**Events**

The Fayetteville Area is host to hundreds of events every year. Information on a variety of events throughout the county is available on www.GoFayetteville.com and more arts-focused event info can be found at www.theartscouncil.com.

Events happen at a variety of locations around Cumberland County, including: Downtown, Fayetteville State University, Methodist University, Fayetteville Tech Community College, Campbelton Landing, Crown Center, Libraries, and Fort Bragg. All event locations are within a 20 minute drive from anywhere in Cumberland County.

• The International Folk Festival, held by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/ Cumberland County, was recognized as a 'Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 event' in 2005 and 2006.

• Fayetteville's Dogwood Festival was recognized as a 'Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event' again in 2010.

• Operation Celebrate Freedom, an annual 4th of July celebration on Fort Bragg, hosts national acts throughout the two-day event. It is the largest 4th of July celebration in eastern North Carolina. Normally around 50,000 people attend the fireworks display.

• The Cumberland County Fair, held for 10 days each September, is a traditional agricultural fair that showcases youth and 4-H livestock shows and auctions. Dozens of carnival rides line the midway while vendors offer cotton candy, snow cones, candy apples, funnel cakes and many more specialty foods. More than 45,000 visitors help achieve the Cumberland County Fair's mission of showcasing and preserving the history and legacy of the agricultural communities.

The majority of the Fayetteville area festivals are free of charge. All venues offer free parking.

Events cover a wide range of themes and focus:

- Living History
- Festivals
- African American Festivals/History

- Military History

- Arts Exhibitions

- Music/Symphony

- Theatre

- Dance

- Rodeos

- Circus

- Parades

- Hobby Shows

- Holiday/Specific Events

- Film Events

- Amateur Sports

- Semi-Professional Sports

- Book Signings

- Walks and Tours/Outdoor events

- Classes

**Websites that provide additional information on events in Cumberland County:**

• www.VisitFayettevilleNC.com

•www.atthecrown.com

•www.GoFayetteville.Com – Fayetteville/CC Web Portal

• www.TheArtsCouncil.com/calendar_main.php

• www.fcpr.us/special_events.php - special events on the Fayetteville/CC Parks & Rec site

• www.spring-lake.org - Spring Lake Parks & Rec info.

• www.FortBraggMWR.com/calendars/EventscalendarEvents