

Celebrate Killeen Festival and Rodeo Killeen Bring the Fun to Town

Events brought together offer more entertainment for attendees.

The annual Celebrate Killeen Festival and Rodeo Killeen will take place May 17 through 19 at the Killeen Special Events Center and rodeo grounds. Both events are open to the public and will provide entertainment for the whole family.

The Celebrate Killeen Festival, hosted by the Celebrate Killeen Committee, has moved locations and weekends. Now collocated with Rodeo Killeen, attendees will have access to more entertainment during the three-day event.

The Celebrate Killeen Festival kicks off Thursday, May 17, at 6 p.m. The evening's free happenings will include a gospel show, children's activities and Killeen Rocks Kindness Rocks. Vendors will sell food and crafts, and Wagner's Carnival will be open with paid admission.

Friday, May 18, starts at 6 p.m. In addition to the children's activities, vendors and carnival, there will be a food truck competition and a free performance by Distinguished Soundz.

Saturday, May 19, has festival fun planned from noon to 6 p.m. The day will include free entertainment by multi-cultural acts, a step show and the Killeen ISD and Celebrate Killeen Talented Youth Showcase. There will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament and a car show. The carnival will be open, and food and crafts will be available for purchase.

A full schedule of Celebrate Killeen Festival events is available at killeentexas.gov/celebratekilleen.

The 71st annual Rodeo Killeen will ride each night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 in advance for adults and \$8 in advance for children and are available at Killeen Civic & Conference Center, First National Bank Texas – Gray Street and Fort Hood National Bank – Warrior Way. Tickets will be available at the gate priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

Thursday is Military Appreciation Night at the rodeo. Active duty, Guard and Reserve soldiers and their dependents get in free with military ID. The 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment will open the evening at 7:15 p.m.

Friday is City of Killeen Employee Night and Saturday is Educators Night. More information about these nights and the rodeo is available at rodeokilleen.com.

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