

KENTUCKY TOURISM COUNCIL FALL

"TOP TEN" FESTIVALS & EVENTS

The Kentucky Tourism Council announces the following winners from across the state as its "Top Ten" Festivals and Events for Fall, 2008.

MainStrasse Village Oktoberfest, Covington, KY, September 5-7. Enjoy a great mix of German and international foods, music, arts and crafts, adventures and rides for the kids along six blocks of historic Covington. (859) 491-0458.

Roots & Heritage Festival, Lexington, KY, September 5-7. This event re-creates the powerful spirit of African-American culture and history. Attracts over 200 vendors with a variety of food, music, art exhibits, film presentations and high quality entertainment. (859) 233-1221.

Lake Cumberland Poker Run, Jamestown, KY, September 5-7. Held at State Dock this event is ranked in the top 10 by Extreme Boats Magazine as one of the best poker runs in the country. In 2007 over 150 of the country's fastest powerboats participated. (270) 343-2525.

Kentucky Bourbon Festival, Bardstown, KY, September 16-21. A six-day festival celebrating the passion, history and art of making bourbon, along with a huge dose of southern hospitality for the entire family. (502) 348-4877.

Paducah's 14th Ever Barbecue on the River, Paducah, KY, September 25-27. This three-day charitable event brings circuit cookers and backyard cookers from across the region together to offer some of the most delicious barbecue around. (270) 443-8783.

Marion County Country Ham Days, Lebanon, KY, September 26-28. Heralded as one of the oldest and most successful community festivals, it serves more than 6,000 pounds of country ham along with all the trimmings. (270) 692-0021.

Kentucky Wool Festival, Falmouth, KY, October 3-5. This event is a unique event promoting sheep and wool products for the local community. There are heritage demonstrations, crafts and lots of entertainment available. (859) 472-2000.

Knott County Trail Ride, Hindman, KY, October 3-5. Three day event offering numerous trail rides covering hundreds of miles of trails in the beautiful mountains of eastern Kentucky. (270) 792-5300.

World's Largest Halloween Party, Louisville, KY, October 4-5, 9-12, 16-19, 23-26. Held at the Louisville Zoo, a not-too-scary family Halloween party where kids dress up in their wildest costumes and set off on a magical journey. (502) 459-2181.

Trigg County Country Ham Festival, Cadiz, KY, October 10-12. Trigg County long-noted for its delicacy –country ham strives to preserve the craft of curing hams. Vendor booths provide quality food, crafts and gift items. (270) 522-3892.

The Kentucky Tourism Council names its “Top Ten” Festivals & Events four times a year. To be eligible festivals or events must be recommended or produced by a Kentucky Tourism Council member. A panel of impartial judges selects the winners for each season. Criteria for selection include popularity of the event, its impact on the local tourism economy as well as cultural and historical significance.

The Kentucky Tourism Council is a 575 member statewide association representing all sectors of the state’s travel industry. The Council’s mission is to unite Kentucky’s third largest industry through governmental interaction, communication and education.