

EXPLORE



The Details

2022 Pelham Palooza

Date: May 21, 2022

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Greenway Trail at Pelham City Park

Live Music:

10:00 Dreamcatcher

12:00 The Billy Gant Band

2:30 Swing Theory

Kidzapalooza!:

10:30 Storytime/Pelham Public Library

11:00 Alabama Wildlife Center

12:00 Oak Mountain Interpretive Center

1:00 Dynamic Education Adventures

3:00 Hoop for Fitness

Cornhole Tournament:

10:30 Competitive Division

1:30 Social Division

Free play available all day!

Visit the [Pelham Palooza website](#) to learn more about these activities!

PELHAM PALOOZA

Popular Festival Returns May 21st

One of Pelham's most beloved events is back for another great year. Pelham Palooza in the Park has been called "family fun at its best," and Bham Now listed the festival in "23 Birmingham Area Festivals & Events to Look Forward to This Spring."

The 2022 Palooza will be the seventh, with a history of success that goes back to 2013. Paula Holly is part of the festival committee and shared a little about the background. "Pelham was set to celebrate the City's Golden Jubilee in 2014, so we planned an event in 2013 called 'Pelhambration'. It was a huge success. We renamed it Pelham Palooza, and we've been going strong every year since, with the exception of 2020, of course," said Holly, referring to the Covid-19 pandemic. She said the Pelham Palooza offers a chance for families and pets to spend a day in the park, hanging out, and meeting their neighbors.

This year's Pelham Palooza will be held May 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm along the Greenway Trail at Pelham City Park. The event is free and includes artisans and local vendors, live music, food trucks, and the interactive Kidzapalooza!, featuring paint projects, science demonstrations, and live animal exhibits.

New this year is the Cornhole Tournament with competitive and social divisions. The money raised by the tournament will benefit Roverchase Foundation, a local non-profit dedicated to providing professionally trained service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

In conjunction with Pelham Palooza, the Pelham Racquet Club will also host Serveapalooza! at the Pelham Tennis Center, with tips and instruction provided by the tennis pros. Racquets and tennis balls will be provided.



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Who says technology keeps kids indoors? Parents of tweens have an opportunity to get them outside to learn about nature, all while using a smartphone app. Pelham Parks and Recreation has partnered with Shelby County Master Gardener Teresa Riddle to offer a nature-based program for children ages 7-12 on Saturday, May 7. The one-hour event begins at 9:30 am and the cost is \$2 per person. The class will meet at the outdoor pavilion behind the Rec Center.

According to Alicia Walters with Pelham Parks and Recreation, the program will allow children to explore Pelham City Park and its trails. "Participants will grab their phones and head out to the trail to hunt for plants, most of which are native species to this area," Walters said. The class will use the Seek app by iNaturalist, developed by National Geographic and the California Academy of Science to locate and identify plants.

Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Online registration by May 3 is required. [Click here to register.](#)

Oak Mountain State Park Events

From the impact of light pollution to wildlife from around the world, Oak Mountain State Park has some fun and educational events coming up.

The Dark Skies Bash will be held on April 28th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Dr. Michelle Wooten, International Dark Skies Association Delegate and Assistant Professor of Astronomy Education at UAB will kick off the evening with a lesson on the effects of light pollution on our environment. "This event allows the public to learn more about light pollution and how to become part of the solution in their own homes, said Park Naturalist Lauren Muncher. In addition to the educational lesson, a night hike and stargazing through the lens of high-powered telescopes is planned. Visit the [event page](#).

Get in the spirit of The World Games with **World Wildlife Wednesday**. With three major World Games competitions to be held at Oak Mountain State Park, Muncher said this series is the perfect way to offer an educational opportunity for all ages. Local partners such as the Birmingham Zoo, Anniston Natural History Museum, the Alabama 4-H Science School, and the Alabama Wildlife Center will join OMSP staff and individuals such as Alabama naturalist Jimmy Stiles to showcase live wild animals from around the world. Participants can expect to see everything from lizards to birds of prey, snakes, frogs, and much more. Learn about the natural habitats of these creatures and their countries of origin. World Wildlife Wednesday will be held Wednesdays beginning May 4 through July 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center. Find details [here](#). The events are free with a paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park.



Bicycle Safety Class

Saturday April 30th

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Pelham City Park Pavilion



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