



From Katy to Spring, from Needville to Conroe, Try One of these Area Festivals for Old-Fashioned Family Fun.

Are you looking for some good old-fashioned family fun this fall? As the season changes and the air turns crisp, Katy families are ready for the great outdoors again. Katy has a lot to offer families for fall, but there are also some great festivals and events that are just a short car ride away. Check out these fantastic activities to keep your family having fun this fall!

CREEKSIDE FARMER'S MARKET IN NEEDVILLE

Creekside Christian Fellowship in Needville, Texas
September 16

This grower's only market is held every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in fall. Shoppers can buy fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, honey, cheeses, and eggs from local producers. You can also purchase homemade jams and salsas. Visit creeksidefellowship.org.

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg, Texas
September 28-October 6

Celebrate the 71st year of the largest county fair in the state of Texas. From the rides and games to the queen coronation and BBQ

cook-off, there is something that each family member will enjoy at the fair. Call 281-342-6171 or visit fbca.org.

LONG HORN ROD RUN

Old Town Spring in Spring, Texas
September 29-30

Go back in time as Heritage Days presents over 400 vintage automobiles, free entertainment, exhibits, and shopping. Call 1-800-OLDTOWN.





Renaissance Festival Adventure

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL AT ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's United Methodist Church
 20775 Kingsland Blvd.
 Saturday, October 6 (3 – 6 p.m.)

Don't miss this fun, local festival ideal for kids and families. Complete with fun, food and games. Call 281-492-0623 for details.

GREEK FESTIVAL

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral Complex
 3511 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, Texas
 October 4-7

Enjoy Greek folk dancing and music, food, shopping, children's activities, and cathedral tours. Opa! Visit greekfestival.org or call 713-942-8067.



Greek Dancers

Photo by Amy Spangler

TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

21778 FM 1774 in Plantersville, Texas
 October 6 - November 25

Travel back in time to the 16th century and rub elbows with kings and queens while you eat to your heart's content. Music, live entertainment, amusements, rides, and much more! Call 800-458-3435 or visit texrenfest.com.

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KATY RICE HARVEST FESTIVAL PARADE

Historic Downtown Katy

October 6

This is the kick-off parade to the Katy Rice Harvest Festival and everyone is invited to participate. Categories include: 8 and under, not-for-profit/civic, churches, classic vehicle, commercial, equestrian, school, and youth organizations. Line up is at the Church of Christ on 5th Street and East Avenue and the parade will end at Avenue C and 10th Street. Call 281-391-5289 or visit katychamber.com.

TRADERS VILLAGE ART CAR SHOW

Traders Village Market, N. Eldridge Rd.

October 7

Bring the family and enjoy the sights of cars of all sorts transformed into original works of art. Meet the artists and enjoy live music all day. Free admission. Visit tradersvillage.com.



Wine Art Car

KATY RICE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Historic Downtown Katy

October 13-14

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CONROE CAJUN CATFISH FESTIVAL

Downtown Conroe Square in Conroe, Texas
October 12-14

Have fun and support a good cause at the event voted the Best Music and Food Festival in Texas, benefiting the non-profit, Friends of Conroe. The festival includes activities such as arts and crafts exhibitors from all over the state, live music and entertainment, amazing Cajun food, and kids activities such as a petting zoo, amusements, pony rides, and more. Visit conroecatfishfestival.com.

PET FEST

Old Town Spring, Texas
October 13-14

Find the perfect family pet with over 75 pet rescue booths. Attend free seminars and kid classes, enter pet contests, and bid on silent auctions and raffles. You can also have your pet micro-chipped, vaccinated, and even blessed at the Blessing of the Animals. Well socialized pets are welcome to attend and admission is free. Call 281-528-7070.

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Houston Farm and Ranch Club, 1 Abercrombie Drive
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You don't have to be Italian to enjoy this fun festival! Activities include live entertainment, grape stomp, pasta eating contest, vintage Italian cars, and children's activities such as a petting zoo, pony rides, rock walls, face painters, and puppet shows. Call 713-524-4222 or visit houstonitalianfestival.com.

NEEDVILLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Park in Needville, Texas
October 19-20

Take a short country drive and enjoy the live entertainment, BBQ cook-off, talent contest, arts and crafts, and the Little Mr. and Miss Queen Contest. NeedvilleHarvestFestival.org.

ARTOBERFEST

Post Office Street in Downtown Galveston, Texas
October 20-21

Enjoy original art in all media at this fine arts festival featuring over 100 new artists. Visit artoberfest.com.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FORT BEND

Stafford Centre in Stafford, Texas
October 21

All ethnic communities are invited to share their talents and traditions with others in Fort Bend County through food, dance, and music. The costume parade, cultural performances, and international fashion show are the must-sees. Visit IF-FB.org.

TEXIAN MARKET DAYS

George Ranch Historical Park in Richmond, Texas
October 26-27

This will make the 24th year of Texian Market Days and it is surely not one to miss! Learn about the colorful history of our great state while watching historical re-enactments and folk life demonstrations. Visit historic homes, shop at the arts and crafts marketplace, and enjoy children's activities, games, food, and music. Call 281-343-0218 or visit georgeranch.org.

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ISLAND OKTOBERFEST

Galveston's First Lutheran Church in Galveston, Texas

October 26-27

This family festival features authentic German food and drink, live entertainment, arts and crafts booths, games, and children's activities. Festival goers are encouraged to wear authentic German attire. Call 409-762-8477.



TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP POW WOW

Traders Village Market, N. Eldridge Rd.

November 10-11

Featuring several hundred Native American Tribes from across the United States, this pow wow is sure to please. Entertainment includes colorful tribal dances, Indian arts and crafts, ceremonies, traditional food, singing, and dancing. Free admission. Visit tradersvillage.com.

BOO BASH

Traders Village Market

N. Eldridge Rd.

October 27

Visit this giant Halloween festival with costumed characters, carnival games, balloon animals, the haunted hallway, trick-or-treating, caricature artists and much more. Patrons are welcome to wear their best Halloween costumes for a frightfully good time! Visit tradersvillage.com.

SEASIDE TREASURE FESTIVAL

Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church in Galveston, Texas

November 17

This festival features over 100 arts and crafts vendors, a gourmet lunch at the Seaside Café, silent auction, and entertainment. Festival proceeds benefit mission and outreach work in the Galveston area. Free admission. Call 409-744-4526.

WHARTON COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET

Courthouse Square in Wharton, Texas

November 3

Locally-grown vegetables, fruit, baked goods, eggs, herbs, and hand-crafted items. More activities include a children's area, live music, and cooking demonstrations. Call 713-553-7882 or visit whartoncountyfarmersmarket.com.

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This is just a small sampling of the hundreds of family fall activities in and around Katy. If you know of a festival or event not listed here, please email it to editor@katymagazine.com. Happy fall to all! **KM**

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