

# THE GEORGIA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

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## **Feast. Shop. Revel.**

### **Georgia Renaissance Festival opens entire grounds for fall festivities**

FAIRBURN, GA (Sept. 17, 2026) – The entire Georgia Renaissance Festival grounds are open for the first time ever for the fall season with two distinct events for revellers to enjoy — Fall Fling and GARF After Dark — beginning October 30.

Each weekend will have themed days, live music and entertainment, jousting, and themed food and drink specials. With 15 stages, games and rides, and more than 160 artisan shoppes, the Georgia Renaissance Festival's fall season will have something for everyone.

"There's a completely different energy in the village in the fall," GARF General Manager Crystal Simpson said. "The cooler weather, the lights, and being able to experience the festival after dark change the entire atmosphere. It still feels unmistakably like GARF, just in a way our spring guests haven't experienced before."

### **Fall Fling**

The days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting cooler. Enter a world of autumn festivities, flavors, and magic. Fall Fling is GARF's family-friendly event, taking place over seven festival days across six themed weekends. Guests are invited into the village of Nottingham, where the story of Robin Hood and the Sheriff of Nottingham comes alive.

The Sheriff wants control, credit, and coin. Robin Hood would rather see you enjoy yourself. Their rivalry plays out through questionable taxes, ridiculous rules, public challenges, and plenty of mischief — but guests never need to follow a plot to take part.

From Halloween to a Yule celebration, each festival day brings a new theme to enjoy with family and friends.

#### Fall Fling Theme Days:

- Hallowtide, Oct. 31
  - The gates open on a day of costumes, remembrance, old traditions, marigolds, and autumn mystery.
- Harvest of the Old Gods, Nov. 7
  - Sherwood grows a little wilder as the year turns.
- Feast of Fools, Nov. 14
  - For one day, good judgment is optional.
- Tournament of Champions, Nov. 21
  - The tournament takes center stage.
- Royal Market Days, Nov. 27–28
  - Skip the mall. Shop the village.
- Yuletide Revel, Dec. 5
  - One final day. One final revel.

The Fall Fling will run on Saturdays plus Black Friday from Oct. 31 through Dec. 5, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fall Fling tickets start at \$17.28 for children and \$34.88 for adults, with optional add-on experiences. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Fall Fling, visit <https://www.garenfest.com/fall>.

#### **GARF After Dark**

GARF After Dark is the five-night revelry for guests ages 21+ with DJs, live music, fire, aerialists, roaming performers, premium cocktails, and an all-new nighttime joust. From Masquerade to the Grand Revel, every night has its own theme, atmosphere, and surprises.

Guests can dance with High Fantasy Events + DJ Blake Ward at the Main Stage or walk among stilt walkers, jugglers, and contortionists, grab a specialty cocktail, or relax in the hookah lounge. Before the night ends, The Legend of the Headless Horseman will ride beneath the night sky, complete with mounted stunts, theatrical combat, and a sword-on-fire finale.

Five nights. Five completely different worlds. GARF After Dark's themes include:

- Masquerade, Oct. 30
  - When the Veil Grows Thin.
- Fae Revel, Nov. 6
  - The Fae Have Gathered.
- Feast of Fools, Nov. 13
  - Tonight, the Fools Rule.

- Guildhall, Nov. 20
  - Raise a Glass, Adventurer.
- Grand Revel, Nov. 25
  - Before Winter Comes.

Dress the theme, share your look with #GARFAfterDark, and watch for it on the official GARF channels.

GARF After Dark will take place Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20 and Nov. 25 , from 7 p.m. to midnight. After Dark tickets start at \$52.53. Each ticket admits one guest to one selected After Dark night. Guests must be 21 years or older, and a valid government-issued photo ID is required for entry. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.garenfest.com/afterdark>.

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### **About the Georgia Renaissance Festival**

Located in Fairburn, the Georgia Renaissance Festival brings together tournament fields, 15 stages of live entertainment, 160+ artisan shoppes, taverns, food stands, games, attractions, and unexpected encounters around every corner. For more than 40 years, guests have traveled from across Georgia and the Southeast to spend the day beyond the gates. GARF is at 6905 Virlyn B. Smith Rd., Fairburn, GA 30213. For more information, visit <https://www.garenfest.com/> or call (770) 964-8575.