

A look behind

# The ONION FESTIVAL

The 15th annual event celebrates Princeton and its heritage, all with the goal of helping the children in the community.



## Festival fast facts...

○The event was named for Princeton's premier crop, as Collin County's onion industry started here.



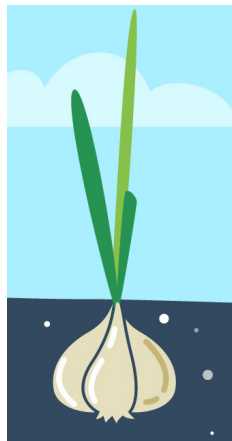
○In the 1940s, Princeton shipped about 175 train-car loads of onions each year.

○Onion Festival is the brainchild of Lions Club.



○Event is key fundraiser for organization each year to fund its charities.

○Old-timers say the sweet Bermuda onion made Princeton the onion capital.



## A look at Lions and the onions by the numbers...

Lions Club, which is the largest service club in the world, was founded in **1917** and now has more than **46,000** clubs.

Helen Keller challenged the civic group in **1925** to champion the cause for the blind by becoming "knights in the crusade against darkness."

Organization is celebrating **100** years with the Centennial Service Challenge to help more than **100** million people by June **2018**.

Lions have surpassed that goal and have already helped more than **227** million.

Princeton Lions Club started in the **1950s** and currently has nearly **30** members.

This marks the Onion Festival's **14**th year.

More than **3,000** visitors attend festival annually.

On average, there are more than **60** arts and crafts vendors and booths.

**5K** averages about **150** entries for the fun run.

The classic car show awards **20** prizes.

## Where Lions lend their hands to help...

### Glasses

Lions Club follows its mission to provide eye exams and glasses for children.



### Scholarships

Lions Club provides scholarships to seniors graduating from PHS.



### Angel Tree

Lions Club sponsors effort to give Christmas to less fortunate families.

