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August 17-23, 2023



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Follow the Beat into the Weekend with a Night of Reggae from De Lions of Jah at the Free Fridays Concert Series

**Friday, August 18, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

De Lions of Jah play roots Reggae for a fun-for-all-ages good time at the City of Gainesville Friday concert series. Free Friday's is the region's largest and longest-running free outdoor concert series features performances Friday nights in downtown Gainesville. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.

The final Free Fridays concert takes place Friday, August 25 with a FEST 21 showcase.

Make History When You Join the National Initiative "One Nation One Project" with the Arts & Culture Jamboree

**Saturday, August 19, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Depot Park
874 SE 4th St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

The family-friendly Arts & Culture Jamboree features national recording artists, music, song, dance, an art walk and more. One Nation One Project is a national wellness initiative strengthening communities with the arts. Gainesville and nine additional cities were selected in a competitive process by the National League of Cities (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (IYEF) to participate in a newly-launched initiative, Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts.

Artistic director Marion J. Caffey brings nationally known artists to the event including singer-songwriter and voice actor Dawnn Lewis as celebrity host, vocalist Christian Guardino of America's Got Talent and American Idol, saxophonist Austin Paul, Jr. and more. Enjoy performances by local talent including the United for Change Community Choir. Admission is free.

Vintage World Theatre Makes for one "Heck" of a Play with the Opening for No Exit at the Acrosstown Repertory Theatre - Now at the New Creekside Mall Location

**Friday, August 18 - Sunday, September | Acrosstown Repertory Theatre
3501 SW 2nd Ave. STE O, Gainesville, FL 32607**

The existential play by Jean-Paul Sartre features two women and one man, punished in the afterlife by being locked up in a single room. Windows are bricked up, there are no mirrors, lights can never be turned off and there is no exit. Find out why Jean-Paul Sartre famously stated, "Hell is other people."



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Rock Out for a Good Cause at StartGNV's 2nd Annual Epic Tech Battle of the Bands
Friday, August 18, 7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. | The Wooly
20 N Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Rockers unite! Bands formed by local tech companies battle it out on stage. Musical groups come from Constant Contact, Feathr, Digital Brands and Infotech. Gainesville-based remote tech workers form the band "Remote Control." The winning title goes to the band raising the most donations supporting Grace Marketplace, a non-profit on a mission to end homelessness. Last year's event generated over \$25,000 to help make an impact on homelessness in Gainesville. Learn more, get tickets and view a recap from last year's concert here.



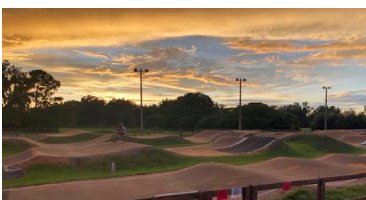
Pair Craft Beer with a Live Music Showcase and Springs Conservation at Swamp Boogie
Saturday, August 19, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Head over to First Magnitude Brewing for one the highly anticipated Swamp Boogie. Enjoy a hootin' and a hollerin' good time with a musical lineup featuring folk, americana, bluegrass and roots music from American Dream Survivors, The Front Porch Backsteppers, DJ Swamp Boogie and Uncle . The event raises funds to support springs conservation efforts by the Florida Springs Council. Enjoy southern food menus from Swamp Religion, Follow The Real BBQ and Tommy Knockers Mobile Kitchen. Grab Swamp Boogie merch onsite with posters from Old Florida Vibes and live t-shirt printing by LVR Ink.



Pack Your Brunch with Peanut Butter and Jelly and Craft Beer at Field Trip Day
Sunday, August 20, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Swamp Head Brewery
3650 SW 42nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

Peanut butter and jelly is not only a classic sandwich to bring on a field trip, it's a beloved craft beer from Swamp Head Brewery. Field Trip PB&J Amber Ale returns in its traditional form with special limited variations. Custom Field Trip flights are available in The Wetlands tap room. This year each flavor is available in cans to take home. Enjoy a special brunch menu from Cheffrey's and live music by Morghan Copeland and The Irie Ones.



Pedal Through the Track at the Sizzling Summer Nights Series at High Springs BMX
Saturday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. | High Springs BMX
NW 2nd St., High Springs, FL 32643

High Springs BMX hosts a night racing at the track. Membership and previous experience is not required. Sweatshirts awarded to participants of 6 summer nights races. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

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