

Issaqueena Festival to offer weekend fun

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The town of Six Mile will once again welcome residents and visitors Saturday to one of Pickens County's oldest festivals.

This will be the 16th year for the Issaqueena Festival, named in honor of a Creek Indian maiden who, according to legend, warned early settlers to the Upstate of a pending attack by Cherokees.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. in downtown Six Mile, with food vendors, arts and crafts, inflatables for children, a car show and live entertainment, according to Rita Martin, Six Mile town clerk.

During the day, the Christian rock band Forget Tomorrow will perform on

stage, along with the group ONStarz, the Hotfoot Cloggers and the Gospel group Total Praise.

The South Carolina Reedy River Intertribal Association also will perform Cherokee dancing, songs and storytelling, Martin said.

The car show will be held at Six Mile Baptist Church.

Local churches will provide free water, cupcakes and cotton candy, with more substantial food, including hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue, sub sandwiches and funnel cakes, for sale throughout the day.

T-shirts will be sold during the festival, Martin said.

Issaqueena's story will be retold during Saturday's festivities.