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ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL MAKES ADJUSTMENTS FOR COVID-19

The Queen and her jousting knights continue a legacy of outdoor merriment.

The 33rd annual Arizona Renaissance Festival will open on February 6, 2021 with new guidelines, new ticketing procedures, and heightened safety operations in response to COVID-19 for its 50 acres of open-air fairgrounds.

The festival held in Gold Canyon is a 16th century European styled park with its "Village of Fairhaven" where attendees are immersed in a whimsical and historical setting featuring artisans, stages for live entertainment, rides, games, jousting knights, music and comedy performers, and ample food and drink.

For the 2021 festival, tickets will be limited quantity date-specific and must be purchased on-line in advance of arriving at the festival grounds. General admission tickets will not be available for purchase at the fairgrounds box office or traditional retail locations for the 2021 event.

Festival presenter Fry's Food and Drug Stores provides free event parking and for the 2021 festival children ages 12 and under will receive FREE admission at the gate with no child ticket or coupon required this year, an \$18 value, courtesy of Fry's.

The festival is making the holiday shopping season more FESTIVE with a five day "Fan Fest Ticket Sale". The on-line only discount ticket sale features \$10 off all adult admission tickets. This special sale starts on Thursday December 10, offering a steep discount for date specific, limited daily attendance tickets, while ticket supplies last at arizona.renfestinfo.com.

For 2021 the festival has new safety protocols and guidelines for its patrons, staff, artisans, and performers. The festival's open-air fairgrounds offer ample opportunity for social distancing within the 50-acre Village of Fairhaven.

Masks will be required of all festival visitors unless eating or drinking in one of the fairgrounds many designated socially distanced picnic areas.

Guests are encouraged to stay socially distant from persons or groups they are not with. Frequent hand washing is encouraged, and hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the grounds.

"Every year Pinal County and visitors from the surrounding region look forward to attending the Renaissance Festival as this event has become a tradition offering excellent arts and entertainment for all." according to Pinal County District 5 Supervisor Todd House whose representation includes the Gold Canyon area that is home to Arizona's Renaissance Festival.

The festival offers an opportunity to enjoy and explore the outdoor 16th Century village for nine consecutive weekends, Saturdays, Sundays, and Presidents' Day Monday, February 6 through April 4, from 10 am to 6pm each event date.

For more information contact the Festival at 520-463-2600 or on the web at arizona.renfestinfo.com.

ABOUT THE ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

WHAT: Fry's Food and Drug Stores present the 33rd Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace: a 14-stage theater, an outdoor whimsical village, a 50-acre circus, an arts & crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast – all rolled into one nonstop, daylong adventure.

WHERE: Festival site is located east of Apache Junction on U.S. Highway 60, just past Gold Canyon Golf Resort. (12601 East US Hwy 60)

WHEN: Nine consecutive weekends, Saturdays, Sundays, and Presidents' Day Monday, from February 6 through April 4. The Festival runs from 10AM until 6PM, open rain or shine.

TICKETS: For 2021, date specific tickets must be purchased Online in Advance:

- Adults (ages 13 and over): \$28
- Children (ages 12 and under) will receive **FREE** admission at the gate, with no child ticket or coupon required this year, an \$18 value courtesy of Fry's Food and Drug Stores.
- Military adult and Seniors (60 and older): \$26

Date specific, limited daily attendance tickets, while ticket supplies last at arizona.renfestinfo.com.

PARKING: **FREE** courtesy of Fry's Food and Drug Stores

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