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editor'snote

Summer is here! That, my friends, means it's time for swarms of mosquitoes and severe sunburns! Yuck. Don't fret, guys. There's more than enough positive things about summer to make the bug bites and peeling skin totally worth it.

My favorite thing about summer is our annual family vacation. You'd be amazed at the things a family of seven can see and do in a span of one to two weeks when they are willing to sleep in tents at free or dirt cheap campgrounds and live off of nothing but sandwiches, campfire ramen, and Vienna sausages. Sorry, that was a mouthful—the sentence, not the food. Anyway, I'm talking about tidepooling at Rialto Beach in Washington, hiking the Beehive Loop in Acadia National Park, leaping off the Sugarloaf Key Jumping Bridge, and countless more unforgettable things between the three. Making memories, that's what summer is about.

You don't need to go far to make memories, though. You'll find plenty of opportunities right here in Monster Country.

Disc golf is fun! It's become one of my favorite hobbies, and there's a surprising selection of courses here for such a rural area. I've made some lifelong friends and good memories because of disc golf. If you want, I'll introduce you—on the next page.

One of my oldest son's favorite activities is just going out and looking for wildlife. I can give you a few good reasons to go out and do the same—you could earn clues for finding our lost treasure, you could actually find the treasure, and, more importantly, you could make some memories.

Flip through these pages. I'm sure there's something in here to help you make some summer memories of your own. If not, I bet Ola can help. She's on page seven.

-Damian



thething

by Damian DeLoach

PLAY DISC GOLF

If you're new to disc golf, I want you to take a moment, go back, and look at the cover. That's a disc golfer in his natural habitat—in the middle of some blackberry briars after an errant tee shot. More specifically, that's Travis Jett, from Melbourne, Arkansas. He's one of the best disc golfers in these parts.

Just like Travis, you're going to have some bad throws, too. Stay positive. We've all hit the side of the barn on hole eight at Lyon College, lost discs in a pond at DOCO, and ended up in a blackberry thicket. It's part of the adventure, and, as you can see, it happens to the best of us.

Other than a little encouragement, there are a few more things you're going to need to get started.

The Equipment

All you really need to play disc golf, other than a basket to throw at, is a disc golf disc or two. Discs are like smaller, heavier frisbees. A disc's flight path is determined by its weight and rim shape. Having a variety of discs and knowing how to throw them can give you an advantage on a course

that requires a variety of shot shapes, but it is not necessary to play the game.

Knowing how to throw the discs that you have is key. I've heard stories of guys winning tournaments while carrying only two discs in a Walmart bag. It happens. Legendary martial artist Bruce Lee once said "I fear not the man who has practiced 10,000 kicks once, but I fear the man who has practiced one kick 10,000 times." Knowing one disc very well is probably better than knowing a little about a lot of discs.

Besides discs, the one other thing you can count on most disc golfers you encounter having is a disc golf bag. A disc golf bag is just a specialized backpack, and comes in handy if you want to carry water and snacks with you while playing. Disc golf bags come in a variety of sizes and prices. No matter your budget, there's a bag out there for you.

You can pick up a bag, as well as discs, from your nearest disc golf shop or from one of the numerous online vendors, like 1010discs.com. Some local shops in our area include Ford's Guns in Batesville, as well as Hilltop Pickle and Trailhead Wheels in Heber Springs. If you don't mind driving a little farther, you'll find a larger selection at Persimmon Ridge Resort in Greenbrier, Play it Again Sports in Jonesboro, and Perks & Recreation in Little Rock.

There's something addicting about the sound of a disc hitting the chains. Once you reach the point where you're hearing it in your dreams, then there's plenty of other equipment and accessories you may want to consider. Get a disc golf towel to clean and dry your discs.

You can use a mini marker to mark your lies. Chalk bags keep your hands dry and help you determine the wind direction. Disc retrievers are great for recovering discs from water or tree branches. Range finders tell you

how far you are from the basket. You may also want some glow discs, glow tape, or UV lights for glow rounds. You might want to upgrade your bag to a cart. The list just keeps on going.

Now that you have a handle on the equipment, you're going to need to know what to do with it.

The Rules of the Game

Playing disc golf is much like playing traditional golf. You start at a tee box, which is usually a concrete or turf pad. From there, you throw down a fairway to a basket in the middle of a green. The goal is to get your disc from the tee box to the basket in the fewest throws. Let's play a hole together so we can go over the basics.

The first step is the tee shot. Starting on hole one, we walk up to the tee area. On a tee sign near the tee pad, we see "250 ft, Par 3, OB Pond." This means that the basket is 250 feet away from the tee pad, an experienced player should be able to get to the basket in three throws, and throwing into the pond counts as out of bounds. I step onto the tee pad and make my first throw. My disc hits a tree and—ARE YOU SERIOUS?!—it went in the pond. Now you step up and make your throw, landing about 15 feet from the basket. Nice shot! That's one stroke for you, and two for me (OB is a stroke penalty).

I throw next, since I'm the farthest from the basket. I find where my disc crossed OB and use my mini





marker to mark my lie—three feet from that point to the basket. I place one foot directly behind my mini marker and make my second throw. It falls short, leaving me in the bullseye (within 10 feet of the basket). That puts me at three strokes.

Your turn. You don't have a mini marker, so you just flip your disc over once, in the direction of the basket. With your lie being inside the green (within 33 feet of the basket), or the circle, as we call it, you must make sure that during this throw you keep your foot planted and maintain balance until your disc comes to rest. Failure to do this would be a foot fault, and a stroke penalty. You have nothing to worry about, though, because your putt is flawless—hits right in the center of the chains and falls into the basket. You completed the hole in two strokes! That's a birdie, and a score of minus one, since you finished the hole one under par.

Save the best for last, right?! With an easy putt, I finish the hole in four strokes. That gives me a score of plus one, since I finished the hole one over par. That's a bogey. In disc golf, the player with the lowest score wins—that would be you if we ended this round now. Lucky for me, most rounds are 9 or 18 holes. You won the hole, so you get to go first on the next one. Let me know when you want to finish this.

Before we get you out on an actual course, let's go over some safety and courtesy tips. First, always ensure the area is clear before throwing. Second, stay quiet and still while others throw. Third, stand behind the thrower until

throwing is complete. Fourth, remove your disc from the basket after completing a hole. Fifth, allow faster groups to play through. Sixth, keep courses clean and natural. And last, do not alter a course (trees, bushes, etc.) in any way.

A Course to Play On

One of the great things about disc golf is the cost. Most discs fall between \$10 to \$25. Bags can range between the cost of a disc to hundreds of dollars. The courses? Well, almost all of them are free. That's right—free.

Finding a course to play on in our neck of the woods is not difficult. The hard part is deciding which one. My advice? Get UDisc, and play them all.

There are many notable courses in our area. Batesville has several. Don't skip Lyon College, DOCO, or The Rocks, Batesville's newest and first public course. Other notable courses include Pirate's Ridge in Calico Rock, Blue Grass Trails in Mountain View, as well as Mossy Bluff and Cedar Beach in Heber Springs.

Once you have a little experience under your belt, you have to try the nearest pro-level courses. Persimmon Ridge in Greenbrier is currently ranked the 17th best course in the world and 7th best in the US, according to UDisc. Disc Side of Heaven in Jonesboro is a Disc Golf Pro Tour stop. Both are worth the drive.

You can easily find all of these courses and more by downloading the UDisc app. The in-app map allows you to see all the courses around you. From there you can click on a course icon to see more details, view leaderboards, start a round, keep score, and more. It's the best way to find a course to play on.

A Little Knowledge

If you find that you enjoy disc golf, but are struggling to hit your lines, here are some

helpful tips that I wish I had known when I first started playing.

Know the disc categories. Discs are typically categorized as putters, mid-ranges, fairway drivers, and distance drivers. Realistically, you can use any of them in any situation, but they have intended uses. Putters are meant to be thrown at slower speeds, and distance drivers at faster speeds.

Get familiar with disc flight numbers and disc stability. Each disc has a set of four numbers that tell you how it is expected to fly when thrown on a flat angle at the correct speed. If you're throwing (right hand backhand) a neutral/stable distance driver on a flat angle and it just cuts to the left as soon as it leaves your hand, you probably aren't ready to be throwing that fast of a disc.



SPEED = how fast a disc should be thrown
GLIDE = how long a disc will stay in the air
TURN = how a disc drifts at start of flight
FADE = how a disc drifts at end of flight

OVERSTABLE — TURN + FADE > 0
STABLE/NEUTRAL — TURN + FADE = 0
UNDERSTABLE — TURN + FADE < 0

Distance in disc golf is less about power than you think. The run up, spin, and proper form are key. Watch tutorials on YouTube. Watch videos of pro players.

Try releasing your discs at different angles. Besides flat, you can release on a hyzer angle (with the disc angled toward the ground) or an anhyzer angle (with the disc angled toward the sky). If you throw (right hand backhand) a disc on a flat angle and it just dumps to the right, you are most likely throwing an understable disc. If you throw the same disc, but



release it at a hyzer angle (toward the ground), it will flip up and fly straight. This is called a hyzer flip.

Understand how the wind affects disc flight. At the very least, remember that headwinds make discs more understable, and tailwinds make discs more overstable. Snap a pic of the following guide to use as a reference while playing.



If you're throwing too high, try tilting your wrist, as if you are pouring a teapot. I've also found it helpful to aim lower, like at the ground halfway between you and the basket, instead of at the basket.

Practice putting, even if it's just for 10 minutes a day. There's a saying in disc golf—drive for show, putt for dough.

Lastly, find someone or a group to play with. You can learn a lot from others.

Someone to Play With

Playing disc golf, like most things, is more fun when you get to share the experience with others.

The most obvious place to find someone to play with is on the course. Introduce yourself to other disc golfers you see. They may invite you to play along with them right then and there. One of them may even become your new BFF.

Another great way to make disc golf friends is by joining your local disc golf group or club. If your town has a course, there's a good chance it has a disc golf group on Facebook. For our area, you can join Disc Golf Batesville, Bluegrass Trails Disc Golf Club (Mountain View), Heber Springs Slings Disc Golf Group, and Pirate's Ridge Disc Golf (Calico Rock). Most of these groups host regular events that you can compete in, and individual members often post times they are playing and invite others to join them for casual rounds.

Don't forget, you and I still have a round to finish as well. Seriously, text me.

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OLA GREER

For Ola Greer, a leading travel advisor in Arkansas, travel has been woven into the fabric of her life from the very beginning.

Born in Poland, Greer's family fled the country as refugees, first relocating to Italy before eventually settling in Canada, then the United States. By the time she was five years old, she had already lived in three countries and experienced more of the world than many people do in a lifetime. Those early transitions taught her adaptability, curiosity, and an appreciation for experiencing different parts of the world.

At just six years old, during a much different time, Greer's parents put her on her first solo flight from Toronto to Warsaw, where her grandfather would get her off the plane. Spending summers with family in Poland is something she did often. As she grew older, she traveled with her grandmother to Hungary and explored Paris with friends. Experiences like these deepened her love for discovering new places and perspectives. "I always feel like I want to go to the ends of the earth," Greer said.

Eventually, her family's journey brought her to Batesville, Arkansas, where she moved during high school and later graduated from Lyon College. Afterward, she returned to Poland to attend medical school before completing a postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). During that season of life, she met her husband, now an orthopaedic surgeon in Batesville. Together, they are raising three children: Olivia (12), George (10), and Evelyn (7), while continuing to make travel a meaningful part of family life.

Today, Greer has transformed her lifelong passion into a thriving career as a travel advisor with The Adventure Awaits Vacations,

a boutique agency specializing in personalized travel planning. She has become one of the state's top specialists for Sandals Resorts. She is also a specialist in Beaches Resorts, and in destinations such as Hawaii and the Bahamas, as well as a Virgin Cruises 1st Mate. Most recently, she was selected to attend the Romance Travel Forum in the Dominican Republic, an invitation-only industry event focused on destination weddings, honeymoons, and luxury romance travel.

But beyond the resorts and itineraries, travel remains deeply personal for Greer. Each year, she participates in mission trips to Nepal, which she says have profoundly shaped her worldview.

"In the regions we visited, the people didn't have much, but they were still some of the happiest and most generous people I've ever met," Greer said. "It showed me how kind people can be even when they have very little. As a culture, we sometimes forget we're only a small portion of the entire world."

That perspective now influences the way she serves clients. Greer describes travel agents as more than planners, they are advocates, problem-solvers, and guides. She is constantly continuing her education in travel through certifications, webinars, and, of course, experiencing places for herself to build the best trip for her clients.

From crossing borders as a child to guiding others through their own adventures today, every chapter of Greer's life seems to have prepared her for this path. In many ways, Ola Greer was born to help people discover the world.

For more information or to plan your next big adventure, find **Ola Greer - The Adventure Awaits on Facebook.**



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Grindelwald, Switzerland



Zakopane, Poland



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monstergames

by Damian DeLoach

MONSTER HUNT

Welcome, once again, to our Monster Games! If you're new here, don't worry, this first game is fairly simple. See those little guys below? Those are our adventurous little mascots, and they are based on actual local legends. I know! It's like we live in—I don't know—Monster Country? Okay, so here's how the Monster Hunt works:

As you flip through these pages, keep your eyes peeled. **The monsters below are each hiding somewhere else in this magazine. Find them, tell me which page each is hiding on, along with the issue in which you found them, and I will reward you with a clue to help you find my lost medallion (see page 10).** Message Monster Country on Facebook or text (870) 805-8243.

Grotto

Grotto comes from a highly advanced race of blue human-like beings who reside underground. The gateway to the blue people's subterranean civilization, according to legend, is a place you may know—Blowing Cave in Cushman, Arkansas. You can learn more about the legend of the blue people on page 14.

Finley

You may know Finley's grandfather, the OG White River Monster. He has been lurking in the cold waters of the White River since at least 1915, according to the first documented sighting. Since then, he's become a bit of an icon around these parts. Check out our Spring 2026 issue to learn more about White River Monsters.

Ranger

Ranger is our resident Bigfoot. Believe it or not, there are records of Bigfoot sightings in our area, too. If you haven't heard of Bigfoot, you must be living under a pretty big rock. One of those giant boulders below Jamestown Crag, maybe? Seems like a nice place to call home, if you ask me.



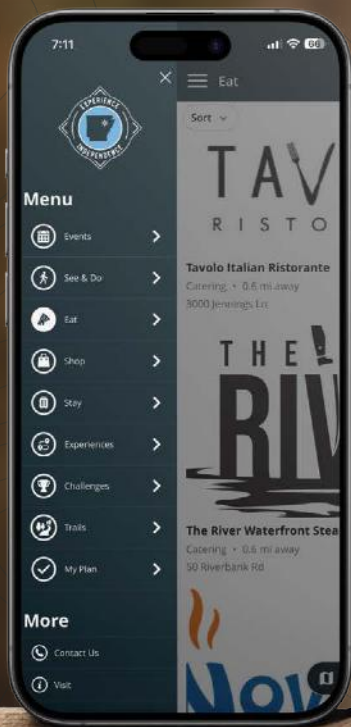
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by Damian DeLoach

MONSTER SNACKS

Out with the old, and in with the new. I sincerely apologize if the Bouquet of Bugs & Birds was totally your jam, but I've decided to scrap it. Why? Simply put, it was a bit much. So, instead of our prize money being split four different ways, now it will all go to one person—whoever finds the Monster Medallion (see the previous spread). For those of you who were really looking forward to hunting for things like flowers, bugs, and birds, don't fret! Monsters still need their snacks.

The monsters are hangry and need your help satisfying their rather unusual cravings. **Find one of the monster's favorite morsels below in real life, snap a photo of it, then send the photo and general location to Monster Country via Facebook Messenger or text it to (870) 805-8243. As a reward, I will send you another clue to help you recover my lost medallion.** You only need to find one monster snack; finding two will not yield you two clues.



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creaturefeature

by Annie Solis

STORIES

THE BLUE PEOPLE

Blowing Cave in Cushman, Arkansas, is named after the natural phenomenon of air moving through the cave entrance, almost as if the cave itself is breathing. If that isn't mysterious enough, some believe the cave holds an even deeper secret. Local legends tell of complex underground worlds, an advanced civilization living deep beneath the earth's surface, and the focus of this issue's Creature Feature: the Blue People of Blowing Cave.

The origin story of the Blue People isn't written in Arkansas history books. Instead, it can be traced back to a series of science-fiction stories that began in the 1940s.

The spark that started the fire was author Richard Shaver, whose *Shaver Mysteries* described vast underground worlds inhabited by ancient races. Although presented as true accounts, the stories blended fiction, paranormal lore, and conspiracy theories. Over time, other writers connected Shaver's underground civilization narrative to caves throughout North America, including our very own Blowing Cave.

The legend gained even more attention when author Branton, the pen name of Bruce Alan Walton, published *The Underground Empire*. In his writings, he expanded on claims that a group of explorers at Blowing Cave

Branton's work helped transform a local legend into a story known among underground-civilization enthusiasts around the world.

Despite the stories, no evidence has ever verified the existence of the Blue People, hidden civilizations, or the vast underground empire described in those books. Modern cave explorers continue to map and explore Blowing Cave, but the Blue People remain firmly in the realm of science-fiction folklore.

What is real, however, is that Blowing Cave is one of Arkansas' most fascinating wild caves.

Located on privately owned land in Independence County, the cave is not a public park. Unlike commercial show caves, visitors can expect uneven terrain, flowing water, narrow squeezes, steep climbs, and a spectacular underground waterfall. The cave is also home to bats, salamanders, frogs, and other cave-dwelling creatures.

While public access is limited, there are still opportunities to visit and explore Blowing Cave with experienced guides. For current information, visit the official Facebook page: Blowing Cave Cushman Arkansas. The page posts open-house dates, guided exploration opportunities,

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had discovered hidden passages leading to enormous underground chambers. According to those stories, the group encountered mysterious human-like beings standing seven to eight feet tall with pale blue skin. These beings were said to inhabit an underground realm far beyond the mapped portions of the cave. The stories described how the group befriended the beings, returning to visit them many times, with one member of the group even staying behind to live with the Blue People.

access requirements, and contact information for those interested in visiting. Since schedules can change, it's always a good idea to check before making travel plans.

Whether you come for the geology, the adventure, or the lingering mystery of the Blue People, Blowing Cave offers something increasingly rare: an escape from the ordinary.

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Welcome to our summer event listings! On this page you'll find our feature event, and among the remaining pages you'll find more events we think you may enjoy. All information regarding these events comes from their organizers, and is subject to change—check before you go! **Do you have something happening in October, November, or December that you would like to promote?** Email the details to damian@monstercountry.com.



The 46th Annual Cave City Watermelon Festival will take place July 23–25, 2026, in Cave City, Arkansas, bringing together thousands of visitors for three days of family-friendly entertainment, community celebration, and agricultural heritage. Known as the home of the “World’s Sweetest Watermelons,” Cave City has built a tradition that honors the local farmers and growers who have made the area nationally recognized for its watermelons.

The festival began in 1980 as a small community parade and has grown into one of North Arkansas’s most anticipated summer events. Today, the festival attracts visitors from across the region with free admission, live entertainment, contests, vendors, food, and activities for all ages.

The 2026 festival will feature live music performances each evening on the Bank of Cave City Main Stage, including nationally recognized country music artists Confederate Railroad on Friday night and Sammy Kershaw on Saturday night. Throughout the weekend, guests can enjoy local and regional musicians, community performances, and family entertainment across the festival grounds.

Festival favorites returning in 2026 include the Cave City’s Sweetest Voice talent competition, carnival rides,

food vendors, arts and craft booths, children’s activities, and agricultural-themed events celebrating the region’s farming roots. Additional activities are expected to include the parade through downtown Cave City, a fishing derby, contests, games, demonstrations, and special attractions designed to bring the community together.

The Cave City Watermelon Festival is more than just a weekend of entertainment—it’s a celebration with a purpose. Proceeds from the festival help support local food pantries, youth programs, and community initiatives that make a lasting difference throughout the region. The festival continues to highlight the strength, generosity, and hospitality of the Cave City community while also promoting tourism and regional economic growth.

For more than four decades, the Cave City Watermelon Festival has remained a cherished Arkansas tradition celebrating agriculture, music, family, and community spirit. The 2026 festival promises another exciting year of creating memories while honoring the heritage that makes Cave City unique.

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LEONA'S GARDEN MARKET SATURDAYS

Come check out Cave City's farmers market, with local vendors and fresh produce from across the region. The market is open every Saturday from 9pm–6pm.

Leona's Garden | 7765 N St. Louis, **Cave City**, AR 72521

[Follow Leona's Garden on Facebook](#)

ARKANSAS STATE PARKS DAYS VARY

Looking for something fun to do? Check out the event calendars for your nearby state parks, like Jacksonport, Ozark Folk Center, Blanchard Springs, and Woolly Hollow.

[arkansas.com/state-parks/experiences/park-events](#)

GREASY BEND OFF-ROAD PARK DAYS VARY

This mudder's paradise has multiple summer events lined up, including their July 4th and Labor Day Weekend rides, Greasy Gone Wild (18+), and Muddin' for the Military.

300 Meade Road, **Batesville**, AR 72501

[greasybendoffroad.com](#)

LIBRARY ADVENTURES DAYS VARY

The Independence County Library hosts a variety of FREE recurring events, like adult coloring, crafting, puzzle club, table-top games, tween robotics, yoga, and more.

Ind. Co. Library | 267 East Main Street, **Batesville**, AR 72501

[indcolib.com](#)



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A photograph of a field filled with pumpkins at sunset. The Monster Country logo is overlaid on the image.

LEVITT AMP CONCERT 7/2

It's the Levitt AMP Batesville 2026 Concert Series! Grab your lawn chairs, call your friends, and join us downtown for some FREE live music from Jed Harrelson and more.

Pocket Park | 325 East Main Street, **Batesville**, AR 72501

exploremsb.com

BUCKIN' ON THE ROCK 7/3

Come on out to stop #2 of the Lasley Bull Tour—the 5th Annual Buckin' On The Rock! The action starts at 6:30pm. Cost is \$10/person. Kids six and under are free.

1st Park Street, **Calico Rock**, AR 72519

[Follow Buckin' On The Rock on Facebook](#)

LEVITT AMP CONCERT 7/9

It's the Levitt AMP Batesville 2026 Concert Series! Grab your lawn chairs, call your friends, and join us downtown for some FREE live music from Johnny Mullanex and more.

Pocket Park | 325 East Main Street, **Batesville**, AR 72501

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EXPERIENCE INDEPENDENCE 5K 7/11

This year's course starts and finishes at Eagle Mountain Elementary. All proceeds from the race will go to the Byron Difani Memorial Scholarship Fund.

600 Eagle Mountain Blvd., **Batesville**, AR 72501

batesvillearea.com

BATESVILLE RODEO 7/17-18

Experience two nights of dust, grit, and glory—bull riding, bareback riding, team roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, and more. Admission is \$5 at the gate.

Rodeo Arena | 2349 East Main St., **Batesville**, AR 72501

batesvillearea.com

FULL MOON FESTIVAL 7/18

This music festival features a lineup of 10 bands from central Arkansas and surrounding areas! Shows begin at 2pm and the cost is \$25 per person.

Full Moon Records | 1104 Front Street, **Conway**, AR 72032

[Follow Full Moon Records on Facebook](#)

SUPER SAMMY LEGO CONTEST 7/24-25

Let's build! Rules are available at the Independence County Library. Entry is free. Entries accepted on the 24th, and winners will be announced the 25th.

Ind. Co. Library | 267 East Main Street, **Batesville**, AR 72501

indcolib.com

MOUNTAINS, MUSIC, & MOTORCYCLES 8/18-19

Come ride our scenic mountain highways, enjoy live music throughout town, explore unique vendors, and connect with fellow riders from across the region.

Mountain View, AR 72560

[Follow Mountains Music and Motorcycles on Facebook](#)

CHUCKWAGON RACES 8/29 – 9/6

Each year, an estimated 20,000 people are on hand to watch the excitement of the National Championship Chuckwagon Race. Come join the fun!

Bar of Ranch | 2848 Shake Rag Road, **Clinton**, AR 72031

chuckwagonraces.com

3RD ANNUAL ROCK-2-ROLL BENEFIT 9/5

Come out and enjoy some live music from Lucero, Amber Rae Dunn & Co., Rowdy Franks, and the Chris Baker Band. Let's raise some money to build a community skatepark!

City Park | Park Lane, **Greers Ferry**, AR 72067

[Follow Skate the Lake on Facebook](#)

DELTA BLUES EDITION DEADLINE 9/18

This is the last day to register for Arkansas Graveler's Delta Blues Edition, a multi-day ride October 6th–10th that blends gravel roads, music, food, and community.

Arkansas Delta Region/Main Street, **Jonesboro**, AR 72401

bikereg.com/arkansas-graveler

AMIGOFEST 9/19

AmigoFest is a free, family-friendly celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, bringing the community together for an evening full of culture, music, and connection.

Lyon College | 2300 Highland Road, **Batesville**, AR 72501

[Follow Batesville AmigoFest on Facebook](#)

HARDY HOMESTEADERS DAY 9/26

The 34th annual celebration of Hardy's 1883 founding will have numerous demonstrations of traditional skills, live music, children's activities, open fire cooking, and more.

Loberg Park & Main Street | **Hardy**, AR 72542

[Follow Hardy Homesteaders Day on Facebook](#)

AWAKEN THE MAGIC 9/29-30

The Arkansas Renaissance Festival is back! Come explore a village ruled by a noble queen, witness epic battles, and encounter faeries, trolls, and legendary beings.

275 Adkisson Road, **Mount Vernon**, AR 72111

arrenfest.com/arkansas-renaissance-festival

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Skate the Lake is a nonprofit 501(c)3 dedicated to building a skate park for the community.

Our skate park will be located in Greers Ferry City Park.

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It will help promote physical activity, mental well-being, and social interactions.

It will provide a year-round space to help relieve stress, build coordination, and work on balance and strength for those who do not enjoy traditional sports!



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Skate the Lake is raising funds by hosting community fundraisers such as the **3rd Annual Rock-2-Roll Benefit** coming up in the Greers Ferry City Park on **September 5th!**



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