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# The Renaissance is Reborn in Connecticut

**LEBANON, Conn.** - For seven consecutive weekends each year, the Renaissance is reborn on a beautiful 7.5-acre site in the countryside of Lebanon, Connecticut. The 24th annual Connecticut Renaissance Faire celebrates the past with costumed performers and merchants who breathe life into the days of yore.

More than 80 themed storefronts create the streets of a bustling 16th-century marketplace. Music and songs of "Lebanshire" infuse the village streets with energy. Magicians, sword swallows, comedians, fire breathers, rope walkers, and numerous circus-style acts provide continuous entertainment on ten stages.

Each weekend of the Faire revolves around a new theme ranging from pirates and time travelers to wizards, romance, and even Halloween. The Connecticut Renaissance Faire also hosts after-hours events, with their most anticipated being Halloween Knights -- a one-of-a-kind Halloween event designed for all ages.

According to their website, the Faire encourages guests to "Feast like a King, Shop like a Queen, and Laugh like a Fool." Feasting like a king is easy with many savory foods, craft brews, and sweet desserts. There are plenty of shows that will have you laughing your fool head off, too. The shopping is just what you'd imagine with jewelry, face painting, henna, artwork, pottery, costuming, swords, armor, and more. The best part is that most shops accept Lady Visa and Master Card.

Trained performers enjoy interacting with patrons, especially those who come dressed for the part. Regardless of whether you come in costume or as you are, you'll be shouting the royal cheer of "Huzzah" more than once before the day is up.

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## IF YOU GO

- **What:** The 24th annual Connecticut Renaissance Faire
- **Where:** Lions Country Fairgrounds, 122 Mack Road, Lebanon, CT.
- **When:** Every Saturday & Sunday, September 3 to October 16, 2022, from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. Approximately 20 minutes from Hartford and New London. About an hour from Providence and Springfield.
- **Cost:** \$15 for adults 16+, \$10 for Youth ages 7-15, and FREE admission for children six and under. Parking is free with kind donations gratefully accepted by local fundraising organizations.
- **Attendance:** The Faire welcomes more than 40,000 guests who make the event a family tradition.

**Don't Miss This:** The jousting knights, live-flight birds of prey show, and the brutal armored combat melees are must-see shows at the Faire.

**What to Wear:** Dress as you would for any outdoor event, and be sure to have good walking shoes. Re-entry is allowed with a hand stamp, allowing you to bring clothing changes or food as needed.

## 2022 Themed Weekends

- **September 3, 4, 5** (Labor Day): Market Weekend, collect special marketplace receipts to earn tickets to return to the Faire.
- **September 10, 11:** Pirate Weekend, dress like a pirate and participate in the fun.
- **September 17, 18:** Roses & Romance Weekend, who can resist events for singles or free vow renewals?
- **September 24, 25:** Wizard Weekend, we solemnly swear we're up to no good, so stop in for a bit of magic.
- **October 1, 2:** Dragons & Dice Weekend, roll for initiative with a theme based on fantasy RPGs.
- **October 8, 9, 10** (Columbus Day): Time Travelers Weekend, come as you are or as you wish to be from any time or place in the universe.
- **October 15, 16:** All Hallows Weekend, This is your last chance to visit the Faire and enjoy a weekend of Halloween-themed fun.

## After-Hours Events

- **September 24:** Queen's Knight, an after-hours party for adults-only (18+) with adult comedy and performances. Faire includes event with same-day admission.
- **October 8:** Halloween Party, an after-hours Halloween Costume Party for adults-only (18+) complete with DJ, dancing, and costume contest. Faire includes the party with same-day admission.
- **October 15:** Halloween Knights, families can enjoy a Halloween village complete with safe Trick-or-Treat and a host of Halloween-themed activities that conclude with an epic fire joust.

For more information about the Faire, go online to [www.ctfaire.com](http://www.ctfaire.com) or speak to a real person during business hours at 860-478-5954.

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