots can attempt a series of challenging obstacles to see if they have what it takes to be a real cowboy!

- ◆ Hay-Mazing Maze
- ◆ Rope 'Em Cowboy
- ◆ Rodeo Round-up
- ◆ Horseshoe Toss

Those who successfully complete the challenges will receive a prize, and might find themselves recruited for an adventure on the trails!

Other activities include a hippity-hop pony corral for the tots, campfire stories and songs, a photo booth, caricature artists, a balloon artist, and roaming performers! The Family Fun Zone area was created for our younger Suwanee Fest visitors; all activities are complimentary.



The A-Okay Corral

Family Fun Zone

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
10AM - 7PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
NOON - 5PM

Rides & Games

Got a hankering for some fun? Suwanee Fest also features a massive ride and games area, providing non-stop fun for kids of all ages (not to mention child-free shopping time for mom and dad!). Tickets are available for purchase at the festival for inflatables, small rides, and carnival-style games.

RIDES & GAMES SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
RIDES OPEN AT 10AM
& CLOSE AT 7PM

TICKET SALES END
AT 6:30PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
RIDES OPEN AT NOON
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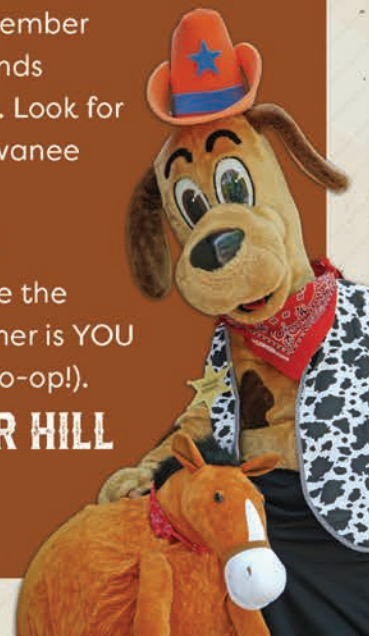
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Suwanee vs Sugar Hill **FOOD FIGHT**

Join the cities of Suwanee and Sugar Hill in collecting hygiene and breakfast items for the North Gwinnett Co-Op. The competition kicks off September 16 at Suwanee Fest and ends October 22 at Sugar Rush. Look for collection locations at Suwanee Fest and City Hall!

The city with the heaviest collection by weight will be the WINNER (but the real winner is YOU for supporting your local co-op!).

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PARKING & SHUTTLES

Parking is unavailable at Town Center during Suwanee Fest, and traffic in the Town Center area can be congested throughout the festival weekend. Please plan on utilizing the **free shuttles** for a hassle-free Suwanee Fest parking experience. Off-site festival parking and complimentary 'covered wagons' (shuttles) are available at three convenient locations:

- Dusty Boots Lot** 
Shadowbrook Church
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 *This lot features wheelchair-accessible shuttles.
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 at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road
- Wagon Wheel**
Gwinnett Church
 300 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard

The air-conditioned shuttles will run from 8 am until 8 pm on Saturday, and from 11:30 am until 7 pm on Sunday. Please note that bus service will be very limited during the parade, from 8:45 am until approximately 10:30 am on Saturday. **Dogs are welcome on the shuttles (leave yer horse hitched to a tree).**



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THIS IS NOT A DRILL!



I mean, yes,
this is a drill.

This playground is
100% VOLUNTEER-BUILT.
WE NEED YOU
to make it happen!

Playground Build Dates October 9-15, 2023

PlayTown 2.0 Committee

Co-Chairs: Colette Grodzicki & Zach Whigham
Build Captains: Kate Fanale, Clint Gooch, Matt Savitt
Publicity: Alicia Carter, Stacey Whigham
Accessibility: Kristen Dandar
Fundraising: Daniel Homrich
Children's Committee: Ashley Jenkins
Food: Ashley Lazarian, Polly Smith
Volunteers: Sarah VanVolkenburgh, Renee Williams
Tools/Materials: Rob Rohloff, Matt Savitt, Reese Walker VanBeber
Art/Special Features: Alexandra Sorto



How can you get involved?

Contact project coordinator Kim Towne at ktowne@suwanee.com for more information.

Gather a group of friends or coworkers and volunteer!

We need over 400 volunteers each day to get our playground built; all levels of experience and skill are welcome. Besides construction, we need volunteers to help with first aid, food service, and more. Tell a friend!

Purchase or coordinate a meal for our volunteers during the build.

We need to feed volunteers lunch, dinner, and snacks daily. Maybe you know a restaurant owner, civic group, or other business who could sponsor or serve a meal.

Support the work with contributions of all kinds.

We're looking for donations of bottled water, snacks, and other essential items used during the build. We're not going to turn down a financial contribution either!

Purchase a fence picket.

Put your stamp on PlayTown! Purchase a picket (or two, or three!) to dedicate to a family member, recognize a milestone, or just show your love for your city. Picket purchasing deadline is Monday, September 18 (no exceptions!).

SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE
A FENCE PICKET



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Town Center on Main

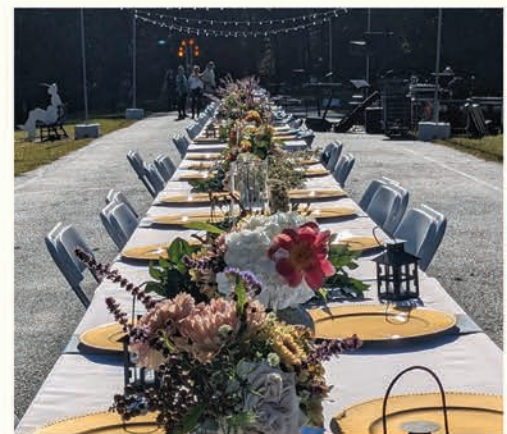
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October

FUN IN SUWANEE

- 7.....Taste of BBQ & Music Festival
- 10..... Road Atlanta Petit le Mans Kickoff Party
- 9-10..... Playtown Suwanee Playground Build
- 14..... Winter Farmers Market
- 14 Spooky Spirits 5k
part of the Suwanee Running Series!
- 21..... Al Son de la Musica Hispanic Culture Celebration
- 27 Suwanee Art Center Dam Dinner
- 28 Dinner & a BOOVie



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