

# 2008 Events in the Muscle Shoals Area of Alabama

Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, Tuscumbia & Florence

(Dates and Times are Subject to Change)

January – May, 2008 – Jack-O-Lantern Farm Greenhouses – In-door farmer's market.

Fresh fruits and vegetables (grown hydroponically) as well as homemade breads, jellies, soaps. Culinary-Center-made products available for purchase.

Free

Every Thursday, 4 pm – 7 pm & Saturday, 9 am – 2 pm

Garage Road – TVA Reservation, Muscle Shoals

For more information: (256) 764-0044 or (256) 248-5325

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51 jet water feature dances to lights & music. 30 to 40 minute show.

Free

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at dusk

Spring Park, Tuscumbia

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[www.tuscumbiarailway.com](http://www.tuscumbiarailway.com)

March – December, 2008 – Tuscumbia Spring Park Attractions – Carousel, Rollercoaster & Train

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March 1, 2008 – The Country Shindig

Family oriented Country Music show featuring the host band "Showdown" and a variety of Shoals Area talent.

\$7 adults, \$5 children 6-12 years, age 5 & under free

7 pm

Deshler High School Auditorium, N. Commons East, Tuscumbia

For more information: Keith Davis (256) 765-2466 Email:kdavis777@juno.com

March 4 – April 9, 2008 – Artistic Renderings of Youth

Outstanding exhibit of work by 7th to 12th grade artists from Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties

Free

Mon – Fri. 9 am – 4 pm

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence

(256) 760-6379

[www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org)

March 8, 2008 – Huff & Puff 15K Race & Relay

The 15K (9.3-mile) Alabama State Championship foot race is a fundraiser for the Northwest Alabama Red Cross.

Free to the public. Fee to participate

9 am

Sheffield Recreation Center

For more information: (256) 366-0040 or [joequillen@bellsouth.net](mailto:joequillen@bellsouth.net)

[www.huffnpuff15k.com](http://www.huffnpuff15k.com)

March, 2008 – Annual Remembering Elvis Picnic and Fundraiser

Art Expo "Elvis" through the eyes of the youth of Sheffield (art exhibit). Three Elvis tribute artists, children's activities, food, and more. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

Free, donations accepted

Noon – 10 pm

Riverfront Park, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 335-0464

March, 2008 – Colbert County High School FFA Youth Rodeo and Ag Day  
Three day event begins with Fri., March 23, Ag Day for students, includes Rodeo Queen Pageant.  
Youth Rodeo performance on Sat., March 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Rodeo performance on Sun., March 25, at 1:30 p.m.  
Tickets - \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 ages 12 and under.  
Long Horn R Arena, Tuscumbia  
For more information: Steve Stayton (256) 386-8565

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April 2008 – May, 2009 – Jack-O-Lantern Farm Greenhouses – In-door farmer's market.  
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April 5, 2008 – Cabela's Crappie USA Invitational Tournament  
Anglers compete for the chance to fish in the Crappie Classic  
Free to the public  
Weigh-in 3 pm  
Riverfront Park, Sheffield  
For more information: (270) 395-4321, (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783  
[www.crappieusa.com](http://www.crappieusa.com)

April 5, 2008 – Crappie Kids Fishing Rodeo  
Youth 12 yrs and younger fish from the bank. Prizes, free hotdogs, chips & drinks  
FREE! FREE!  
8 am to Noon  
Riverfront Park, Sheffield  
For more information: (256) 383-0783, (800) 344-0783 or [colberttourism@comcast.net](mailto:colberttourism@comcast.net)  
[www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

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April, 2008 – Talent Expo 2008  
Benefit for the Alabama Music Hall of Fame and will include a variety of performances by participants of all ages, in all performing arts, including singing, dancing, acting, video production, comedy, modeling and pageantry.  
\$10, includes admission and a tour of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame  
11 am  
Alabama Music Hall of Fame Banquet Hall, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 229-8814  
Email:[lampmusic@cs.com](mailto:lampmusic@cs.com)

April 26, 2008 – Swampers 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk, 4th Annual

Flat, fast certified course. Walkers and runners of all ages are encouraged to participate. All runners will receive medal, duffel bag and t-shirt.

Pre-registration requested, go to <http://foundation.msos.k12.al.us/index.html>

8 am

Muscle Shoals Middle School, Avalon Avenue behind McBride Elementary

For more information: Josh Aycock (256) 415-1326

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May – September, 2008 – Water Play Area & Splash Pad

Interactive water fountain, great fun for children

\$2 per person

Mon. – Fri., 10 am – 5 pm, Sun., 2 pm – 5 pm

Riverfront Park, Sheffield

For more information: (256) 386-5615

Email: [shprec@hiwaay.net](mailto:shprec@hiwaay.net)

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Saturday, 11am – dark, Sun, 1 pm – dark, Mon – Fri, TBA

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May 2 - 3, 2008 – Lagrange College Site "Recall LaGrange"

Demonstrations of military drill and camp life; Civil War skirmish, Civil War funeral, musical entertainment, food and crafts items for sale.

Donations accepted

Fri., School Day: 9am - 4pm; Sat., 10 am – 4 pm

1491 LaGrange College Road, Leighton (7 miles southwest of Tuscumbia)

For more information: (256) 446-9324

[www.recall-lagrange.00me.com](http://www.recall-lagrange.00me.com), Email: [louiselinville@earthlink.net](mailto:louiselinville@earthlink.net)

May 3, 2008 – Cabela's King Kat Qualifying Tournament

Anglers converge on Pickwick and Wilson Lake, also known as the Catfish Capital of the World.

Free to the public

Weigh-in 3 pm

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[www.kingkatusa.com](http://www.kingkatusa.com)

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May, 2008 – Rabbit Festival & Farmers' Day

Rabbit petting zoo, arts & crafts, story telling. A variety of music all day. The Leighton Volunteer Fire Department also honors the Farmers of Colbert County during this festival.

Free

Sat., 8 am – 8 pm, Sun., 1 – 6 pm

The Park on Oak Street, Leighton

Entertainment Contact: Dan Campbell (256) 446-5565

Food & Crafts vendor contact: Dian Wofford (256) 381-4230

For more information: Helen Leatherwood (256) 446-9330 or Chief Steve Flangan (256) 446-3435

May 17 – 18, 2008 – Arts Alive

Juried fine arts and crafts festival featuring artists from across the country.

Free

Sat. – Sun. 9 am – 5 pm

Wilson Park & Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence

For more information: (256) 760-6379

[www.artsalivealabama.com](http://www.artsalivealabama.com)

May 26, 2008 – Memorial Day Ceremony

Special ceremony to honor all military and to remember the price they paid for our freedom.

Free

11 am

Colbert County Courthouse, Tuscumbia

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June 3 – 24, 2008 – Tuesday Evening Trolley Tours

Ride a Tuscumbia Trolley to enjoy an interesting commentary by a guide presenting the history of Tuscumbia and its significant historic structures. You will be welcomed into one historic home each week.

\$5 per seat

Two tours each Tuesday. Tours depart at 4:30 pm, then again at 6 pm

Corner of Sixth Street and Main Street, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783  
[www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

June 5 – September 25, 2008 – Spring Park Market – Up-scale farmers market  
Fresh fruits and vegetables as well as homemade breads, jellies, soaps. Shoals Culinary Center-made products available for purchase. Live music and cooking demonstrations.

Free  
Every Thursday 4 pm – 7 pm (with the exception of June 21, during the Keller Festival)  
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For more information: (256) 164-0044, (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783  
[www.cityoftuscumbia.org](http://www.cityoftuscumbia.org) or [www.shoalsec.com](http://www.shoalsec.com)

June 6 – July 12, 2008 – The Miracle Worker Play  
Broadway-style show (out of doors) recounts the efforts of teacher Anne Sullivan to open the world of communication to a blind and deaf child, named Helen Keller.  
\$10 reserved seating, \$7 general admission  
Gates open at 7 pm, play begins at 8 pm, Friday and Saturday Only  
Grounds of Helen Keller's Birthplace, 300 w. North Commons, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 383-4066 or (888) 329-2124  
[www.helenkellerbirthplace.org](http://www.helenkellerbirthplace.org) , Email: [hkeller@hiwaay.net](mailto:hkeller@hiwaay.net)

June 7, 2008 – Shoals African Heritage Festival  
Offers opportunities to explore African art and fashions, culture, crafts, musical entertainment, featuring POZA (African dancers).  
Free  
10 am - until  
Willie Green Center, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 383-8451

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June 7, 2008 - Founders Day by the River  
Live music all day, arts & crafts, food vendors, car show, children's activities, entertainment, historic walk, and fireworks  
No admission except for small charge for children's activities  
Saturday, 10 am to Midnight, Concert at 8 pm  
Riverfront Park, Sheffield  
For more information: (256) 383-0250  
Email: [cpdriskell@cs.com](mailto:cpdriskell@cs.com)

June 7 – June 28, 2008 – Historic Tuscumbia Walking Tours  
Stroll downtown with a knowledgeable guide, learn the town's early history and listen to interesting stories about the earliest townspeople.  
Free  
Saturdays only at 10 am  
Corner of Sixth Street & Main Street, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783  
[www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

June 7 – June 28, 2008 - Summer Walking Tours of Historic Montgomery Avenue  
Tour will include touring a historic church as well as the walk to the river bluff and return led by a historically knowledgeable guide. A vehicle will be available for handicapped.  
No admission  
10:00 am (Saturdays Only)  
Meet at Sheffield Municipal Building, 600 N. Montgomery Avenue  
For more information: (256) 383-0250  
Email: [cpdriskell@cs.com](mailto:cpdriskell@cs.com)

June 7 – 8, 2008 – Muscle Shoals Area Street Rod Run  
This classic car show showcases all makes and models 1948 or earlier. Approximately 200 cars and trucks from across the country are representative of these vehicles.  
Free to the public, Saturday and Sunday  
Registration fee to participate

Spring Park, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 381-3518, (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783

June 7 - 8, 2008 – Frontier Day Celebration

Step back in time and see basket weaving, woodcarving, wool spinning, broom making, dulcimer players and much more.

Free

Sat. 10 am – 4 pm, Sun. 1 – 4 pm

Pope's Tavern Museum, Florence

For more information: (256) 760-6439

[www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org)

June, 2008 – Partners-In-Education Annual Golf Tournament

The fundraising tournament raises money to support local adopted schools. The event will be a 4-man scramble. WIN A CAR (hole is one), door prizes and other cash prizes for top three flights.

Deadline to register is APRIL 27, 2007

Free to the public

Tee time 8 am

RTJ Schoolmaster Course, Muscle Shoals

For more information and corporate sponsorship: Joel Love, TVA/Colbert Fossil Plant (256) 389-7683 Monica Marthaler, SCA Tissue-Barton (256) 370-8121 Mike Bishop, Vulcan Materials Co. (256) 366-0761 Jason Coley, Buffalo Rock/Pepsi (256) 314-5360

Email: [jimlove@tva.gov](mailto:jimlove@tva.gov), [monica.marthaler@sca.com](mailto:monica.marthaler@sca.com), [bishopmi@vmcmail.com](mailto:bishopmi@vmcmail.com), [jcoley@buffalorock.com](mailto:jcoley@buffalorock.com)

June, 2008 – Annual Riverton Rose Trail Volunteer Fire Department "CATFISH TOURNAMENT"

Wilson Dam to Pickwick Dam, Rod & Reel only, 10 fish limit per person. \$10 Lunker Fish per boat. Proceeds to benefit the Riverton Rose Trail Volunteer Fire Department.

Registration: \$20 per person

Register between 4 to 6 am

Weigh-in at 2 pm

Riverton Rose Trail County Park

For more information: Ken Blackstock (256) 360-2260 or [kb20@hiwaay.net](mailto:kb20@hiwaay.net)

FISHFRY FROM 5 PM UNTIL... \$7 per plate, includes tea & dessert.

June, 2008 – Antiques at the River

Shop for antiques along the river's edge.

McFarland Park, Florence

Hours: Fri./Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission: free

For more information: Vicki (256)-766-4101

June 25 – 29, 2008 – Helen Keller Festival, 30th Annual

Over 100 events including headliner music artists, fine arts and crafts show, parade and Keller Kids educational activities. One of the largest festivals in North Alabama. No dogs allowed.

Wed – Thursday: Free, Fri – Sat: \$2 (one time) admission, Sunday: Free

Spring Park and downtown Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783

Food Vendor contact: Claudia Askew, (256) 381-9275, [caskew@rcs.k12.al.us](mailto:caskew@rcs.k12.al.us)

Other Vendors contact: : Lanny Carruthers, (256) 381-2925, [lanny@pagemetro.com](mailto:lanny@pagemetro.com)

Entertainment contact: Janna Malone, (256) 381-2466, [jlmalone@una.edu](mailto:jlmalone@una.edu)

[www.helenkellerfestival.com](http://www.helenkellerfestival.com)

June 28 & 29, 2008 – Helen Keller Festival of the Arts

Two-day outdoor event is a featured part of the Helen Keller Festival. Jury selected artists from across the southeast and beyond display and sell one of a kind fine arts and crafts.

Free

Sat. & Sun.: 9 am – 5 pm

Spring Park, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 383-0533 or [tvaa@comcast.net](mailto:tvaa@comcast.net)

[www.tvaa.net](http://www.tvaa.net)

June 29, 2008 – Annual Lucky Ducky Derby

Unique & fun event held to raise money for non-profit organizations. Adopted Lucky Ducks are launched into Big Spring. First Duck to cross the finish line wins a grand prize for its owner.

Adoption \$5 per duck

3 pm

Spring Park, Tuscumbia (during the Helen Keller Festival)

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July 4, 2008 - Old Fashion 4th of July Walking Parade  
Beginning at Fourth Street and proceeding North on Montgomery Avenue to the Standpipe where watermelon and lemonade will be served. A brief stop at the Veterans Memorial for singing the National Anthem and speaker. Prizes for the best decorated bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters. Orchestra plays patriotic music under shade of 100 year old oak trees in Gordon Park.  
No admission  
10:00 a.m.  
North Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield  
For more information: (256) 383-0250  
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July 4, 2008 - Spirit of Freedom Celebration  
Celebrate Independence Day in the Shoals! Enjoy music entertainment, food and fabulous FIRWORKS (9p.m.) during this all day celebration.  
McFarland Park, Florence  
Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Admission: Free  
Vendor/Entertainment contact: Shoals Radio 256-383-2525

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July 18 – 19, 2008 – 12th Annual “Saddle Up for St. Jude”

Features nationally known music headliners on stage both days. Auction, horse-related events such as trail rides, wagon rides, roping, seminars and demonstrations. Benefits St. Jude’s Hospital.

Donations accepted. Entry fees apply.

Gardiner Farm, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 446-5392

Vendor contact: (256) 446-5392

Email: Drjtg64@aol.com

July 20 - 26, 2008 - W.C. Handy Music Festival

A weeklong tribute to the “Father of the Blues”, W.C. Handy. Great Jazz and Blues music can be heard throughout the Shoals at restaurants, theatres, malls, parks and other locations

Admission varies

Location varies

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August, 2008 – ArtWorks '08

This exhibit is a multi-media survey of work by Tennessee Valley Art Association artist members.

\$5 adults, \$3 students

Mon.- Fri.: 9 am – 5 pm, Sun.: 1 – 3 pm

Tennessee Valley Art Center, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 383-0533

Email: tvaa@comcast.net

www.tvaa.net

August, 2008 – Sound & Taste of the Shoals

This feast for the senses features live musical entertainment by Billy Joe Royal (Down in the Boondocks) along with scrumptious dishes from the best Shoals area restaurants.

Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa Conference Center

Hours: Dinner from 5:30 pm - 7 pm, Concert 7:30 pm

Admission:\$35 or table for ten \$350.00 (includes food and entertainment

For more information: Alabama Music Hall of Fame (800) 239-2643 or (256) 381-4417

August, 2008 – 8th Annual Littleville Fun Fest

Full day of fun and entertainment. Arts and crafts, car and truck show, musical entertainment climaxed by a spectacular fireworks show.

Free

9 am – 10 pm

Littleville Town Hall (surrounding facilities)

For more information: (256) 332-3567

Email: avandivertol@yahoo.com

September, 2008 – Water Play Area & Splash Pad

Interactive water fountain, great fun for children

\$2 per person

Mon. – Fri., 10 am – 5 pm, Sun., 2 pm – 5 pm

Riverfront Park, Sheffield

For more information: (256) 386-5615

Email: shprec@hiwaay.net

September – December, 2008 – Tuscumbia Spring Park Fountain Show

51 jet water feature dances to lights & music. 30 to 40 minute show.

Free

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at dusk

Spring Park, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 389-1357, (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783

www.tuscumbiarailway.com

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Admission varies

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September 1, 2008 – Coondog Graveyard Labor Day Celebration

The Coondog graves are freshly decorated. Live music, buck dancing and a liar's contest.

Free

1 pm – 4 pm

Off U.S. Hwy 72 W & AL Hwy 247, on Coondog Road

For more information: (800) 344-0783 or (256) 383-0783

www.coondogcemetery.com or www.colbertcountytourism.org

September 1, 2008 – 87th Shoals Area Labor Council "Labor Day Festivities

Parade at 9 am, activities in the park, State and local leaders speak, as will as Union Reps. Miss & Little Miss Labor Day contest. Prizes will be given all day.

Free

9 am – 5 pm

Spring Park, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 383-2758

September 1, 2008 – Spring Park Splash Pad  
Interactive water fountain, great fun for children.  
\$2 per person

Saturday, 11am – dark, Sun, 1 pm – dark, Mon – Fri, TBA, Closed after Labor Day  
Spring Park, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 386-5670  
[www.cityoftuscumbia.org](http://www.cityoftuscumbia.org)

September 6 - 27, 2008 – Spring Park Market – Up-scale farmers market  
Fresh fruits and vegetables as well as homemade breads, jellies, soaps. Shoals Culinary Center-made products available for purchase. Live music and cooking demonstrations.  
Free  
Every Thursday 4 pm – 7 pm  
Spring Park, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 764-0044, (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783  
[www.cityoftuscumbia.org](http://www.cityoftuscumbia.org) or [www.shoalsec.com](http://www.shoalsec.com)

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September 12 – 13, 2008 – OKA KAPASSA – Return to Cold Water  
Native American Festival. Approximately twelve tribes return to their ancestral land in Southeast America at Tuscumbia. Events include hoop dancing, storytelling, drum, stone carving, flute-making, flintknapping, basket making, and pottery. Authentic Native American food. Special lighting of the torches along a banks of Big Spring in the park.  
Free  
Fri. 9 am – 2 pm, Sat. 10 am – 7:30 pm  
Spring Park, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 757-4438, (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783  
Email: [colberttourism@comcast.net](mailto:colberttourism@comcast.net)  
[www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

September 16 – 21, 2008 – 74th Annual North Alabama State Fair  
Mid-way, rides, contests, exhibits and entertainment  
Admission charged  
Tuesday – Friday: 5 pm to mid-night, Saturday - Sunday: Noon-Midnight  
South Woodward Ave/U.S Hwy 43 S, Muscle Shoals  
For more information: (256) 383-3247  
[www.northalabamastatefair.org](http://www.northalabamastatefair.org)

September 18, 19 & 20, 2008 – (13th Annual) Trail of Tears Commemoration & Motorcycle Ride  
Largest Motorcycle Ride in the South to commemorate the tragic history of the Indian Removal to the west.  
Free  
Check website for schedule  
Chattanooga, TN, Madison, AL, Florence, AL & Waterloo, AL  
For more information: <http://al-tn-trailoftears.net/>

September – October 31, 2008 – Red Rock Corn Maze  
Unique maze design offers you a chance to test your trivia skills. Also includes hayride, and a small pumpkin.  
Admission charged  
Fri.: 5 – 10 pm, Sat.: 1 – 10 pm, Sun: 1 – 5 pm  
Walter McWilliams Farm, 2042 Red Rock Road, Tuscumbia  
For more information: (256) 380-3842 or [walterbettymcw@aol.com](mailto:walterbettymcw@aol.com)  
[www.redrockcornmaze.com](http://www.redrockcornmaze.com)

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Fresh fruits and vegetables (grown hydroponically) as well as homemade breads, jellies, soaps. Culinary-Center-made products available for purchase.

Free

Every Thursday, 4 pm – 7 pm & Saturday, 9 am – 2 pm

Garage Road – TVA Reservation, Muscle Shoals

For more information: (256) 764-0044 or (256) 248-5325

October 1 – 30, 2008 – Shoals Artists Guild Exhibition

Members work in a variety of styles and media including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, pencil, and mixed media

Free

Mon – Fri. 9 am – 4 pm

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence

For more information: (256) 760-6379

[www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org)

October 4 – 5, 2008 – Muscle Shoals Music CityFest

Nationally known entertainers perform outdoors on Saturday. Morning "Cruise-in of classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Games and activities will be available for children, food vendors will be on hand, and fireworks will culminate the evening.

Sunday's entertainment will be generated by local churches. Free

Sat., 11 am – 10:00 pm: Sun., 3 – 8:30 pm

Muscle Shoals City Hall, East Avalon Avenue

For more information: (256) 386-9200, (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783

Email: [info@cityofmuscleshoals.com](mailto:info@cityofmuscleshoals.com)

[www.cityofmuscleshoals.com](http://www.cityofmuscleshoals.com)

October 25 – 26, 2008 – Renaissance Faire

Florence recreates authentic medieval Renaissance Faire. Faire includes authentic costumes, magicians, Knights on horseback, sword fighting, and unique arts and crafts

Free

Sat., 10 am – 6 pm Sun., Noon – 6 pm

Wilson Park, Florence

For more information: (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783

Vendor information: (256) 768-3031

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November – December, 2008 – Shell's Christmas Tree Farm

Select and tag your Christmas tree early, return to the farm Thanksgiving afternoon until Christmas to cut your fresh tree. Fresh wreaths and garland available. Enjoy hot cider while shopping in their gift shop. Hayride party with bonfire available for groups of 20 or more.

Prices varies

Southwest Colbert County

For more information: (256) 383-4207

November & December, 2008 – Ritz Benefit HUGH YARD SALE

Supports the Tennessee Valley Art Association's historic Ritz Theater, programs at the Ritz and Tennessee Valley Art Center and outreach programs to schools

Admission charged ONLY on Nov. 2.- \$5 adults, \$3 children, all other days are FREE

Nov. 2 – 5 to 8 pm

Nov. 3 – 7 am to 4 pm

Nov. 4 – 1 to 4 pm

Nov. 10, 17, 24 & Dec.1 – 9 am to 1 pm

Town Plaza Shopping Center, Sheffield

For more information: (256) 383-0533

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November, 2008 - Elvis Day

Today, Tomorrow, & Forever Elvis Fan Club of Alabama Presents this annual event. Lots of entertainment including Elvis impersonators

Admission charged

Noon – 10 pm

Sheffield Recreation Center

For more information: Jerry Russell (256) 335-0464

November 11, 2008 – Veteran's Day Parade

Parade pays tribute to all that has served our Country in the Armed Forces. Program in Spring Park. Open House at the Legion Hall 10 a.m. to 1 p.m

Free

11 am

Parade will begin on North Main Street and proceed to Spring Park, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 381-2298 or 436-5874

November 12 – December 18, 2008 – Quilt Challenge '08

Members of the Shoals Piecemakers Quilt Guild follow new 'challenging' rules each year to create innovative quilts.

Free

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November 15 – 16, 2008 – Christmas in the Country

Purchase homemade baked goods, small gifts and Christmas ornaments for the holidays. Wagon rides with Santa. See the natural, live decorations reminiscent of early pioneer Christmases.

Free

Sat., 10 am – 4 pm Sun., 1 – 4 pm

LaGrange College Site, Leighton

For more information: (256) 446-9324 Email: [louiselinville@earthlink.net](mailto:louiselinville@earthlink.net)

November 16, 2008 – W.C. Handy Birthday Celebration

Celebrate the birthday of W.C. Handy; enjoy a musical performance and refreshments, including a birthday cake.

Free

11:30 am – 1 pm

W.C. Handy Museum, Florence

For more information: (256) 760-6434

[www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org)

December 2, 2008 – Tuscumbia Christmas Parade

The Tuscumbia Parade kicks off the Holiday Season with a bang. Just about everyone joins in to make this a very popular event.

Free

6 pm

Begins at Deshler High School, down Main Street, right on Sixth Street and left on Water Street

For more information: James McCorkle (256) 386-7200

November – December 24, 2008 – The Trees of Christmas

Community groups and individuals create an alluring exhibition of Christmas trees for the holiday season, using nine 12' tall live spruce and fir.

\$5 adults, \$3 students

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December 7, 2008 – Plantation Christmas

Holiday event reminiscent of the "Old South" with traditional live decorations, period Christmas music, vintage ballroom dancers, and refreshments. Belle Mont, built in 1828, is one of Alabama's most distinguished homes.

\$6 adults, \$3 children

1 – 5 pm

Belle Mont Mansion, Cook Lane, off Highway 43 S, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 383-0783 or (800) 344-0783

[www.colbertcountytourism.org](http://www.colbertcountytourism.org)

December 1 – 13, 2008 – "Heritage Holidays" at the Julian House

Special holiday meals or tea time refreshments at the Julian House ca. 1819, which provides a quaint setting with period Christmas decorations, antiques and 19th century memorabilia.

Price based on menu selection (Reservations required)

By scheduled appointment, subject to availability.

104 North Dickson Street, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 383-4401

Email: [ninhpark@comcast.net](mailto:ninhpark@comcast.net)

December, 2008 – Muscle Shoals Christmas Parade

Parade begins at Gusmus Avenue and proceeds down to Sheffield Avenue and turns right by the Muscle Shoals Post Office

7 pm

Sponsored by the City of Muscle Shoals and Muscle Shoals Businesses

For more information: Linda Williams (256) 386-9250

December 6, 2008 - Sheffield Christmas Parade

Trophies given for best decorated cars, trucks, floats, and walking entries. Entertainment at stage following parade at Fifth St. & North Montgomery Avenue. No admission

6:30 pm

North Montgomery Avenue beginning at 10th St. & proceeding to 2nd Street

For more information: (256) 383-0250

Email: [cpdriskell@cs.com](mailto:cpdriskell@cs.com)

December, 2008 – Wilson Lake Parade of Lights

A prize of \$100 is given for the best decorated vessel. Line up at Florence Harbor and parade down passed Seven-Mile Island and around by Riverfront Park in Sheffield, where you have a perfect view of the parade.

Free

6:30 pm

For more information: (256) 768-1299

December, 2008 – Wheeler Lake Boat Parade of Lights

Decorated boats sporting Christmas lights and decorations light up the night, passing within view from the shores along Wheeler Lake.

Free

Begins at dusk

For more information: (256) 247-5466

[www.joewheelerstatepark.com](http://www.joewheelerstatepark.com)

December 14, 2008 – Sheffield Holiday Tour of Homes

Historic and contemporary homes beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

Admission: \$10.00

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Residential areas of Sheffield

For more information: (256) 383-0250

Email: [cpdriskell@cs.com](mailto:cpdriskell@cs.com)

December, 2008 – Holiday Trolley Tours in Historic Tuscumbia

Driving tour of historic Tuscumbia, including visits into private homes and churches decorated for Christmas.

Admission: \$10.00

Three Tours: 2 p.m., 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Board Trolley at ColdWater Books, corner of Main Street and Sixth Street

For more information: (256) 383-0783

[ColbertTourism@comcast.net](mailto:ColbertTourism@comcast.net)

December, 2008 - NCAA Division II National Championship Football Game

The Best of the best in division II college football go head to head in Florence each year compete for the championship title.

Tickets \$20

Kick-off at 11 am

Braly Municipal Stadium, Florence

For more information: (256) 764-4661 or (877) 764-4661

[www.shoals@shoalchamber.com](http://www.shoals@shoalchamber.com)

December, 2008 – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The church is scandalized when the wildest, toughest kids in town take over the main parts in the Christmas pageant. Fitting the unsuitable Herdman children into their Biblical roles provides one laugh after another as they collide with the Christmas story head-on and help everyone rediscover its true meaning.

\$5 adults, \$4 students

2 pm

Ritz Theater, Sheffield

For more information: (256) 383-0533 or [Htvaa@comcast.net](mailto:Htvaa@comcast.net)

[www.tvaa.net](http://www.tvaa.net)

December 21, 2008 – Christmas Open House at Ivy Green

Beautiful live holiday decorations adorn the historic birthplace and home of America's First Lady of Courage, Helen Keller

Free

1 – 4 pm

Helen Keller Birthplace, Tuscumbia

For more information: (256) 383-4066 or (888) 329-2124

[www.helenkellerbirthplace.org](http://www.helenkellerbirthplace.org)

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