

9 events to keep Memorial Day weekend rockin'

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There might be rain and there might be wind, but there is no stopping the fun no matter what Memorial Day weekend brings. For many, the three-day weekend at the end of May offers the chance for a quick trip out of town. But if you are sticking around the Upstate Saturday and Sunday, there is plenty to do right around the corner.

This 9-event guide can show everyone something to do close to home this holiday weekend from huge annual events to grand openings. Most are rain-or-shine happenings and each will keep you and the family going until summer vacation.

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GREENVILLE

MAY 26

Greenville Scottish Games

8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Furman University

This celebration of the Upstate's Scottish heritage has been a mainstay of Greenville for years and offers one of the most unique ways to spend a Saturday any time of the year. Traditions like "heavy athletics," piping and drumming carry on throughout the day while Wee Scotland is a chance for the kids to get involved early. Enjoy the release of Galabrae Scottish Ale from Thomas Creek, Celtic music throughout the day, authentic food and plenty of Scottish crafts on display and for sale.

Visit gallabrae.com for a full schedule and more information.

Grand Opening of Pink on Pleasantburg

11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Pink on Pleasantburg, 255 N. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville

The newest ice cream shop in Greenville is a tiny shack with some big flavors and an even bigger grand opening plan. There will be a fire truck from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., face painting from 2-4 p.m., a bounce house from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and corn hole games and tournaments all day long. All are encouraged to bring canned goods to support Harvest Hope and receive 20 percent off your entire order.

Pop Up Dinner with Mary Dumplings

5-8 p.m.

Piney Mountain Bike Lounge, 20 Piney Mountain Lane, Greenville

Each month, Mary Dumpling comes to Piney Mountain Bike Lounge for a quick, pop-up dinner that has foodies throughout Greenville ecstatic. Though the food often goes quickly, you can enjoy a chance at some of Mary Dumpling's most impressive dishes along with the craft beer and biking that has made Piney Mountain Bike Lounge a popular destination for anyone looking for a new ride or just looking to hang out for a few hours.

MAY 27

Yappy Hour

2-4 p.m.

Brewery 85, 6 Whitlee Court, Greenville

Brewery 85 in Greenville is known for

its many events and those often revolve around helping one cause or another. This weekend, it's for Greenville County Animal Care, a place where dogs and cats of all breeds and conditions can be admitted. The organization is trying to build a No Kill community and that starts with raising funds. So, from 2-4 p.m., all proceeds will go directly to Greenville County Animal Care and they will do this "Yappy Hour" each fourth Sunday of the month through September.

ANDERSON

MAY 26

Spring Market

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anderson County Farmers Market, 402 N. Murray Ave, Anderson

Before the full farmers market season begins, enjoy the final Spring Market of the season on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Anderson. Look for fresh strawberries, local honey, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies along with arts and crafts of all styles, sizes and shapes including iron work, jewelry, vells and more. Participating vendors include: Ydovichenko Bee Farm, Wolfe Den Beads, Kiss A Prince Handcrafted Soap and Bath Products, Electric City Forge, Holliday's Veggie Patch, Franny & Dot Palmatier Farms, Fifth Wheel Farm and Sacred Acres Farm.

CLEMSON

MAY 27

Sweet Tea Cycles Ride

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Old Six Mile Road, Clemson

If your family is all into the world of cycling and mountain biking, then it's time for everyone to get involved with Sweet Tea Cycles and their regular family mountain bike rides. This ride will head through Issaqueena Trail and is designed as one for both children and their parents to enjoy. It's a 4- to 5-mile trail ride with breaks in between to play and enjoy the outdoors. It's preferred that children have some experience on trails, but things are usually kept easy. Check out the Sweet Tea Cycles Facebook page to be updated on any weather-related issues for the ride.

SIMPSONVILLE

MAY 26

Low Country Boil

6-9 p.m.

Sweet Stippin', 103 W. Curtis St., Simpsonville

Nothing says Memorial Day weekend like a low country boil. Sweet Stippin' in Simpsonville knows this and will kick off summer with a whole mess of shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes boiled up like only South Carolinians know how to do. Tickets are limited to 30 spaces for this event and they will also be offering bottled beer and sangria specials throughout the day. And even if you don't have a ticket for the boil, there will be live music from Lindsay Brazell to enjoy with a cold one.

SENECA

MAY 26

Senecafest

3 p.m. to midnight

Gignilliat Field, 621 N. Townville St., Seneca

The annual Senecafest is a huge event for the city of Seneca each year. Friday night is the professional wrestling night featuring a full evening of squared circle fun for the whole family. But it's Saturday when things get really exciting featuring all the food, games, vendors and live music that folks have come to love from the yearly bash. This year, Terri Clark and Kentucky Head Hunters will perform the evening concerts, but the party will start at 3 p.m. Saturday and go well into the evening.

SALEM

MAY 26

Grand Opening of Jocassee Valley Brewing Co.

Noon to 10 p.m.

Jocassee Valley Brewing Co., 13412 N. Hwy. 11, Salem

Though they have been open to the public for a few weeks, Jocassee Valley Brewing is ready for a grand opening celebration that will be one to remember. The summer kick-off features three bands and the mobile pizza oven from Your Pie of Clemson putting together personalized pizza parties for all. Live music includes Amongst the Trees, Conservation Theory and Cynefin and there will be a special beer on tap from a collaboration with Carolina Bauernhaus Ales in Anderson and the band, Amongst the Trees. Admission is free, leashed pets are welcome, it is kid-friendly and it will happen rain or shine.