



## 2011-12 Calendar of Gatlinburg Events

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(current as of 8/15/11, All Dates Are Tentative And Subject to Change)  
(GSE) – A City of Gatlinburg Sponsored Event      (\$) – Admission/Fee

### AUGUST 2011

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**August 27 – Vintage Views Film Premiere** – Classic film clips gleaned from home movie collections of prominent families are the centerpiece of this third annual film premiere at W.L. Mills Auditorium presented by the Gatlinburg Garden Club as a kickoff for the Lucinda Ogle Cabin Restoration Project. A reception featuring G. Webb and local authors is part of the festivities. For more information or to make a reservation, call (865) 436-0526 (GSE) (\$)

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**September 30 – Oktoberfest** – This Ober Gatlinburg festival features Bavarian-style food, beverages and music through October. The Bavarian Fun Makers Band will perform shows at 1 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon, 2, 4, and 6 p.m. each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call (865) 436-5423 for more information.

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**October 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-31 – Ripley’s Fright Nights** – Ripley’s Haunted Adventure celebrates its 13th annual event with “Backwoods Terror: You Just Made A Wrong Turn”, featuring a special show each weekend in October, with no extra charge every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening plus Halloween night. Call 430-9991 for more information.

**October 1, 8 & 15 – Gatlinburg Farmers Market** – Offering local choices for healthy mountain living, the Farmers Market is open each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Alamo Steakhouse parking lot at 705 East Parkway through October 15. Visit [www.gatlinburgfarmersmarket.com](http://www.gatlinburgfarmersmarket.com) for details.

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**October 31 – Trick Or Treat Kickoff Carnival** – The City of Gatlinburg teams up with local businesses to offer contests, costumed characters, inflatables, candy and safety tips on Halloween from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies Plaza. Proceeds benefit United Way of Sevier County.

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**December 2 – Gatlinburg's 36th Annual Fantasy of Lights Christmas Parade** – This popular Christmas parade in downtown Gatlinburg is recognized as one of the very best by the

International Festival and Events Association. Parade features lighted floats, marching bands, equestrian units and helium balloons. Parade begins at 7:30 p.m. at Traffic Light #1A and continues through downtown to Light #10. (GSE) (800) 568-4748

**December 3 & 4 – Christmas on Ice** – Enjoy the spirit of the season as local skaters display their talents on ice to the sounds of holiday music in a two-day performance at Ober Gatlinburg's ice arena. Visit [www.obergatlinburg.com](http://www.obergatlinburg.com) or call (800) 251-9202

**December 31 – New Year's Eve Fireworks Show & Ball Drop** on Historic Nature Trail at the Parkway – For the 24th straight year, the Space Needle area at traffic light #8 comes alive at the stroke of midnight with a fabulous fireworks show. Features free party favors and live entertainment. "Best New Year's Eve Show in the South." (GSE) (800) 568-4748

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**January 29 & 30 – Tennessee Winter Special Olympics** – Winter sports competitions including ice skating, snowboarding and snow skiing at Ober Gatlinburg (800) 251-9202

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### **APRIL 2012**

**April 1 to 30 – Smoky Mountain Springfest** – Join in a countywide celebration of the season, featuring special events, local craft shows and much more. (800) 568-4748

**April 4 to 7 – Great Smoky Easter Arts & Crafts Show** – Unique handcrafted gifts and products produced by members of Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community are placed on display and offered for sale as they host their annual show at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Demonstrations are part of the show. For information, visit [www.gatlinburgcrafts.com](http://www.gatlinburgcrafts.com) or call (800) 568-4748

**April 7 & 8 – Smoky Mountain Trout Tournament** – The 12th Annual Spring Smoky Mountain Trout Tournament is open to adults or children – and equally challenging for both visitors and locals, with multiple categories to be contested in this largest trout tournament in the Smokies.

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**April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service at Ober Gatlinburg** – Early morning Easter Service at Ober Gatlinburg includes complimentary tram service to the top of the resort begins at 5:15 a.m. Service begins at 6 a.m. Breakfast buffet available. (800) 251-9202

**April 20 & 21 – Mountain Man Memorial March** – This fourth annual 26.2-mile march starts in downtown Gatlinburg at 9 a.m. as a challenging tribute to our men and women in uniform. The course includes highway and rural road stretches in addition to rugged terrain and mountain slopes. The event honors 1LT Frank Walkup, a University of Tennessee-Knoxville alumnus who in 2007 was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. Pre-registration is required, with Military Heavy, Military Light and Civilian entry categories. Call 865-974-8858 or visit [www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com](http://www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com) for more information. (\$)

**April 24 to 28 – 62nd Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage** – Celebrate and enjoy the beauty of Great Smoky Mountains National Park with over 150 different programs, including hiking tours, motorcades, demonstrations and classroom lectures centered on the flowers, plants and wildlife in the great outdoors. For more information, call (865) 436-7318 ext. 222 or visit [www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org](http://www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org). (\$)

**April 26 – Ribfest, Wings & BBQ** – Enjoy a sampling of the area's most delectable ribs and wings as well as free live entertainment during this popular 11th annual event. One admission price allows sampling until the ribs and wings run out as the Parkway transforms into a Street Fair from 5 to 9 p.m. (GSE) (800) 568-4748 (\$)

### **MAY 2012**

**May 1 to 31 – Smoky Mountain Springfest** – Join in a countywide celebration of the season featuring special events, local craft shows and much more. (800) 568-4748

**May 5 – Gatlinburg's Cinco de Mayo Festival** – The Gatlinburg community presents the first major Hispanic event in the city at Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies Plaza and No Way Jose's featuring an educational theme early in the day showcasing different types of Latin music, historical dress, crafts, activities and an evening of celebration highlighting the sights and sounds of the colorful culture. (800) 568-4748

**May 19 & 26 – Gatlinburg Farmers Market** – Offering local choices for healthy mountain living, the Farmers Market is open each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Alamo Steakhouse parking lot at 705 East Parkway from May 21 through October 13. Comprised of local producers, the emphasis is on fresh produce and homemade products offered in an atmosphere of community. Visit [www.gatlinburgfarmersmarket.com](http://www.gatlinburgfarmersmarket.com) for more information.

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**June 15 to 30 – Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales™** – All summer long visitors can meet characters, hear mountain music and learn about life long ago in the Smokies on the streets of Gatlinburg. Storytellers, musicians and cloggers perform along the Parkway every evening during this seventh annual event! Designated a Top 20 event by Southeast Tourism Society. (GSE) (800) 568-4748

### **JULY 2012**

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**July 3 – 4th of July Midnight Parade** – Saluting the valiant men and women of our military services, this 37th annual showcase is the “First July Fourth Parade in the Nation!” Parade starts at the stroke of midnight to begin Independence Day. Floats, balloons, and marching bands pay tribute to our country during this Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event. (GSE) (800) 568-4748

**July 4 – River Raft Regatta** – Visitors can enjoy a fun, unmanned, floatable object race for the whole family. Free registration begins at 10 a.m. at bridge beneath chair lift. Race begins at noon at Christ of the Smokies bridge and ends at Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies bridge where prizes will be awarded in several different categories. (GSE) (800) 568-4748

**July 4 – 4th of July Fireworks Show** – Join the celebration in downtown Gatlinburg to mark our nation’s “Independence Day” with a magnificent fireworks show. The City of Gatlinburg lights up the mountain skyline downtown at 10 p.m. with this grand display. Designated a Top 20 event by Southeast Tourism Society. (GSE) (800) 568-4748

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