

GeorgeFest 2008 Schedule of Events Annual Festival enters its 106th year

EUSTIS – In February, Eustis will celebrate the first President's Birthday for the 106th time, making it the longest running George Washington's Birthday festival in the State of Florida, and the second longest running festival in the United States.

As the City turns 125 this year, GeorgeFest is still a part of the character of our fair City. Eustis and Lake County citizens, as well as visitors, are encouraged to come and enjoy this Family Fun Festival. Following is a listing of upcoming events that are a part of GeorgeFest:



- **Monday, February 18: Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Program**
5 PM – 7 PM at the Eustis Community Center. \$5.00 for dinner with spaghetti, salad, drink, dessert & breadstick. Tickets are available at the Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce. Take out is available but everyone is invited to stay for the annual scholarship program as area Middle & High School students compete for scholarship money. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce at 352-357-3434.
- **Friday February 22: GeorgeFest 2008** - Festivities begin at 5 PM with a carnival, live entertainment with the Navy Band Southeast. Top the evening off with fireworks!
- **Saturday, February 23: GeorgeFest 2008** - Festivities begin at 9 AM with the Annual Bed Race and Dog Jog. The Grand Parade begins at 10 AM along Bay Street. The Ferran Park festival grounds open at 11 AM. Enjoy food, craft vendors, carnival, live entertainment in the Band Shell, and a Classic Car Cruise-In in downtown. Contests held during the day include the Top Dawg Amateur Dog Contest, the Annual Cherry Pie Eating Contest, Canoe Races, the Celebrity Hot Dog Eating Contest and the hilarious Citrus Squeeze contest. Enjoy live entertainment well into the evening.
- **Sunday, February 24: GeorgeFest 2008** - Fiesta Day begins in Ferran Park at 11 AM. Enjoy food, craft vendors, carnival, live entertainment in the Band Shell. Children's activities will include Radio Disney and children's art by the Lake Eustis Museum of Art. The day concludes at 4 PM with the Annual Button Drawing. Purchase a collectible button for \$2 at the festival and receive a chance at a drawing with 100 prizes. The more buttons you purchase, the more chances you get. Grand prize is a \$1,000 diamond from Merry Jewelers. The festival ends at 5 PM.

Everyone is invited to celebrate George Washington's Birthday and the 125th Anniversary with the citizens of Eustis. For more information about GeorgeFest 2008 events, please visit www.eustischamber.org or call 357-3434

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