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April 4-10, 2024



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Explore Science and Nature Play at the Zoo with Fun Hands-on Activities at Party for the Planet

**Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
3000 NW 83rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

In honor of Earth Day, Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo hosts the wildest party of the year. Take part in games, crafts, games, training demonstrations, zookeeper talks, animal encounters and more. Quiet Hour is 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. featuring no music or presentations on microphone and sensory bags available for checkout at the ticket window.

Cheer for High-Flying Athletes at the NCAA Gymnastics Championships Gainesville Regional

Thursday, April 4 – Sunday, April 7 | Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center

250 Gale Lemerand Dr., Gainesville, FL 32611

Nine gymnastics teams from across the country compete with three days of action. The opening round begins Thursday followed by two second round meets on Friday. The top teams advance to Sunday's quad meet final round to determine which 2 teams advance to the NCAA Championships. Gators Gymnastics is scheduled for Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

Go Hands-On and Learn About the Planet at Can You Dig It?
**Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Dig into geology and learn more about the earth at your feet with fun activities both inside and outside the museum. Watch demonstrations of volcanic eruptions, explore displays and activities on fossils, gems, minerals and more from Florida and around the world. Admission is free. There is an admission charge for Butterfly Rainforest and Antarctic Dinosaurs exhibits.

Join Two Days of Traditional Percussion and Dance Performances at Afro Roots Fest: Afro-Cuban Convening

**Friday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Multiple Venues:**

UF School of Music | 1900 Museum Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Greater Gainesville International Center | 1314 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Depot Village | 404 SE 2nd St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Hippodrome Theatre | 25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601

Afro Roots Fest celebrates the widespread influence of African culture on music. Through multi-act concerts, events at area schools, panel discussions, musical workshops, and showcases, Afro Roots Fest consistently delivers top-shelf musical acts, opportunities for networking and Q&As, teaching moments, and a sense of global goodwill, all the while celebrating Pan-African and Caribbean cultures.



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Show Off Your Samba Dance Moves at Brazil Fest
Saturday, April 6, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Depot Village
404 SE 2nd St., Gainesville, FL 32601

The showcase of all things Brazil includes music, food and dance. Enjoy live music by Hermogenes Araujo, Fernanda Noronha and Peu Pereira, dance performances by Flores do Samba with special guest Adriana Blanco, Brazilian food and craft vendors.



Enjoy a Delicious Good Time at the Newberry Spring Festival
Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Historic Downtown Newberry

Bring the family to historic Newberry for a day of fun. Kids' activities and entertainment include a petting zoo and pony rides, bounce houses, Nick's Kid Show, Main Street Sweets and Eats Pie Eating Contest and more.



Embark on an Inspiring Journey through Florida's Natural Environments with Danscompany's "State of Wonder"

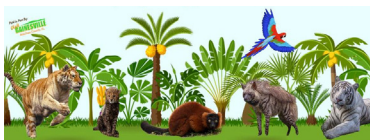
Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Enjoy original jazz, lyrical, tap and contemporary movement as Danscompany of Gainesville takes you on a magical journey through Florida. Dance performances explore native wildlife, scenic landscapes, mermaid encounters and more.



Learn about the Moon and View the Solar Eclipse at Kika Silva Pla Planetarium
Monday, April 8, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Santa Fe College Kika Silva Pla Planetarium
3000 NW 83 Street Building X-129, Gainesville, FL 32606

Beginning at 12 p.m., learn about the moon with the planetarium production of "Eclipse: The Story of Our Nearest Neighbor in Space." From 1:45 p.m. – 4 p.m., join the Alachua Astronomy Club for free eclipse viewing.



Meet New Furry Friends at the Carson Springs Wildlife Spring Safari Open House
Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Carson Springs Wildlife
8528 E CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609

Explore Carson Springs Wildlife and see rare animals, big cat feeding demonstrations, exotic bird flight show and more. TripAdvisor awarded Carson Springs Wildlife the 2023 Traveler's Choice Award recognizing the attraction as one of the top 10% of things to do worldwide based on visitor reviews.



All Aboard Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express
Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 28 | High Springs Playhouse
23416 W. US Hwy. 27, High Springs, FL 32643

A clever murder mystery unfolds on stage as the luxurious Orient Express is stopped in its tracks by a snowdrift. After an American tycoon is found dead, Detective Hercule Poirot races to identify the murderer before they can strike again.

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