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Get ready to blast off with Summerfest

OK Dallas, it's time to get a little "space-y." Summerfest 2017 is about to launch for "A Space Adventure," and you don't need to be an astronaut to come along for the ride.

This year has a few new events — larping anyone? — and the return of an old favorite, the three-on-three basketball tournament.

Believe it or not, the space adventure theme coinciding with the solar eclipse happening just a few weeks after Summerfest ends is a coincidence.

"We put a vote out last year after Summerfest and asked, 'What would you like the theme to Summerfest 2017 to be?'" said Bonnie Dreier, the Dallas Area Visitors Center programs and events manager. "People just started throwing ideas out. 'A Space Adventure' and '1950s Sock Hop' were pretty close, but Space Adventure took it."

That vote took place before Great American Eclipse fever hit full throttle. "It was perfect," Dreier said.

Summerfest opens at 11 a.m. Thursday and will spend three days occupying downtown Dallas, bringing food and merchandise vendors, entertainment and a National Guard demonstration tent that

is, yes, air-conditioned.

A surprise addition to the Saturday lineup is iHeart Radio, which will be doing live broadcasts, taking green-screen photos, and giving away prizes.

The iHeart Radio booth will be set up at the corner of Mill and Main streets from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

"They came to us and said 'We want to be there,'" Dreier said. "I think it will be amazing."

Local "larping" group Amtgard is offering three days of live-action role-play fun Thursday through Saturday, ending with an epic battle on Saturday afternoon. The group plans to teach participants skills and help them to make "weapons" on Thursday and Friday in preparation for the main event on Saturday.

"They will build up to Saturday, being able to bring people who have learned through the classes and be able to participate," Dreier said.

Returning to the schedule is the three-on-three tournament. An alumni game will kick off the competition on Friday night, with the tournament beginning in earnest on Saturday morning.

The Dallas Fire Department is not to be left out, with its always amusing, and pos-

sibly drenching, waterball contest Friday night at 6.

Saturday evening offers yet another new event, the SummerQuest Scavenger Hunt. The quest begins at 5 p.m., so bring your team (up to six people) and your smartphone to get clues, which will take you through Dallas City Park, downtown and back to Academy lawn.

West Valley Taphouse will provide a brew for each participant — beer for adults and root beer for those not yet 21.

Stick around for the downtown close-out party featuring Prince tribute band Erotic City, starting at 7 p.m.

"We're stoked because this is going to be the first big concert we've had," Dreier

said. "I think it's going to be packed all the way down to where Bounty Market is."

On Sunday, Summerfest moves to Dallas City Park for breakfast in the Park at starting 6:30 a.m., the Tom Newton Memorial Car Show, Art in the Park and a second edition of Polk County Bounty Market.

If you see nothing else, come to the main event — Saturday's parade starting at 11 a.m. in downtown Dallas.

"We have some (entries) coming in. One person has a big blow-up UFO that they are going to put on a trailer," Dreier said. "I have been told that people who own (Mitsubishi) Eclipses were going to come in to the parade."

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Five bands ready to rock out at Summerfest

For the first time, Summerfest-goers will enjoy a tribute band — not just any tribute band, Erotic City, a Prince Tribute.

“I’m so excited,” said Bonnie Dreier, events and programs manager for the Dallas Visitors Center. “I can’t believe it’s happening here. Independence has that kind of thing, but most of the time we try and promote our local bands. We decided to do something big this year for the closing party.”

Julian Stefoni, of Portland, performs as Prince.

Dreier said he nails the look and sound of the singer-songwriter who died April 21, 2016.

Dreier said the response from the community on Facebook has been huge.

“I think it’s going to draw a big crowd,” she said.

Erotic City will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at the Academy Stage. Food trucks — including Jenuine Desserts out of Salem — and a beer garden by West Valley Taphouse will set up on the Academy Building lawn where the Bounty Market usually sits. Dreier

Jam Time

THURSDAY
Noon to 2 p.m. — Luann Cash Ritts (Courthouse Lawn Stage).

FRIDAY
6 p.m. — Parish Gap (Courthouse Lawn Stage).

SATURDAY
12:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Swamp Donkeys (Courthouse Lawn Stage).
3 to 5 p.m. — Gusto Brothers (Courthouse Lawn Stage).
7 to 9 p.m. — Erotic City Prince Tribute (Academy Stage).

said she hopes to see the entire lawn area full with overflow people enjoying the closing party.

People are encouraged to party like it’s 1999, so bring blankets for the lawn rather than chairs to allow for freedom of dancing.

Tribute bands cost more than local acts, but Dreier said Summerfest will still feature plenty of local talent.

In addition to Erotic City, four bands

will entertain Summerfest fun-seekers during the four-day festival.

Luann Cash Ritts kicks off the music with her styling of classic country, rockabilly, oldies, bluegrass and more. Ritts takes the Courthouse Lawn Stage from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

On Friday evening, Parish Gap, four performers who really know how to put on a show, take the spotlight at 6, also on the Courthouse Lawn Stage.

Swamp Donkeys will open the festival following the parade on Saturday, from about 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Gusto Brothers will take over the sounds from 3 to 5 p.m.

Both will play on the Courthouse Lawn Stage.

People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the performances on the Courthouse Lawn Stage.



Erotic City, a Prince tribute band, will perform Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Kids, parents have a blast with triathlon

If there's an event that provides the thrill of competition for the young ones — and provides the staff and spectators the joy of watching it unfold — it would be the Kids' Triathlon.

"It's usually pretty fun," Dallas Aquatic Center's Gretchen Noll said. "I know the staff is always excited to

host the little ones."

This year's event will be held on Friday starting at 10 a.m. Participants will be broken down into age groups (5 to 6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12) with swimming, biking and running distances varying by age group.

"I think it's a different sport that kids don't always get the

chance to participate in," Noll said. "Combining the three sports is always fun. We have a lot of kids who come to swim lessons who like to do (the triathlon) and show their love of biking and running as well. It's a great chance for the kids to see the pool and experience what it's like."

The triathlon is just as entertaining for those watching. "We love having parents cheer them on, and usually they help the kids transition from swimming to the bike," Noll said. "We all love handing out medals at the end and seeing the kids finish."

The cost is \$20 for members of the aquatic center and \$25 for nonmembers.

"It's a fun, once-a-year thing that I think everyone loves doing," Noll said.



The Kids' Triathlon gives participants a chance to swim, bike and run and earn a medal for their efforts.

Give it a Tri

What: Summerfest Kids' Triathlon.
When: Friday, 10 a.m. Check-in starts at 9:45 a.m.
Where: Dallas Aquatic Center and Roger Jordan Community Park, on Southwest LaCreole Drive, in Dallas.
Age-group triathlon distance: Ages 5-6 — 25-yard swim, 165-yard bicycle, 75-yard run. Ages 7-8 — 25-yard swim, 280-yard bicycle, 175-yard run. Ages 9-10 — 50-yard swim, 545-yard bicycle, 300-yard run. Ages 11-12 — 100-yard swim, 1,090-yard bicycle, 600-yard run.
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Classic cars ready to roll at Dallas City Park on Sunday

On Sunday, classic cars will converge upon Dallas City Park for the annual Tom Newton Memorial Car Show, a tradition that began more than half a century ago. The park will be packed end to end with car enthusiasts excited to show off their out-of-this-world automobiles.

“We have averaged over the last three years about 150 cars. We hope to have 180 cars this year,” said Brent Darrington, of the Dallas Rotary Club. “I like to hear the conversations about how the cars were rebuilt and hear the stories. One can tell that the many participants really put a lot of care and love into their cars.”

Cars will start lining up at 6 a.m. so that the eight-hour show can begin at 7 a.m. At 2 p.m. the much-anticipated awards ceremony begins.

“We give out about 50 handmade trophies, which we are very proud of and we often get comments about the quality of trophies,” said Darrington. “Some participants have even told me they come to the

car show just to see if they can get one of those trophies.”

For those hoping to get a trophy, the registration fee is \$20. A registration form can is available at dallasrotaryshow.com. Forms should be submitted to Bonnie Beck at the Oregon State Credit Union in Dallas.

For those wishing to cruise between the lines of cars taking in the craftsmanship, admission is free.

Though this event is certainly a treat for car enthusiasts, it can be a healthy amount of education and entertainment for everyone. As in years past, the Rotary Club will hold several 50/50 raffles throughout the car show. Anyone is welcome to purchase tickets, but they must be present to win.

“I also like the fact that all this money generated goes right back into the community,” added Darrington.

So, come on out to Dallas City Park and take in the sights and sounds of the Tom Newton Memorial Car Show, running from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Find your treasure at the park

Art in the Park will return to Dallas City Park on Sunday. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features artists selling their self-made work, which has undergone a jurying process by the Dallas Arts Association.

Strolling past the stalls in the park, onlookers will find handcrafted jewelry, soaps, artwork, pottery and leather products, among other things. At the same time, there will be entertainment provided for shoppers in the park. On the three stages, performers will play music, dance and tell stories to their audience.

“I love the setting of Art in the Park, it brings a lot of people out,” said Bonnie Dreier, the events and programs Manager of the Dallas Area Visitors Center. “I love to see people coming in from out of town.”

Dreier said Art in the Park event has grown in recent years.

“Our vendor count has tripled in the last five years,” said Dreier.

Another way shoppers can support local businesses and artists is through the Polk County Bounty Market.

The Polk County Bounty Market features local growers and artisans, and

Art in the Park

MAIN STAGE
11 a.m. — Cooper Hollow.
Noon — Old Field Road.
1 p.m. — Wild Hog in the Woods.
2 p.m. — Ray and Renee.
3 p.m. — Cash & Company.

PERFORMING ARTS STAGE
11 a.m. — Celtic Claddagh Dancers.
1 p.m. — Mid Valley Belly Dance Collective.
3 p.m. — Pipe Dance.

CHILDREN'S STAGE
11 a.m. — Phoenix Starchild.
Noon — Spirited Stories.
2 p.m. — The Generations.

runs every Thursday from May to September.

Summerfest 2017 will mark the seventh year that the Bounty Market will run twice — once on Thursday and alongside the Art in the Park event on Sunday.

“It’s great, people make it a full day: first the Rotary breakfast and the car show, then stroll over to Art in the Park,” said Dreier.

Fill up with breakfast in the park

In a tradition that has lasted more than half a century, the Rotary Club of Dallas will host Breakfast in the Park again this year. On Sunday, you can expect to see a line of smiling faces stretching around Dallas City Park, waiting for their serving of pancakes, scrambled eggs and the infamous Pendleton ham — all of which is prepared by Rotarians or family members of Rotarians. This year marks the 54th breakfast served by the Rotary Club at Summerfest, which typically doles out 1,800-2,000 plates over the span of four hours.

“It great because you see kids from 12 years ago coming through as adults with their own kids,” said Mike Barker, Rotary Club member and breakfast organizer.

Not only is the breakfast a time-honored Dallas tradition, it’s also a Rotary Club fundraiser. In the past, the club has used funds from this event to support the Dallas community.

“Rotary does local, state and international projects, but all the money from the breakfast stays in town,” said Barker.

Barker explained that funds from the breakfast help to fund the three scholar-

ships that the Rotary Club offers to high school seniors from Dallas High School and Morrison Campus Alternative School, pay for the upkeep of Rotary Park and Rotary Performing Arts Stage, and fund donations to various local charities and projects.

Money isn’t the only thing from the breakfast that the club gives away. Nothing is wasted after the breakfast — any leftover food and drink is donated to Sable House, the Dallas Retirement Village and various food banks around Dallas.

Additionally, as a way to help with the parking madness on the day that Art in the Park, Breakfast in the Park and the Tom Newton Memorial Car Show are all occurring at Dallas City Park, the Rotary Club is providing free shuttle service that will run between Rite Aid and the city park every 15 minutes from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets to breakfast can be purchased in advance at Citizen Bank, the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce, the *Itemizer-Observer* and from Dallas Rotary Members. Adult tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 on the day; children's tickets (4-13) are \$4; and children 3 and younger are free.

Firefighting turned sport ‘wets’ competitive appetite

The thrill of competition. The cheers of the crowd. A shot of water from a fire hose.

It’s time for the Dallas Fire & EMS’ “waterball” competition.

The contest takes the skills firefighters use to put out fires and turns them into a spectator sport.

Two teams, both with fire hoses, try to use water to push a ball suspended from a rail past the other team.

Warning: There is a “spray zone” for this contest, but that may be part of the appeal on a hot Summerfest night, like the department’s other fire hose challenge featured during Summerfest 2016, hydro carts.

Waterball is a blast — of cold water — said Bonnie Dreier, the programs and events manager for the Dallas Area Visitors Center, the host of Summerfest.

“Both that (waterball) and the hydro carts are so much fun,” she said. “I remember a couple years ago it was blazing and they were doing that and

Waterball

Dallas Fire & EMS' waterball competition returns on Friday at 6 p.m. outside the Dallas Fire Station, 915 SE Shelton.

The fire department will also have a booth on the Polk County Courthouse lawn from Thursday through Saturday.

there were tons of the people down there.”

The competition begins at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Dallas Fire Station, 915 SE Court St.

If being hit with a shot of cold water isn’t to your liking, but you want to learn more about the department, head over to the Dallas Fire & EMS Summerfest booth.

The department will have the booth open Thursday through Saturday on the Polk County Courthouse lawn.



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Booster Club hopes to start a new Summerfest tradition

The Dallas Booster Club has long played a major role during Summerfest. This year, the club is breaking away from its usual fun run to bring something new to the festivities on Saturday.

"We wanted to do something a little different," organizer Tenda Locke said. "We wanted to see how the community liked it. I have a friend who has done a scavenger hunt, and she helped me come up with the route and the activities. We decided to give it a shot."

The scavenger hunt will take place July 29 at 5 p.m., when teams of up to six members gather at the main entrance of the Academy Building.

From there, teams will receive clues to various locations around Dallas.

Teams will provide a phone number that clues will be texted to.

Some clues will be straight-forward, while others will require some quick thinking and detective skills, Locke said. The only rule in solving the clues is you must run or walk to each destination.

"There's no particular route you have to

follow," Locke said. "Teams will have 10 things to do. Some of them, you have to take a picture there, others you have to collect something. Distances will vary depending on what order you solve the clues."

There will be an award given to the team that finishes first — as well as special awards.

"The other awards will be unique," Locke said.

Upon finishing, each participant can enjoy a concert by Erotic City in the evening. Each team member receives a drink ticket for a beer, cider or root beer.

"We wanted to create something that encouraged people to get out and move," Locke said. "At the same time, we wanted it to be a little bit of a challenge and have a social aspect with the concert afterwards, enjoying a drink and just getting people out and enjoying themselves."

The cost is \$25 for team members 12 and older and \$10 for members 11 and younger. Day of registration will be available.

Basketball tourney returns

Have a score to settle or want to show off your skills? Want to prove you're the next LeBron James or Candace Parker?

Summerfest has the event for you.

This year marks the return of a three-on-three basketball tournament.

"I think we just realized there are a lot of kids here that needed something to do," organizer Ashley Kahl said. "We wanted to offer something special during Summerfest for the kids in fifth grade and up. It's something fun to do, and selfishly, I love basketball."

There will be age divisions for males and females ranging from fifth- and sixth-graders to 35 and older.

Each team must have four players. Registration is due by Thursday.

The cost is \$40 per team. Registration forms can be found online at www.facebook.com/dallassummerfest/.

The tournament will begin on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the Academy Building parking lot.

"My hope for this year is we have enough teams participating to hold a full tournament," Kahl said. "When I first went to Tod Brostrom and said I wanted to start this again, he's so sweet, but was like, 'oh good luck getting people to sign

up.' I took that as a challenge."

Kahl said that so far, interest has been strong, but with the deadline looming, time is running out to sign up.

"We have been getting a lot of interest," Kahl said. "A lot of people are calling and asking questions."

The tournament won't be the only basketball-related event. On Friday, a Dallas High School alumni game will be held at 7 p.m.

"I'm excited about that," Kahl said.

"Watching those old guys and girls get out there and stretch their legs, it'll be fun."

There may even be a twist.

"The high school has offered to let me dig through some of their vintage warm ups and uniforms so I can make sure they are outfitted properly," Kahl said.

Kahl said she expects this year's turnout to be on the smaller side, but hopes to see the three-on-three basketball tournament become a Summerfest tradition and grow past a one-day event in the future.

"It's an opportunity for people to get out of their house and gives them something to do," Kahl said. "It's not going to be huge this year, but someday it would be cool to see growth and see it become a two-day event."



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Parade will bring out of this world fun

All systems go, start the count-down. It's time for what is typically the biggest event downtown Dallas hosts each year: the Summerfest parade.

This year, it will likely be, eh, eclipsed by the big solar party scheduled for the weekend before and day of the Great American Eclipse on Aug. 21.

That only makes the theme for Summerfest and Saturday's parade more fun: A Space Adventure.

"We have some fun (entries) coming in. One person has a big blow-up UFO that they are going to put on a trailer," said Bonnie Dreier, the Dallas Area Visitors Center programs and events manager. "I have been told that people who own (Mitsubishi) Eclipses were going to come in to the parade."

Those participating in the parade, and even those just watching, are urged to make the most of the theme, so you are welcome to dress up for the occasion.

Be prepared to encounter aliens and astronauts and probably more than one version of "Total Eclipse of the Heart," as the parade makes its way through downtown, starting at the corner of Jefferson



The Summerfest Parade is always one of the main attractions of the weekend.

and Washington streets and weaving its way back down Main Street.

The parade begins at 11 a.m., but it is best to find your viewing spot early to make the most of the parade experience.

A space-y parade

What: Dallas Summerfest "A Space Adventure" parade.

When: 11 a.m. Saturday.

Where: The parade will start at the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets in downtown Dallas. From there it will head up Jefferson Street and turn south around at the couplet and return south on Main Street, ending at Washington Street.

How to enter: Fees for late-entry parade floats are \$40 for chamber members, \$60 for non-chamber members, and \$20 for junior entries and live music acts. Entries can be submitted until the day of the parade.

For more information: Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce, 503-623-2564 or download the entry form at www.dallasoregon.org.

Kids' hour starts on the Courthouse Lawn and 10 a.m. and will give them an opportunity to show off their creative side.

"On Saturday at the information booth,

we will have pieces of chalk to hand out for the kids," Dreier said. "So, they can go get their chalk Saturday morning for Kids' Hour, 10 to 11 a.m., when we encourage the kids to go out and draw on the street and get their spot for the parade."

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Rubber duckie, you're the one ...

And they're off! Summerfest's ninth annual Duck Race is a highlight of Saturday afternoon. The race, a fundraiser for the Dallas Lions Club, begins when 2,000 rubber duckies are dumped off the Levens Street Bridge and battle for position down Rickreall Creek to the Main Street Bridge finish line.

"It is funny how they come down," said Lion Susan Gartland. "Watching them, it's sort of comical. They turn around in circles and bump into each other."

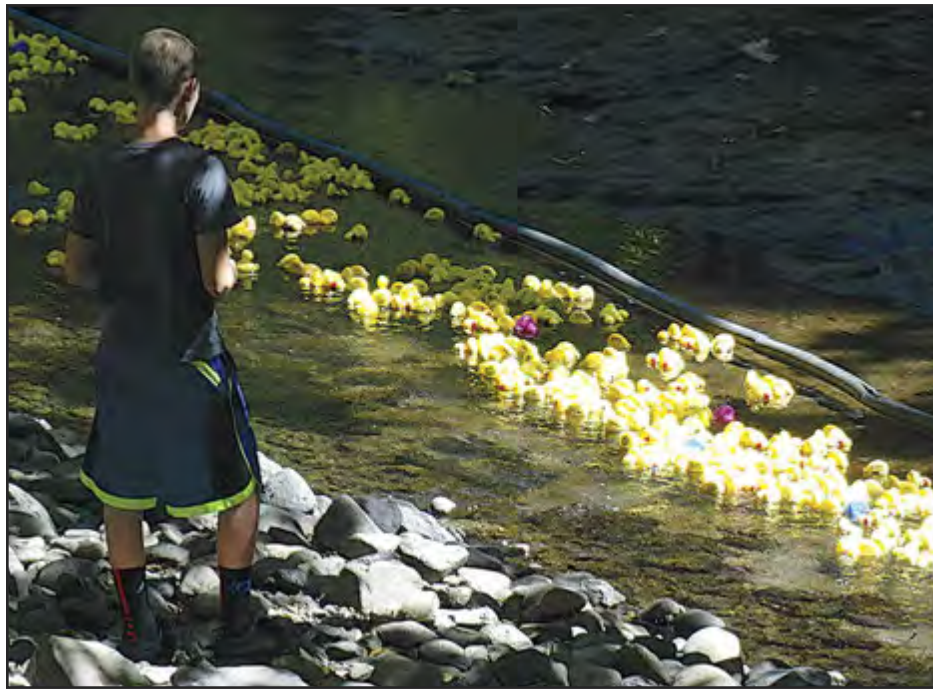
Gartland said the creek is in pretty good shape this year. The Boy Scouts build a little shoot to make the trip easier, but it isn't foolproof.

"Some of them get a little waylaid, little whirlpools they get into," Gartland said.

The race is a lottery sanctioned event, so tampering with ducks is strictly prohibited. But that doesn't mean you can't watch from a distance and cheer your little duck on.

"People stand at the bridge and holler their ducks on," Gartland said. "You can't see the numbers, but it's fun."

Each ticket purchased from the Lions Club has a number that corresponds with a rubber duck. Club members have gathered about 160 donated prizes this year



The Duck Race features 2,000 rubber duckies "racing" down Rickreall Creek.

for the winners.

"We have such a wonderful community," Gartland said. "They're very generous."

Prizes range from the grand prize all the way to a McDonald's ice cream cone, Gartland said.

The secret to taking home the trophy

Buy your tickets

Tickets are available at these places: Dallas Animal Clinic, Sassy's Keggs & Eggs, The Car Doctor, Courtyard Coffee and Deli, Dallas Chamber Office, Bounty Market, Dallas Trophy and Postal Connections.

for first? Buy more tickets.

Proceeds are used by the Lions Club to support its activities in Dallas.

"We have a variety of things, but our main, No. 1 commitment to our community is to the vision screening for kids," Gartland said. "Last year, we screened over 1,200 kids in Dallas schools."

The Lions Club also helps supply eye glasses, eye exams and hearing aids for those who can't afford them.

Club members purchase bikes for Books for Bikes, a program in Dallas schools that rewards students with a bicycle for reading. Each year, the club awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Dallas senior who shows outstanding community involvement.



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Amtgardians offer a glimpse into LARPing

Summerfest's theme may take you to the stars, but local Amtgard players are ready to bring you to a fantasy world ripe with weapons, crafting and countless adventures.

Amtgard is a live-action role-playing game.

Over Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Amtgardians will give people an in-depth look at what the live action role playing group is all about.

Things kick off on Thursday with an introduction to the different character classes available from noon to 4 p.m.

Once you get the basics, a weapons building demo begins at 4:15 p.m. An optional fee of \$20 can be paid to build and take home your own foam sword.

"Our goal is to show people what our weapons are made of and make them feel safer, while giving them a look into what goes into making their own basic gear," Amtgardian Ryan Rendon said.

If swords aren't your style, the first round of the Ultimate Archer competition begins at 5 p.m. Archers will compete in a series of challenges including one-on-one

confined-quarters shootoff, a quick shot challenge, accuracy challenge and a long-distance challenge.

Thursday's activities are capped off by militia style battle games at 6 p.m. — letting participants show off what they've learned in objective-based games for people who just want to have fun fighting.

The archer competition continues on Friday. There will also be advanced quest scenarios (noon to 4 p.m.) and basic combat classes training (5 p.m.).

On Saturday, all Amtgardians are called to action for a role-play scenario at 1 p.m. followed by a major quest fight at 1:30 p.m.

"Saturday, everyone will be on the (Academy lawn) playing whatever class they choose and working with all the experienced players from the kingdom to overcome one really hard challenge that will take a long time and have riddles and things for them to figure out — all the while fighting a horde of enemies," Rendon said. "It will be a lot of fun, and after we will all gather and hand out awards."

Summerfest briefs

National Guard to bring rock wall, demo tent

Whether you want to challenge your fear of heights on a rock wall or learn a little about what it's like to be a soldier, the Oregon Army National Guard's booth at Summerfest has what you are looking for.

The National Guard will be in downtown Dallas Thursday through Saturday.

"They will be bringing their rock climbing wall and their demo tent that will be air-conditioned," said Bonnie Dreier, the programs and events manager for Summerfest host Dallas Area Visitors Center.

She said the rock wall is a fun activity for young children, but the demo tent is geared toward those who might consider signing up to serve in the National Guard.

The tent will have the artillery and firearms that guard soldiers use in the field displayed for people to check out.

"It will be a cool place for people to come in a just sit down and learn about the weaponry and what they are used for," Dreier said.

Delbert Hunter Arboretum offers tours

Summerfest Sunday is decidedly more low-key than the other three days of the festival, so it's fitting that a walk among a showcase of native plants and trees is on the schedule.

Delbert Hunter Arboretum, located in a corner of Dallas City Park, where the rest of Sunday's activities are taking place, is open for tours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is hosted by the Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum and is the perfect time to see newly planted areas, mature features and the arboretum center. Volunteers will be on site to answer questions about the arboretum.

The 7.5-acre area features a pond, rhododendron and azalea gardens, and a meadow area, all bordering Rickreall Creek.

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