



THE NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL NUTTY NEWBYTES

JUNE 2026



Exciting Summer Events Coming to the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds

The National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds is gearing up for an exciting summer with two family-friendly events that promise fun, entertainment, and unforgettable memories.

Do Portugal Circus Rolls into Dothan June 25-28

Step right up for four days of spectacular entertainment as the internationally acclaimed Do Portugal Circus comes to the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds June 25-28. Audiences will enjoy thrilling acts including the Human Cannonball, daring motorcyclists in the Globe of Death, flying trapeze artists, acrobats, jugglers, clowns, and much more. Founded in 1911 and now spanning five generations, this family-operated circus offers a modern, animal-free production focused on world-class talent and excitement for all ages. Multiple showtimes are available throughout the weekend.

Wiregrass Stampede Rodeo Returns July 10-11

Get ready to saddle up as the Wiregrass Stampede Rodeo returns to the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds on July 10 and 11. Produced by Let 'Em Buck Productions and featuring top rodeo competitors, this action-packed event includes bull riding, bronc riding, barrel racing, team roping, and more. Gates open at 5 p.m. each evening, with rodeo action beginning at 7 p.m. Families can also enjoy food vendors, Western entertainment, and community spirit while supporting Wiregrass Gives, a local nonprofit organization serving children, families, veterans, and individuals in need throughout the Wiregrass region.

For tickets, event details, and additional information, visit the National Peanut Festival website at www.nationalpeanutfestival.com.

2026 IMPORTANT DATES!

Mark your calendars! Here are key dates for the 82nd National Peanut Festival. More details on events, entertainment, and specials will be shared as we get closer.

- August 31, 2026 – Mega Pass & Advance Ticket Flash Sale Begins
- Mega Pass Flash Sale will be August 31, 2026-September 12, 2026. \$33.00!
- September 13, 2026 – Mega Pass Price Increases (\$38*) / Advance Tickets (\$9*)
- October 10, 2026 – Little Miss National Peanut Festival
- October 16, 2026 – Miss NPF Preliminary
- October 17, 2026 – Miss NPF Finals
- October 24, 2026 – 72nd Cubmobile Derby (NPF Fairgrounds)
- October 29, 2026 – NPF Recipe Contest (Sponsored by Alabama Peanut Producers)
- November 5, 2026 – Last Day to Purchase Mega Passes & Advance Tickets
- November 6, 2026 – Opening Day

Festival Week Highlights:

- November 7, 2026 – Peanut Proud Saturday
- November 8, 2026 – Salsa Sunday
- November 9, 2026 – Farmers Night
- November 10, 2026 – Teacher Tuesday
- November 11, 2026 – Veterans Day Celebration / All In Credit Union Day
- November 12, 2026 – Special Citizens Day & First Responders Night (Sponsored by Synovus + Pinnacle)
- November 13, 2026 – Senior Citizens' Day-Friday Funday
- November 14, 2026 – Saturday Shellabration

Important Update:

The NPF Parade has been moved to the final Saturday, November 14, 2026, and will begin at 9:30 AM.





Dothan, AL

August 21-23, 2026

Friday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday 11:00am – 4:00pm

National Peanut Festival
5622 US-231, Dothan, AL 36301

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Partnership Opportunities

Sponsorships at the National Peanut Festival connect your business with 200,000+ attendees over 10 days. Choose from Bronze to Platinum or custom packages to maximize brand visibility through on-site activations, marketing, and event partnerships.

👑👑 **Go VIP at the 2026 National Peanut Festival!** 👑👑

2026 National Peanut Festival VIP Package

Experience the National Peanut Festival like a VIP!

The 2026 VIP Package offers premium access and exclusive perks for just \$225 when purchased between August 31 and September 12, 2026. Beginning September 13 through October 31, 2026, the package price increases to \$250.

Your VIP Package Includes:

- ✓ 18 One-Day Festival Admission Tickets
- ✓ 2 VIP Parking Passes
- ✓ Dedicated VIP Entrance through the Alfa Event Center
- ✓ Luxury VIP Restrooms
- ✓ Complimentary Snacks & Special Surprises

A \$350 Value!

New for 2026

VIP guests can now purchase additional one-day ride armbands and concert admission/seats to customize their festival experience.

Please Note: Ride armbands and concert admission/seats are not included with the VIP Package.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy the Festival with premium convenience and exclusive benefits!

For complete details and purchasing information, visit:

www.nationalpeanutfestival.com/p/tickets--deals



Frequently Asked Questions

Will you have Elephant Ears back this year?

Yes! We are excited to announce that Elephant Ears will be returning to the National Peanut Festival in 2026. We know they have been a fan favorite for many years, and we're pleased to welcome them back to the festival grounds.

When will entertainment be announced?

Mark your calendars! The National Peanut Festival will hold its annual Entertainment Announcement Press Conference on August 18, 2026. Be sure to follow our social media channels and website for updates and details as the date approaches.

How do you decide which food vendors will participate?

The National Peanut Festival receives applications from many outstanding food vendors each year. Our selection process is designed to provide a great experience for our guests while supporting our community.

Priority is given to local nonprofit organizations that benefit schools, educational programs, churches, and civic groups. We then evaluate each vendor's product offerings to determine whether they provide something unique or different from existing food options at the festival.

In addition, we review photos and information about each vendor's booth setup to ensure it complements the overall appearance and atmosphere of the festival.

Finally, while local vendors are given preference when possible, all applicants are evaluated based on several factors, including product quality, presentation, professionalism, and reputation. Our goal is to create a diverse, high-quality food experience that reflects the best of the National Peanut Festival and our community.

How can I get my band to play on the Local Stage at the National Peanut Festival?

Every year, the National Peanut Festival receives hundreds of requests from talented musicians and bands who would like to perform on our Local Stage. While we appreciate the tremendous interest, we have only one stage and nine days of performance time available, making the selection process highly competitive.

Bands and performers interested in being considered should email entertainment@nationalpeanutfestival.com and include audio and video samples with their submission. These materials help our entertainment committee evaluate performers and determine the best fit for the festival.

Please keep in mind that all entertainment must be **family-friendly** and appropriate for audiences of all ages. We encourage performers from a variety of musical styles to apply and look forward to reviewing your submission.

Why are you moving Special Citizens Day to Thursday and Senior Citizens Day to Friday?

The 2026 National Peanut Festival calendar presents a unique scheduling challenge because Veterans Day falls on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Since many schools will be closed for the holiday, we are unable to host Special Citizens Day on its traditional Wednesday date. As a result, Special Citizens Day will be moved to Thursday, which then requires Senior Citizens Day to move to Friday.

Both events are held in the BankPlus Arena, which already has a full schedule during the first week of the festival. On Monday, November 9, the arena will host the popular Greased Pig and Calf Scramble, and on Tuesday, November 10, we will welcome local high school students for Troy University Agri-STEM Day.

While changing the schedule was not our first choice, these adjustments allow us to continue providing the best possible experience for our Special Citizens and Senior Citizens while accommodating other important festival events and the Veterans Day holiday schedule.

With the recent reports of teen takeovers and large disturbances at public events, will the National Peanut Festival implement a curfew or restrictions for minors in 2026?

At this time, the National Peanut Festival **does not plan** to implement a curfew or age restrictions for minors attending the 2026 festival. However, we reserve the right to modify our policies if circumstances warrant additional measures.

The safety and security of our guests remain our highest priority. Over the past year, the Festival has invested in a state-of-the-art digital surveillance system that provides comprehensive monitoring capabilities throughout the fairgrounds. This technology, combined with metal detectors, bag inspections, and strong partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, makes the National Peanut Festival one of the most secure events in the region.

While we hope such measures will never be necessary, anyone who participates in fights, disruptive behavior, attempted takeovers, vandalism, or other criminal activity will be dealt with swiftly. Individuals responsible for such actions will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and may be permanently banned from attending future events held on the National Peanut Festival fairgrounds.

For more than 80 years, the National Peanut Festival has been a cherished tradition for the citizens of the Wiregrass and visitors from across the Southeast. We are committed to preserving a safe, family-friendly environment and will not allow the actions of a few individuals to diminish the experience for everyone else.

