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November 22 - December 6, 2023



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Cheer on the Pivotal College Football Matchup as Gators Football hosts #5 Florida State

**Saturday, November 25, 7 p.m. | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
157 Gale Lemerand Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611**

The annual Sunshine State Showdown is sold out. Arrive early for pre-game festivities including Gators Fan Fest and Gator Walk. Find game day details including parking, mobile ticketing and more at FloridaGators.com.

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Kick Off Gameday Weekend at Chomp The Block

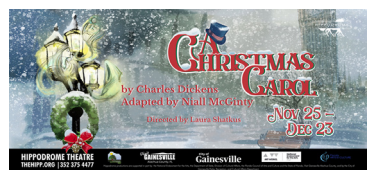
**Friday, November 24, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Celebration Pointe
4949 Celebration Point Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608**

Before Gators Football takes the field on Saturday, join the Official Block Party of the Florida Gators® at Celebration Pointe. Enjoy UF celebrity appearances, live music with Jamie Davis Band, plus an entertainment zone with bounce houses and balloon animals for the kids. Enjoy food, drinks and sweet treats from restaurants located nearby.



The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged) at the Hippodrome Theatre

Friday, November 24 - Sunday, December 23
The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged) bursts with festive, slapstick fun as cheerful comedians celebrate all of the holiday traditions—at the same time.



A Christmas Carol at the Hippodrome Theatre

Saturday, November 25 - Sunday, December 23

“A Christmas Carol” is a beloved holiday tradition featuring singing and storytelling people of all ages will enjoy. Celebrate Scrooge’s redemption through dance, laughter, and heartfelt songs, and become part of this cherished annual family and community event.



Step Back In Time and Celebrate the Fall Harvest at Cane Boil and Fiddle Fest

**Saturday, November 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Morningside Nature Center
3540 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32641**

Be transported to bygone days by the rustic setting of Morningside’s Living History Farm as enchanting sounds of old-time folk music resonates through long leaf pines. Make your way to the kettle to see sugar cane juice boil down to sweet rich cane syrup. Watch demonstrations of historic skills, shop vendor wares and join traditional games and crafts. Visit the log cabin and interact with historic interpreters as they go about a day in the life of 1870. Admission is free.

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View Baby Cheetahs and Over 100 Rare Animals on Carson Springs Thanksgiving Walking Tours

Friday, November 24 - Saturday, November 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Carson Springs Wildlife | 8528 E CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609

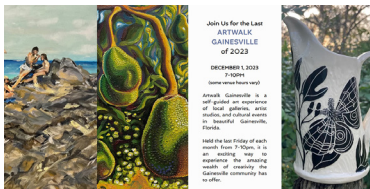
Enjoy outdoor fun with a zoologist-led tour with rare animals, cheetah kittens, big cat feedings and more. Carson Springs Wildlife is located on 275 acres of lush Florida woods and farmland providing a home environment to approximately 30 rare and endangered species and over 100 animals. TripAdvisor awarded Carson Springs Wildlife the 2023 Traveler's Choice Award recognizing the attraction as one of the top 10% of in things to do worldwide, based on visitor reviews.



Swing Into the Season with Big Band Holidays and Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

A celebrated tradition under the Music Direction of Wynton Marsalis, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra features vocalist Ashley Pezzotti. An uplifting event perfect for the entire family. Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year alongside fellow music lovers with soulful arrangements of classic holiday songs.



Explore the Local Art Scene on a Festive Self-Guided Tour at Artwalk Gainesville

Friday, December 1, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Multiple Venues
The Holiday Open House at Artisan's Guild Gallery features live jazz, gourmet treats and an ornament sale. Bingo Deli and Pub displays paintings from Nava Ottenberg. View pottery inspired by plants and wildlife at The AUK Market.



Browse Holiday Gifts for Your Shopping List at the 2-Day O'Connell Center Craft Festival

Saturday, December 2 - Sunday, December 3, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Steven C. O'Connell Center | 250 Gale Lemerand Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611
Find something special for yourself or that hard to shop for person in your life. From stocking stuffers to elaborate finds, the annual Craft Festival provides an excellent opportunity to shop indoors for unique crafts authentically made by hundreds of talented artisans and crafters.



View Holiday Floats at the Inaugural A Very GNV Parade

Saturday, December 2 | Downtown Gainesville
University Avenue Starting at W 6th St.
Grab a comfortable viewing spot along University Avenue for the new holiday parade in Gainesville. Head Ball Coach Steve Spurrier serves as the parade's Grand Marshal. The parade is followed by a kids dance party and holiday lights celebration. Admission is free.

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