

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN POLK COUNTY

## MARCH 2025

### WELCOME CENTER

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>  
8AM-12PM**

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WELCOME CENTER'S

## BIRTHDAY BASH



**March 15 | 8AM – 12PM  
Birthday Bash**

Celebrate the Welcome Center's 18th birthday! BOGO LEGOLAND Florida tickets & Bok Tower Tickets – there will be free cookies to celebrate and presents to the first 100 people!



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### FOOD

**March 1 | 4PM  
The 1st Annual Central Florida Food Truck Rally @  
The Auburndale Speedway**  
5640 E County Rd 542, Winter Haven, FL 33880

**March 15 | 1PM – 8PM  
Blues & BBQ Vendor Fest @ Lakeland Square Mall**  
3800 US Hwy 98 N, Lakeland

### ARTS & CULTURE

**March 1 & 2 | 9AM – 4PM  
Bloomin Arts Festival**  
100 E Main Street, Bartow

**March 8 | 9AM – 4PM  
Central Park Arts Festival**  
1-35 4th St NW, Winter Haven

**March 8 | 10AM – 2PM  
Lake Alfred Heritage Festival**  
120 E Pomelo St, Lake Alfred

**March 9 | 12PM  
Primer Festival Mundial de Coplas**  
5751 E Hinson Ave, Haines City

**March 28 | 7:30PM  
Dance: Kinetic Connections @ Florida Southern  
College**  
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr, Lakeland

### SPORTS

**Feb 22 – March 22  
Detroit Tigers Spring Training @ Joker Merchant  
Stadium**  
2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd, Lakeland

**March 3 – 9  
RussMatt Session 3 @ Various Locations**  
Chain of Lakes Sports Complex: 210 Cypress Gardens  
Bld, Winter Haven  
Lake Myrtle Sports Complex: 2701 Lake Myrtle Park Rd,  
Auburndale  
Northeast Regional Park: 50945 US-27, Davenport

**March 4 – 6  
FHSAA Basketball State Championship @ RP  
Funding Center**  
701 W Lime St, Lakeland

**March 9 – 16  
THE Spring Games Session 2 @ Diamondplex**  
999 Ave H NE, Winter Haven

**March 14 – 16  
SSUSA Spring Nationals @ Various Locations**  
Loyce Harpe Sports Complex: 500 W. Carter Rd.  
Mulberry  
Walker Road Softball Complex: 1035 Walker Road  
Lakeland

**March 29 | 7:30PM  
Bonnet Springs Park 5k**  
400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland

**March 29 | 7:30AM – 1:30PM  
Bustin' Clays with Sheriff Grady Judd**  
3755 Tenoroc Mine Road, Lakeland

### FAMILY FUN

**Feb 28 5PM – March 1 10AM  
Camp BSP @ Bonnet Springs**  
400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland

**March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5PM – 6PM  
Lakeland Runners Club – Kids Run Club @ Bonnet  
Springs**  
400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland

**March 14 | 1PM – 4PM  
St. Patty's Day Family Palooza**  
1230 Southern Ave. Lakeland

**March 29 | 10AM – 12PM  
Enchanted Unicorn Festival**  
5421 US Highway 98 South Lakeland

### FESTIVALS & EXPOS

**March 1 | 11AM – 4PM  
CommunityFest Winter Haven**  
1-35 4th St NW, Winter Haven

**March 9 | 1PM  
St. Patrick's Day Pageant**  
3800 US Hwy 98 N, Lakeland

**March 13 – 15  
Original Sewing & Quilt Expo @ RP Funding Center**  
701 W Lime St, Lakeland

**March 17 | 3PM – 10PM  
Shamrocks and Shenanigans**  
124 Kenny Boulevard, Haines City

**March 21 | 5:30PM – 9PM  
St. Patrick's Day Un-Parade**  
180 S Central Ave, Bartow





## MUSIC & THEATRE

### Tribute Tuesday @ the Ritz Theatre

March 4: Tribute to The Beatles  
March 11: Tribute to James Taylor  
March 18: Tribute to Journey & Styx  
March 25: Tribute to Neil Diamond

### Fine Arts Festival @ Florida Southern

March 8: Anne Jenkins Memorial Symphony Series  
March 14: AJ Rafael in Concert  
March 20: An Evening of Song

### Feb 13 – March 2

#### Sylvia @ Theater Winter Haven

210 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven

### March 1 – 2

#### LKLD Indie Super Bash @ Union Hall

1023 Florida Ave S, Lakeland

### March 7 | 7PM – 9PM

#### Concert Under the Stars: Chris Jones & the Night Drivers @ Bok Tower

1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales

### March 13 – April 6

#### Waitress @ Theater Winter Haven

210 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven

### March 13 – 16

#### The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron @ The Historic Ritz Theater

263 W Central Ave, Winter Haven

### March 15 | 7:30PM – 9:30PM

#### Ringin' in Spring A Cappella Show @ Florida Southern

1100 Johnson Ave, Lakeland

### March 21 | 7PM – 8:30PM

#### Towering with Broadway: A Night of Broadway Magic with Steamin' Jazz @ Bok Tower

1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales

### March 28

#### I Love Rock N Roll @ La's Midway Saloon

2050 US-92, Lake Alfred

### March 28 | 7PM – 9PM

#### Concert Under the Stars: Sister Sadie @ Bok Tower

1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales

### March 29

#### Swan City Jazz Festival @ Lake Mirror Amphitheater

121 S Lake Ave, Lakeland



## CAR

### March 1 | 4PM – 7PM

#### Lake Wales Car Show

20 N. Market Place, Lake Wales

### March 14 | 5PM – 8:30PM

#### Lakeland Cruisers Friday Cruise Night

1614 Town Center Dr., Lakeland

### March 29 | 9AM – 1PM

#### Downtown Cars & Coffee @ The Joinery

640 E Main St, Lakeland



## POLK COUNTY



**Avelo has flights from Lakeland (LAL) to many fun and new destinations!** You can fly to New Haven, CT; Rochester, NY; Manchester, NH; Wilmington, DE; Concord/Charlotte, NC; & San Juan, PR! Flights to Nashville, TN start March 6<sup>th</sup>!



## MARKETS & CRAFTS

**Artisan Market:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at Lakeside Village, Lakeland | 12PM – 5PM

**Bartow Antique & Collectibles Market:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Downtown Bartow | 8AM – 1PM

**Brew Hub Night Market:** Lakeland | Monthly, check site for dates | 6PM

**Buena Market:** Lakeland pop up market | Check site for more information

**Dixieland Night Market:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday | Union Hall, Lakeland | 6PM – 11PM

**International Market World:** Every Friday-Sunday in Auburndale | 8AM – 4PM

**Lake Wales Farmers Market:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday | 9AM – 1PM

**Lake Wales Third Thursday Market:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in Downtown Lake Wales | 4PM – 7PM

**Lakeland Farmers' Curb Market:** Every Saturday in Munn Park, Downtown Lakeland | 8:30AM – 1PM

**Moonlight Market** at Grove Roots Brewing Co.: Winter Haven | 6PM | Check site for dates

**Paradise Market** at Camp Margaritaville: Auburndale | Select Sundays | 9AM – 2PM

**Sunset Market** at Balmoral Event Center | Check site for dates.

**Winter Haven Farmers Market:** Every Saturday in Downtown Winter Haven | 8:30AM – 11AM

**Winter Haven Saturday Market:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in Central Park | 9AM – 3PM



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## REOCCURRING EVENTS

### TUESDAYS

**Story Time:** Florida Air Museum | Tuesdays | 10AM

**Tasty Tuesdays:** Downtown Lakeland | 4:30PM-9PM | Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

**Trivia Tuesdays:** Grove Roots Brewing Co., Winter Haven | 6:30PM- 8PM | Every Tuesday

### WEDNESDAYS

**Family Game Night:** Bonnet Springs Park Rooftop Bar | 5PM-8PM | FREE | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

### THURSDAYS

**After Hours at the Museum & Curator Tour:** Polk Museum of Art | 4PM-8PM | The museum hosts a curator tour at 6PM | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**Cookies & Convos:** Florida Air Museum | 6PM-7PM | Speaker on aviation/aerospace | Aimed ages 7-10 | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**Lakeland Food Truck Rally:** Munn Park, Lakeland | 6PM | Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

### FRIDAYS

**Bartow Friday Fest:** Downtown Bartow Main St. | 6PM-9PM | Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

**First Fridays:** Munn Park, Lakeland | 6PM-9PM | The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

**Gallery Perspectives:** Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art | 12PM-1PM | An expert gives an in-depth overview a current exhibition. | Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

**Lake Wales Live Series:** Music in Downtown Lake Wales | 5PM-8:30PM | Select Fridays

**Winter Haven First Friday:** Downtown Winter Haven | 6PM | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

### SATURDAYS

**Birding on the Boardwalk:** Bonnet Springs Park | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday | 10AM

**Caffeine and Gasoline:** Bonnet Springs Park | 8AM | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**Docent Led Tours:** AGB Museum of Art: | 11AM-12PM | Registration is required. | Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

**Downtown Lake Wales History Walking Tour:** Lake Wales History Museum | 10AM | 90 Minute Tour | Reservations Required | Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

**Family Nature Walks:** Bonnet Springs Park | 9:30AM | Mile long guided hike. | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**History Center Architectural Tour:** Polk County History Center | 11AM | Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

**Lake Wales History Bus Tour:** Lake Wales History Museum | 10AM | 90 Minute Tour | Reservations Required | Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**Nuts about Nature:** Bonnet Springs Park | 10AM | Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

**Community Marketplace:** 9120 Teacher Lane | Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday