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## **Festivals**

### Alabaster CityFest - Summer

Alabaster CityFest is planned the first Saturday in June each year and organized by members of the Alabaster Arts Council and countless volunteers. The all-day music festival is open to the public, drawing in tens of thousands of visitors from Alabaster, Pelham, Helena, the Greater Birmingham Alabama area, and surrounding regions in the Southeast.

This free outdoor music festival includes well-known music artists representing various genres of music. The all-day family entertainment also includes vendors offering various arts & crafts, foods, services and entertainment, the Cruise-In Car Show, and KidsFest — all-day entertainment for the kids.

The first Alabaster CityFest was organized in 2003.

#### Buck Creek Festival - Spring

The Buck Creek Festival is a free, family-friendly community event held on the second weekend of May in Helena's Amphitheater Park. On the banks of Buck Creek, just below the dam, the heavily wooded site together with the incredible stage provides a wonderful venue for people of all ages to enjoy crafts, children's activities, great food, and fabulous music. And don't forget the annual rubber duck race for charity

### Harvest Festival Fall

Celebrate Fall in the South and welcome the beautiful autumn colors that grace Oak Mountain State Park.. This October festival is full of music, tons of food vendors including many traditional Fall favorites, multiple yard games like corn hole and giant checkers, fun activities like mining for gems and painting pumpkins, multiple bounce houses and an inflatable slide, pony rides provided by the Rusted Roof Barn, meet and greet with the Alabama Wildlife Center's Education Ambassadors, complimentary hay rides (ride as many times as you like!), shopping with local vendors, an early morning yoga class on the beach, and so much more

# <u>Shelby County Fair - Fall</u>

A good old fashioned County Fair in September each year has competitive exhibits for adults and youth in the following areas: Canned & Dried Foods, Fresh Produce, Baked Goods, Crafts, Sewing, Arts & Photography, Horticulture, and Junior Livestock Shows. Local school choirs, Dance Lines, and other locals provide most of the entertainment. There are also the Fair rides in the "midway" as you would expect at a Fair. The Fair is presented by Kiwanis Club and has a 70-decade history.



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### Mt. Laurel Fall Festival - Fall

Celebrate the best of fall in the beautiful Town of Mt Laurel. The Mt Laurel Fall Festival in October offers you the opportunity to shop a vibrant street fair, savor dishes from the best local food trucks, and enjoy a day strolling the idyllic streets of one of Birmingham's best neighborhoods.

The Mt Laurel Fall Festival has something for the whole family, including shopping the many arts and crafts vendors and farmers; watching live music on the Bryson Square Stage; and savoring delicious eats at Mt Laurel restaurants and local food trucks. Browse handcrafted artwork, home décor items, jewelry, and pottery from local artisans and pick up fresh produce from participating farmers.

### Palooza in the Park - Summer

Palooza in the Park is a free community event perfect for the whole family in May of each year in the City of Pelham. The event features artisan vendors, bull riding, bungee trampoline, fire trucks, food trucks, inflatables, music performances, a rock climbing wall and more.

Some of the past music performances featured Raquel Lily, Cotton Bird, Margeaux and the Cat's Meow, Lukas Graham, Daya, Bebe Rexha, and Echosmith

The event is a fun free day for your family, meeting old friends or making new ones.

## Shelby County Shindig BBQ Cook off and Music Festival - Summer

The Shindig is a non sanctioned pro-am event, open to all skill levels willing to "give it a go". Located in downtown Columbiana the second week of July

This event is a fundraiser for the Shelby County Arts Council and The South Shelby Chamber of Commerce Scholarship fund. The festival is reasonably priced and gives patrons the opportunity to taste some good 'ole southern BBQ. The Shindig is held in downtown Columbiana, AL near Main Street. There is plenty of free parking around town, including the County Courthouse parking lot off of West College Street. Bring a chair, but no cooler, we will have everything you might desire on a hot summer day including a cold beer or cold glass of iced tea and everything in between. Previous music performances include The John Bull & Ed Pickett, The Little G Weevil Band, The Arretta Woodruff Revue.