



# Athens-Limestone County Tourism News

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*"Tourism is the largest industry in Alabama in terms of revenue generated and jobs created"*

## Alabama Championship Tractor and Truck Pull

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Championship Tractor and Truck Pull at Tanner High School on July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM, is one of the largest tractor and truck shows in the south, with a purse of \$39,000+. There will be fifteen categories of competition from Super Stock Tractors to 2-wheel Drive Dual Wheel Farm Tractors. If you like the big tractors and trucks, this is the show for you. For more information call 256-431-1292.



## Ardmore Police Reserve Rodeo

Don't miss the rodeo on August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the John Barnes Park on Ardmore Ridge Road. The rodeo is one of the favorite events for the community. It's great family fun. Everyone enjoys the event that includes Bareback Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Break-Away Roping, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding and more. Contact 256-423-2146 for information and tickets. Admission charged.

## Ardmore Quarterback Club Annual Car Show

Ardmore is the place to be on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM if you enjoy antique cars and trucks. The annual car show will be at the John Barnes Park located on Ardmore Ridge Road, just off Main Street. The show continues to grow each year and over 900 automobiles are expected this year. For more information call 256-423-7588 or visit [www.aqbc.net](http://www.aqbc.net).

## Athens Homecoming Celebration

Bring the entire family and enjoy this special celebration August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> as Athens-Limestone County participates in the Year of Alabama Small Towns and Hometowns. Hosted by the Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Council, Spirit of Athens, City of Athens and Limestone County Commission, the weekend offers everyone the opportunity to reminisce with family and friends as they watch a picture DVD, play old fashion games, enjoy delicious food at the local restaurants and many more activities. The schedule includes:

### **Friday night, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30- 7:30 PM - Athens State University Community Band

8:00 – 10:00 PM - Retro Prom (casual dress) with music provided by The Valley Cats



## **Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM – Class of 1955 Dedication Ceremony renaming the Athens Middle School football field to the Ferman Elmore Football Field

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Spirit of Athens & U.G. White “Crank Off” (ice cream making contest)

11:00 AM – Opening ceremony, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Hobbs Camp

11:15 AM – Presentation of the Historical Marker, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Hobbs Camp and Chris Paysinger

11:30 AM – Announcement of Essay Winner

11:45 AM – Pat Lann & Julian Newman Elementary students present the ABC’s of Athens

12:00 PM – Trinity School Program

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM – Lunch on your own

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM – High School Spirit “Battle of the Bands”

12:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Various games, train ride, etc.

4:00 PM – Parade around square: Antique cars with passengers in period dress

5:00 PM – Cruising Around the Square

7:00 PM – “Richie & Deemer” concert

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## **18th Annual Ardmore Crape Myrtle Festival**

The countdown is on for the 18th annual Ardmore Crape Myrtle Festival to be held at the John Barnes City Park located on Ardmore Ridge Road. Hosted by the Ardmore AL/TN Chamber of Commerce, the festival offers a wide variety of arts and crafts vendors, a silent auction, live entertainment and much more. Admission to the festival is free but donations will be accepted and are appreciated.

The festival offers live entertainment featuring Sydnee Goff, Tessia Perry, Jeff Whitlow, Mable Hill Baptist Church Puppet Show, Gates Brothers, and Compassion. Vendors will be selling all types of handmade items. The Chamber will be selling beautiful crape myrtles of various colors and sizes. Pre-order your crape myrtles at the Ardmore Chamber Office. There’s a special area for kids to play and enjoy rides and games. Admission is free; however donations are accepted and appreciated. Call Linda at 256-423-7588 or Michelle at 256-423-4444 or visit [www.ardmorealtnchamber.com](http://www.ardmorealtnchamber.com).

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## **Piney Chapel Antique Tractor and Engine Show**

One of the best antique tractor and engine shows in north Alabama will begin August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. The entertainment begins on Friday night at 6:00 PM and activities begin on Saturday morning, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM. The show has been moved to the Limestone Sheriff’s Rodeo Arena on Hwy 99 in Athens, AL. Flea market and vendors are welcome and space is first come, first serve. Space to set up is \$10.00. Admission is \$5.00 and children under 10 are admitted free. Contact Piney Chapel Volunteer Fire Department members at 256-771-3287, 256-431-5513 or 233-8574 or visit [www.pineychapelfire.org](http://www.pineychapelfire.org).

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## **August 2010 Tourism Calendar of Events and Attractions**

### **Cruise In**

August 7 at 3:00 – 8:00 PM – Bring your vintage vehicle or come and enjoy the vehicles at the monthly Cruise In on the Square hosted by the Greater Limestone County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Council. While you are in town, visitor the shops and eat some of the delicious food served at local restaurants or vendors. For more information call Bland Allen at 256-603-1227.

### **4th Annual Golden Eagle Legends Banquet with Tyler Watts & Stan White**

August 7 at 7:00 PM - You are invited to an evening with former Alabama and Auburn Players. The banquet will be held at the First United Methodist Church Beasley Center. Tickets are \$100 per couple. This event is presented by the Athens High School Booster Club to benefit the Athletic Facilities. Contact [www.athenshighschool.org](http://www.athenshighschool.org) or call 256-233-6613 to RSVP or mail to Susan Morton, Athens High School, Hwy 31 North, Athens, AL 35611.

### **Ardmore Police Reserve Rodeo**

August 6 & 7 - Everyone enjoys the annual rodeo held at the Ardmore, TN John Barnes Park. For more information call 256-423-2146.

### **Piney Chapel Antique Engine and Farm Equipment Show**

August 13-14 -For more info call 256-233-2300, [www.pineychapelfire.org](http://www.pineychapelfire.org) or Lance at 256-771-3287 or Michael at 256-206-5926.

### **Art on the Square Premiere Party and Silent Auction**

August 14 at 7:00 PM - The annual art show Premier Party & Silent Auction provides you the opportunity of seeing and purchasing a beautiful original art piece. For more information call [www.aots-athens.com](http://www.aots-athens.com).

### **Ardmore Quarterback Club Car Show**

August 14 at 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The admission fee is \$3.00. For more information visit [www.aqbc.net](http://www.aqbc.net).

### **Family Fun Day**

August 14 at 5:00 - 8:00 PM - The day of fun is hosted by the Athens-Limestone Family Resource Center and Sarrell Dental at Swan Creek Park. Please bring can food donations for the LCCI food pantry.

### **4th Annual James Kennemer Memorial Golf Tournament**

August 14, shotgun start is 8:00 AM - West Limestone High School Athletic Booster Club invites you to participate in their annual golf tournament at Joe Wheeler State Park. Entry fee is \$400 per team or \$100 per individual. Contact Ed Winter 256-990-4654, [wlhsbooster@yahoo.com](mailto:wlhsbooster@yahoo.com); David Blankenship at 256-527-0142, [dblankenship@palcotelecom.com](mailto:dblankenship@palcotelecom.com) or Ina Holland at 256-777-5396, [ina.holland@lcsk12.org](mailto:ina.holland@lcsk12.org).

### **Athens Homecoming Celebration**

August 20 & 21 - See the complete schedule above. Bring the entire family and enjoy this free event.

### **Ardmore Crape Myrtle Festival**

August 28 at 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The annual festival will be held at the John Barnes City Park located on Ardmore Ridge Road. Admission to the festival is free but donations will be accepted and are appreciated. For information call 256-423-7588 or visit [www.ardmorealtnchamber.com](http://www.ardmorealtnchamber.com).

### **2nd Annual WillPower "Tournament of Champions"**

August 28 at 9:00 AM

Events including Kickball Tournament, Corn hole Tournament and Volleyball Tournament will be available at the old Athens Street Softball Field. To pre-register a team, be a sponsor or prepay for a T-shirt, Koozie, or wristband contact Lacy Newton at [lacybethnewton@yahoo.com](mailto:lacybethnewton@yahoo.com) or call 256-777-4597.

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## Looking for something to do every week? Look below:

### **Recurring Events:**

Every Monday at 6:30 PM- Live music and dancing at the **Elkmont Pickin' & Grinnin'** at the Elkmont Depot located downtown Elkmont, AL. Contact: 931-427-6296.



Every Thursday at 5:30 PM – Live music and dancing at the **Ardmore Pickin' & Grinnin'** at the Ardmore, TN Annex Building located on Main Street. Contact: 931-427-2141 or 256-423-7588.

1st & 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM, the **Athens Dulcimers** play at the Athens Recreation Center, Athens, AL, located on Hwy 251. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the music or learn to play the dulcimer. Contact: 256-233-1262, Terry Todd.

Every Thursday night at 7:00 PM, the **Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter Chorus**, Southern Splendor rehearsal at Athens Bible School, Athens, AL. The public is welcome to come and enjoy the music. Contact:

[Robert.Duling@hanson.biz](mailto:Robert.Duling@hanson.biz).

Every Friday night at 7:00 PM **Country and Western Dance** at the Alabama Opry. \$5.00 admission. Music by CDs & DJ. Call 256-206-0211.

1st Saturday night of each month (March – October) at 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM, **Athens Cruise In** Downtown Athens, AL. Contact: Bland Allen 256-603-1227 or 256-232-5411.

The Friends of the Athens-Limestone Public Library holds used **Book Sales** at the library, 405 E. South St. The sales are the first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some of the books may be valuable. Choose from cookbooks, mysteries, westerns, classics, and religious books. Most are in extremely good condition. For more information, call 256-232-1233.

Athens Lion Club 2010 **Kiddie Carnival Schedule** – Hours 6:30 – 9:30 PM, Thursday – Saturday, June 24 – August 7. Each ride ticket is \$.50, with 10 rides including swings, ferris wheel, carousel, roller coaster, parachutes, and the train. Concessions and bingo are also available. Located on Forrest Street across from Athens Middle School. For more information or to book a private party call 256-262-1983 or [www.lionwap.org/athensal](http://www.lionwap.org/athensal).

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## We're here to promote tourism!

The Athens-Limestone Tourism Council is available to help you plan, organize and promote events. Please contact us if you need assistance.

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