

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake

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Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival

April 7, 8, 9, 2000
Eagle Lake, TX

ADMISSION: FREE

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

4 p.m.Carnival

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

4 p.m.Carnival
5 p.m.Arts & Crafts Booths and Food & Drink Booths
5 p.m.DJ: Joe Hernandez
9 p.m.Street Dance — Patsy Torres
Sponsored by Central Power & Light

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

7 a.m.Refuge Tours
(leave every hour from downtown Eagle Lake)
8 a.m.KIDFISH @ Thornton Pond on FM 102
.....Arts & Crafts Booths and Food & Drink Booths
.....Chicken Walk — Happy Hikers
.....Art Contest — Winners @ Tony Tyler Art Studio
....."On An Open Fire" — Living History
.....Petting Zoo — Pony Rides
Sponsored by Colorado County Rice Mill
.....Wildlife/Nature Tent
.....Eagle Lake's Bird Watching Center: Nature/Birding Walk
in the lower lake area — FM 102S
(Cost: \$5 per person; under 16 — free)
10 a.m.Health Fair @ Home Health Building —
Blood Pressure Check & Health Steps
11 a.m.Exhibitions by:
Sealy Strutters performing gymnastics & twirling
Dance by Kami — performances by the Eagle Lake Group
Ballet & Clogging
Rice High School Band
CSC/YSI Cadets — "Drill and Ceremony"
11:30 a.m.KIDFISH Award Presentation — Downtown
NoonHomes Tour — "A Stroll Down State Street"
.....Attwater's Prairie Chicken Mascot
.....Beer Booth Opens
1 p.m.Carnival
.....Talent Show
.....Registration: Horseshoe Tournament
2 p.m.Horseshoe Tournament Begins
3 p.m.DJ: Joe Hernandez
5 p.m.Auction and Wine & Cheese Social at Antiques @ 312 Main
9 p.m.Street Dance — Ryan Thomas and the Roosters

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7 a.m.Refuge Tours
(leave every hour from downtown Eagle Lake)
8 a.m.Chicken Walk — Happy Hikers
....."On An Open Fire" — Living History
.....Eagle Lake's Bird Watching Center: Nature/Birding Walk
in the lower lake area — FM 102S
(Cost: \$5 per person; under 16 — free)
10 a.m.Registration: Chili Cook-Off
11 a.m.Arts & Crafts Booths and Food & Drink Booths
.....Art Contest — Winners @ Tony Tyler Art Studio
.....McCreary Auction: Preview Items
NoonAntique and Classic Car Show
.....Borderline — Karaoke
.....Beer Booth Opens
1 p.m.Carnival
.....McCreary Auction Begins
.....Homes Tour — "A Stroll Down State Street"
2:30 p.m.Chili Cook-Off Showmanship Judging Begins
4 p.m.Chili Cook-Off Judging Begins

A CAPSULE LOOK AT THE EVENTS

Sixth Annual Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival
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•**Antique Car Show** — Displayed in downtown Eagle Lake on Sunday, April 9 from noon to 4 p.m.

•**Attwater's Prairie Chicken Mascot** — The mascot will be in town on Saturday, April 8 from 1 to 5 p.m.

•**Auction and Social** — The Wine & Cheese Social will be held at Antiques at 312 Main this year on Saturday, April 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. Bid on unique and interesting items while enjoying the amenities of a small town. Admission is \$10. For more information, call Lesley Matthews at (979) 234-7863 or Laura Myres at (979) 733-9949.

•**Booths** — Stroll through the square and sample the many food, craft and educational booths. To reserve a space, call Susan Wilkerson at (979) 234-5880.

•**Carnival** — The Mighty Thomas Carnival from Austin will provide thrilling rides and amusements on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 6-9.

•**Chili Cook-Off** — Participants can set up from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 9 with judging to begin at 4 p.m. Entry fee is \$15 for the CASI-sanctioned cook-off. For more information, contact Doris Laughlin (979) 732-8875 or Jane Meldahl at (979) 265-6767, Ext. 6.

•**Exhibitions** — The Sealy Strutters will provide gymnastics and twirling, Dance by Kami will offer performances by the Eagle Lake group, ballet and clogging will be featured, Rice High School Band will play; and CSC/YSI Cadets will be featured in "drill and ceremony." The exhibitions will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 8. For more information, contact Laura Myres at (979) 733-9949.

•**Homes Tour** — Take "A Stroll Down State Street" on Saturday, April 8 from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. There are four historic homes and Eagle Hill Inn & Retreat (open 2-5 p.m. only) will be open for viewing. Admission is \$10. For additional information, contact Mary Mims at (979) 234-5003.

•**Horseshoe Tournament** — Bring your partner to compete in the horseshoe tournament on Saturday, April 8. The cost is \$15 per team. Registration starts at 1 p.m. with tournament play beginning at 2 p.m.

•**KIDFISH** — Thornton Pond will be the site of this annual event to be held on Saturday, April 8 from 8 a.m. sharp to 10:30 a.m. Bring out the kids for fishing safety education and chance to catch a "keeper." The event is sponsored by Lake Motors of Eagle Lake. Call (979) 234-5556 for registration information.

•**Marsh Birding Tour** — Saturday & Sunday, April 8 and 9 at 10:30 a.m.

•**McCreary Auction** — McCreary Auction will hold one of their live auctions on Sunday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at 201 S. McCarty. The preview will open at 11 a.m.

•**Native Plants Walking Tour** — Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9 at 2:30 p.m.

•**Nature Tent** — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Adopt-A-Prairie Chicken Program; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge: Recovery of the Endangered Attwater's Prairie Chicken and visitors that come to their booth can also get their hands stamped with the Attwater's prairie chicken; The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Division: Confiscated Endangered Species; Nature Conservancy-Galveston Bay Prairie Preserve: Prairie Chicken Bean Bag Game; Houston Audubon Society: Learn How to Identify Birds and additional information about the local society; San Antonio Zoo: Live Greater Prairie Chickens in the cage next to where the refuge van departs for the tour; Natural Resources Conservation Services/Sam Houston Resource Conservation and Development Area-Coastal Prairie: Coastal Prairie Conservation Initiative and Safe Harbor; and Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition: Learn about Injured Animals and children will have the opportunity to build their own bird feeder.