



Spring Newsletter 2018

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Hot Springs Tourism Association

2018 Schedule of Events in Hot Springs!

Mark your calendars for an exciting 2018 Season! Below is a list of events that are currently scheduled for this year. Dates and times are subject to change. Check ahead for any cancellations or rescheduling of events prior to arrival.



April 20,21,& 22	<u>Appalachian TrailFest</u>
May 4,5,& 6	<u>French Broad River Festival</u>
May 19	<u>Vintage BMW Gathering</u>
June 9	<u>Bluff Mountain Music Festival</u>
June 22,23,& 24	<u>Concerned Bikers Association Rally</u>
July 12,13,14 & 15	<u>Wild Goose Festival</u>
July 7	<u>Independence Day Fireworks</u>
November, TBA	Light the Night
December, TBA	Christmas Parade

Check out our New Website!

After a year of planning and redesigning our Website and Business Directory, we are very excited to announce that it has gone **Live!**

We are planning another *Photo Contest* this summer, so plan to enter some of your favorite spring photos for a chance at cash prizes. Some will be used to improve our website!

Join our **Facebook page** for updates about this and other happenings.

Hot Springs Homegrown & Handmade Market

We are most excited and looking forward to our 2nd season!

Saturdays from 10-2 beginning April 7th through October 27th, 2018.

We have a new home (just across the street!) on the lawn of *Hot Springs Rafting & Tubing Adventures* and right beside the post office. Our vendors will be offering an assortment of locally produced goodness:

- *no-spray seasonal produce,
- *fruit,
- *plant starts,
- *fresh baked bread and treats,
- *jewelry,
- *canned goods,
- *handmade gifts,
- *value added products and more!



If you are heading to Hot Springs for a weekend getaway, add this to your list of fun things to do.

Learn More on their Website

2018 Appalachian TrailFest

Celebrating the Appalachian Trail and outdoor recreation, our first festival of the season is happening the weekend of April 21st, 22nd and 23rd. This annual event brings local trail enthusiasts together with thru-hikers to share stories and enjoy music and activities.

Friday night, enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner at Mosaic Gourmet and then stroll down the AT to the Welcome Center to hear a talk entitled '*Lessons From an Older Thru-Hiker*' by David Brill. Saturday will be the big day with early morning yoga, live music, food, gear and information vendors, hiker games, AT movies, ducky race and evening hiker feed at Laughing Heart Hostel. Sunday morning fuel up for the trail with a generous Pancake Breakfast at Mosaic Gourmet.



This years festival is sponsored by and benefits the Madison County Group Home of Hot Springs.

Donations for the Silent Auction are appreciated and may be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

Full TrailFest Schedule on our Website

Series of Interviews of Townsfolk *Faces of Hot Springs*

You'll enjoy these heartfelt stories written by avid trail hiker Arnold Bloodhound Guzman. His series begins with an introduction, after which you will find links to interviews with Mayor Sidney Harrison and Police Chief David Shelton.

He writes with style and good humor, discussing perspectives on Appalachian Trail hikers and their travels through our town.

[Read Articles: Faces of Hot Springs on TheTrek.co](#)



Hot Springs Welcome Center

The mission of **The Welcome Center** is to promote local businesses, events and area attractions of Hot Springs to all visitors and guests of town. We are located in the heart of downtown at **106 Bridge Street**, across from the Post Office.



This year we are already preparing for another busy tourist season. During last year's 2017 Season our staff documented over 15,000 visitors stopping by.

The Center is part museum with fascinating exhibits highlighting our history and natural beauty. Whether you are new to town or a lifelong resident, you will enjoy viewing the special photos of our historic hotels, Dorland School, Stackhouse, Cecil Sharp, the German internment camp and more.

The Welcome Center is operated in part by the Hot Springs Tourism Association with support from the Town of Hot Springs and the Madison County Tourism Development Authority.

[Learn More at HotSpringsNC.org](#)

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