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HIGHLIGHTS

- For more than 50 years, Come-See-Me has served as the city's annual salute to spring.
- With nearly 80 events and activities during this year's festival on April 4-13, there are beautiful gardens to see, games and music to enjoy, and a host of activities for the family.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Rock Hill's award-winning festival, **Come-See-Me**, holds many of its signature events on the Winthrop University campus.

For more than 50 years, Come-See-Me has served as the city's annual salute to spring. With nearly 80 events and activities during this year's festival on April 4-13, there are beautiful gardens to see, games and music to enjoy, and a host of activities for the family.

The April 13 fireworks extravaganza at the Winthrop Lake is one of the largest outdoor events in York County and serves as the festival finale.

Check out this list of major Winthrop-related Come-See-Me events or events on the campus/Winthrop Lake area:

Come-See-Me Road Races

Saturday, April 6, 7:30 a.m.

Winthrop Coliseum

All races will begin and end at the Coliseum. All runners are asked to bring a pair of old athletic shoes for recycling. Race options include a one-mile fun run (free); a 5K (\$35); and a 10K (\$55). Race-day registration available from 7-7:30 a.m. Please arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled race.

Gourmet Gardens

Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Winthrop Lake

Enjoy food from local vendors as well as music and games in the kids' area. Cash only.

Cornhole Throwdown

Saturday, April 6, noon

Winthrop Lake

Male, female and co-ed teams of two will compete for cash prizes for the top three spots. The format is a Round Robin tournament with random seeding. The top two teams of each flight advance to a single elimination tournament. Register online for \$40 per team. Event day registration is \$50 per team. Registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Teams must check in by 11:45 a.m., bags fly at noon.

Teddy Bear Tea Party

Tuesday, April 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Richardson Ballroom

DiGiorgio Campus Center

First Lady Laura Mahony will host boys and girls, ages 3 to 6 with an adult chaperone, for this special spring tea party. Bring one new or gently used toy for a local children's charity for entry. This event is a roaming festival-style party with stations for activities. You must register to attend. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teddy-bear-tea-party-w-come-see-me-festival-2019-tickets-54358738450>

Moonlight Jazz & Blues

Friday, April 12, 6-10 p.m.

Winthrop Lake

Tickets are \$5 for adults 21 and older. Cash only. There is a \$5 parking fee. Bring a picnic, cooler, chair or blanket and relax with friends. Not up for a picnic? Let the professionals do the cooking for you and walk over to the Barbeque Cook-Off "Anything but Butts" competition where for \$1 per sample you can delight in a variety of dishes ranging from gumbo to barbeque chicken to desserts. Samples available from 6:30 p.m. until sold out.

Barbeque Cook-Off

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.

Winthrop Lake

Area barbeque masters demonstrate their skills at the annual Come-See-Me Barbeque Cook-Off. Judged by the South Carolina Barbeque Association. Judging begins at 10 a.m., sales begin at 3 p.m. Register online to participate in the competition.

Mayor's Frog Jump

Saturday, April 13, noon-2 p.m.

Winthrop Lake

Bring your own frog or borrow one at the event and jump into the fun. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the race starts promptly at noon. Prizes will be awarded at 2 p.m. to the top three FROGtastic winners.

Hops at the Park

Saturday, April 13, 2-7 p.m.

Winthrop Lake

Taste approximately 40 of the best craft beverages in the Carolinas at this third annual Hops at the Park sampling garden or purchase your full-size favorites. Enjoy live music and food while you relax around beautiful Winthrop Lake.

Beverages (beer and wine) in the general admission area may be purchased from 2-7 p.m. for \$5 each. All guests over 21 must present ID to receive a general admission wristband, which is required for beverage purchases.

Tailgate Party and Fireworks Finale

Saturday, April 13, 3-10 p.m.

Winthrop Lake

There will be live entertainment from 3:30-9 p.m. on the Founders Federal Credit Union Stage and fireworks to close out the night. Skydiving and barbeque sales in between. Entry fee is \$5 for adults 21 & older (valid IDs required). Cash only. Free for those under 21. Parking is \$5 per car in the Winthrop Coliseum parking areas; no vehicles are allowed into the lake area.

Winthrop is one of the Come-See-Me festival's presenting sponsors. There are also art exhibitions, plays, music and sports events held at Winthrop during the festival. [Check out the complete calendar of events.](#)

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