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## **UPDATED 2018 HAMPTON SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR!!**

### **Hampton, VA Spring Flings 2018**

**Hampton, VA-** Whether taking in the veritable palette of color, cultural pride, and camaraderie at the **18<sup>th</sup> annual International Children's Festival** on April 21, or commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hampton University with *Pathways to Education 1868-2018* at the Hampton University Museum, you are sure to find pleasure in the wealth of family events and activities in Hampton this spring!

This season, events like **Kevin Hart: The Irresponsible Tour** will complement annual favorites like the **Virginia RV Show**, **Boo Williams NIKE Spring Girls and Boys Basketball Invitational Tournaments**, and the **Virginia Xcel State Gymnastics Championships**.

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This March 2-4, check out the **Eighth annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival**, taking place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Presented by Folk City Tattoo and *Twisted Ink* magazine, this highly anticipated event will celebrate all aspects of the tattooing industry and welcome talented artists from across the country. During the event, interested attendees have the option of speaking with tattoo artists from across the country and having the work performed on-site at the convention center. Other highlights of this year's festival include the Seventh annual Miss Hampton Roads Pin Up Contest, daily categorized tattoo contests, art vendors, tattoo supply vendors, and more.

Hungry patrons are encouraged to save up their dining dollars for **Hampton Restaurant Week**, happening March 4-10. Enjoy a two- course lunch for \$10 and/or a three- course meal for either \$20 or \$30 at participating restaurants in Hampton. Reservations at each restaurant are recommended but not mandatory. Check out [www.hamptonrestaurantweek.com](http://www.hamptonrestaurantweek.com) for more info.

Shop, compare and save from experts in remodeling, landscaping, decorating and building at the **Hampton Roads Home Show**, returning to the Hampton Roads Convention Center March 3-4. Stroll through wall-to-wall displays showcasing the latest trends and unveiling the newest products.

On March 17, the **Hampton History Museum** will open a new exhibit entitled *NASA in Hampton's History*, celebrating NACA and NASA's singular history and immeasurable contribution to the community in Hampton. The exhibit will feature artifacts and images recently acquired from NASA Langley Research Center. This will be the first step in a comprehensive retelling of Hampton's 20th century history.

The **2018 Love Fest** once again returns to the Hampton Roads Convention Center on

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April 15. Over 1400 participants and 100 Zumba® Fitness and MixxedFit® instructors from Hampton Roads and beyond are expected to participate in this fun-filled event for two great causes. In addition, vendors will be on-site to speak and showcase for attendees.

On April 21, the **18<sup>th</sup> annual International Children's Festival** energizes Mill Point Park. Showcasing over 30 countries, ICF allows children of all ages the unique opportunity to experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of cultures from across the globe. A wealth of activities are planned for this year's program, including a costumed Parade of Nations showcasing a breathtaking array of exquisite fabrics, bold colors, and exciting designs. Entertainment for this year's festival includes the popular Dragon Head Dance, native folk dancers, and musicians.

While at the International Children's Festival in Mill Point Park, don't forget to check out **Hampton Heritage Day**, taking place April 21 only blocks away at Carousel Park. Join in commemorating the melding of the Native American, European, and African cultures that have come together to shape our community. Enjoy presentations and performances that will take place on a stage throughout the day as well as other activities in and around Carousel Park in downtown Hampton, such as hands-on family activities, cultural displays and demonstrations, traditional dance and music, food, heritage arts & crafts, and more to honor those who came before us.

Also on April 21, Historic Phoebus will transform into a vibrant outdoor street festival featuring handmade arts and crafts, community exhibits, food trucks, live music and craft beer with the **Phoebus Spring Fling**. The event will take place 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on E Mellen Street.

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On Sunday, April 29, **Paradise Ocean Club** at Fort Monroe will host a Preview Party with 80s favorites The Deloreans. The club officially re-opens for the 2018 season on Friday, May 4. Located on the Chesapeake Bay, the club stays hopping during the late spring and summer with live music by national recording artists, special events, private cabana rentals an Olympic size pool, private beach, and more. Admission to the club is \$10 per day and guests receive access to the pool, beach, and more. The Preview Party is free and open to the public. For operating times and additional info, visit [www.paradiseoceanclub.com](http://www.paradiseoceanclub.com).

On May 5, the **Downtown Hampton Block Party** returns to Queens Way, complete with musical entertainment, cold refreshments, and family fun. The Downtown Hampton Block Party is scheduled most Saturday evenings, May 6- August 25.

Beginning May 12, in commemoration of the 300 anniversary of the capture of the notorious Blackbeard, the **Hampton History Museum** welcomes *Pirates, Privateers and Buccaneers*, on loan from the South Carolina State Museum. The exhibit tells the story of Blackbeard, who blockaded Charleston Harbor in 1718 prior to his death in North Carolina, along with the stories of many other pirates. The exhibit will thrill those who have always been fascinated by these desperadoes of the seas, as well as dispel a number of popular myths about pirates, such as that they made their victims walk the plank, and used phrases such as ‘arrrr,’ and ‘matey,’ which are fictions of Hollywood. This exhibit will also address the problem of modern piracy dispelling another popular myth that pirates disappeared a long time ago.

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## **March 2018**

### **2 Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery**

Ken Ludwig's acclaimed adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery, The Hound of the Baskervilles. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$45/\$35. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **2-4 8th annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Festival**

Presented by Folk City Tattoo and Twisted Ink magazine, this is the largest tattoo event in Virginia. Hundreds of tattoo artists, and vendors all weekend. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Saturday; 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. \$25 daily, \$45 Weekend Pass, \$35 Military Weekend Pass. 757/484-1319. [www.hrtattoofest.com](http://www.hrtattoofest.com)

### **3 Professional Bull Riders**

The Professional Bull Riders Real Time Pain Relief Velocity Tour is the top expansion series of the PBR featuring some of the best athletes of the sport going head to head with the fiercest bulls in the country. Hampton Coliseum. 7 p.m. Tix \$15-\$100. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org)

### **3-4 Hampton Roads Home Show**

Shop, compare and save from experts in remodeling, landscaping, decorating and building. Leisurely stroll through wall-to-wall displays showcasing the latest trends and unveiling the newest products. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$10 adults, free for individuals 18 and younger. 757/222-2945 <http://hamptonvahomeshow.com/> (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

### **4-10 Hampton Restaurant Week**

Enjoy a 2-course lunch for \$10 and/or a 3-course meal for either \$20 or \$30 at participating restaurants. [www.visithampton.com](http://www.visithampton.com)

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### **9-11 Virginia RV Show**

The Virginia RV Show is back for with great deals on motorhomes, travel trailers, and fifth wheels! Stock up on all the essentials and gather great ideas for your next RV vacation. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.- 5p.m. \$10 at the door (Cash only); 16 and under free. 757/315-1610. [www.virginiarvshow.com](http://www.virginiarvshow.com)

### **11 Young Artist Competition Showcase Performance – Hampton Roads Philharmonic**

Held each fall, young soloists from the area compete in this competition for the opportunity to perform a concerto of their choice with the orchestra. The American Theatre. 2:30 p.m. \$20. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **17 Hampton Spring Jam**

Hampton Spring Jam returns with Keith Sweat, Tank, Brandy, and After 7. Hampton Coliseum. 7:30 p.m. Tix \$39.50-\$250. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org)

### **17 Songwriters Collaborative**

Calling all musicians, songwriters, composers, lyricists, poets, producers from around the Hampton Roads region... You are invited to be part of this regular creative musical collaborative at The American Theatre. The American Theatre. 12:00 p.m. Free. 757-652-6382. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **17-18 Southeastern Guns & Knives Show**

SGK Shows. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. \$10 Adults, \$7 Ages 13 - 17, Free admission for children 12 & under accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. 757/315-1610. [www.guns-knives.com](http://www.guns-knives.com)

### **23 MINDZ**

Through the wails of the people our MINDZ become one this is a universal language that many relate to through and with one glimpse there is conviction. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$25. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

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### **24 An Evening with Molly Ringwald**

Appearing with her jazz quartet, Ringwald's star-power vocals shine bright on "Sooner or Later" (from Dick Tracy), "Don't You (Forget About Me)," and many more legendary songs. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$60/\$50. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **24 19<sup>th</sup> annual Country for Kids Concert**

Join Country for Kids 2018 for an awesome night of country music all to support the programs and services of the Center for Child & Family Services. 100% of net proceeds benefit the Center for Child & Family Services. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 6 p.m. \$25 General Admission, \$60 VIP. [www.countryforkids.com](http://www.countryforkids.com)

### **29 Million Dollar Quartet**

Million Dollar Quartet puts you inside the action for a not-to-be-missed tribute to some of the greatest musicians ever to grace the stage. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$65/\$55. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **30 Kevin Hart: The Irresponsible Tour**

Kevin Hart: The Irresponsible Tour is coming to Hampton Coliseum on Friday, March 30. Hampton Coliseum. 7:00 p.m. Tickets start at \$54. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org)

## **April 2018**

### **6-8 World Class Gymnastics Region 7 Level 8 Regional Championships**

Boo Williams Sportsplex & Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission Fee. 757/637-7300. [www.boowilliamsbball.org](http://www.boowilliamsbball.org)

### **7 Magic with Mark Nizer**

World-class juggler and comedian Mark Nizer incorporates amazing technology with special 4D glasses for a live for a special spellbinding performance will mesmerize the masses with his world-renowned skills. The American Theatre. 11:00 a.m. \$10. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

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### **13-15 Pump Boys and Dinettes**

With heartbreak and hilarity, these versatile performers kick up their heels on guitars, piano, bass and, yes, even kitchen utensils! The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. \$45/\$35. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **15 2018 LOVE Fest**

Over 1400 participants and 100 Zumba® Fitness and MixxedFit® instructors from Hampton Roads and beyond are expected to participate in this fun-filled event for a cause. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/315-1610. (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

### **20-22 Pump Boys and Dinettes**

With heartbreak and hilarity, these versatile performers kick up their heels on guitars, piano, bass and, yes, even kitchen utensils! The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. \$45/\$35. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **20-22 Nike Invitational Girls 13U-16U Basketball Tournament**

Boo Williams Sportsplex & Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission Fee. 757/637-7300. [www.boowilliamsball.org](http://www.boowilliamsball.org)

### **21 International Children's Festival**

Experience the beauty and wonder of exotic places as over 35 countries and cultures showcase their unique heritages and again this year there will be animals from around the world with a chance to ride a camel! Eaton & Queen Streets. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-8311. [www.hampton.gov/parks](http://www.hampton.gov/parks)

### **21 Hampton Heritage Day**

Enjoy presentations and performances that will take place on a stage throughout the day as well as other activities in and around Carousel Park with hands-on family activities, traditional dance, music, food, heritage arts & crafts, and cultural displays and demonstrations to honor those who came before us. Carousel Park. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 757/727-1610. [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org)

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### **21 Phoebus Spring Fling**

Historic Phoebus will transform into a vibrant outdoor street festival featuring handmade arts and crafts, community exhibits, food trucks, live music and craft beer. Monitor Lodge. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Admission. 757/826-1862. [www.phoebusvaevents.com](http://www.phoebusvaevents.com)

### **27-29 BWSL Basketball Exposure Showcase**

Boo Williams Sportsplex. Admission Fee. 757/637-7300. [www.boowilliamsbball.org](http://www.boowilliamsbball.org)

### **28 Sandra Monica Blvd: Coast to Coast**

Sandra Bernhard wears many hats: comedian, chanteuse, actress, and Sirius/XM radio host... but one thing that ties them all together is her brand of humor that is uniquely Sandy. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$65/\$55. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

## **May 2018**

### **5 Songwriters Collaborative**

Calling all musicians, songwriters, composers, lyricists, poets, producers from around the Hampton Roads region... You are invited to be part of this regular creative musical collaborative at The American Theatre. The American Theatre. 12 p.m. Free. 757-652-6382. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **5 Smooth Jazz with Marion Meadows & Marc Antoine**

Two jazz greats — Marion Meadows & Marc Antoine — come together for one spectacularly smooth evening. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. \$45/\$40. 757/722-2787. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **11-13 2018 Showstopper Dance Competition**

If you're looking for the largest, most glamorously fun dance competition in the world, you've come to the right place! You might leave our competition covered in glitter, but we guarantee you'll also leave with the best memories you'll have all year. Hampton Roads Convention Center. [www.goshowstopper.com](http://www.goshowstopper.com)

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### **18-20 Hoop Group Southern Jamfest 2018**

In what has been dubbed by some the “Battle of the Brands” tournament, the Southern Jam Fest brings together some of the best AAU programs in the country to see who is the best of the best. Boo Williams Sportsplex. Admission Fee. [www.hoopgroup.com](http://www.hoopgroup.com)

### **18-20 Virginia Gymnastics Xcel State Championship**

The USA Gymnastics Xcel Program is a program offered as an alternative program for competitive gymnasts. All of the gymnasts participating in the Virginia Xcel State Championship have qualified through a series of local competitions. Gymnasts vary in age, from 5 years-old to 19 years-old. Hampton Roads Convention Center. [www.vausag.com](http://www.vausag.com)

### **19 Build the City**

Using cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials teams of children will construct the neighborhoods, waterfront, business areas and parks of Downtown Hampton. Carousel Park. [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org)

### **25-27 Nike Invitational Boys 15U-17U Basketball Tournament**

Boo Williams Sportsplex. Admission Fee. 757/637-7300. [www.boowilliamsball.org](http://www.boowilliamsball.org)

### **28 Flag Retirement Ceremony**

In Partnership with the Boy Scouts of America we will honor those military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States. A joint ceremony will also properly retire any US flags no longer in usable condition. Weather Permitting. Colonies and RV Travel Park (location subject to change). 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Free. 757/637-7778. [www.fmauthority.com](http://www.fmauthority.com)

## **ONGOING EVENTS**

### **Through 2018 Pathways to Education 1868-2018**

Hampton University Museum. 757/727-5308.  
[http://museum.hamptonu.edu/exhibitions\\_calendar.cfm](http://museum.hamptonu.edu/exhibitions_calendar.cfm)

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### **Through March 11 Hampton Arts League Open Members Exhibition 2018**

This annual Hampton Arts League exhibition features artwork by many of the over 400 Hampton Arts League members in all media and a wide range of styles. This open exhibition will include established artists with lengthy resumes, as well as young or emerging artists who are beginning their journeys as artists. The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center. 757/727-1490. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **March 17 – April 29 Artists Who Teach Juried Exhibition 2018**

Each year, the art departments at Coastal Virginia's nine colleges and universities are each invited to select seven artworks to represent their institutions in this dynamic exhibition. This juried exhibition will feature over 115 artworks including drawing, watercolor, painting, crafts, printmaking, photography, and sculpture. Cash awards total over \$800 and the First Place winner will be invited to show their work in a solo exhibition in 2018. The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center. 757/727-1490. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **March 17 – April 29 Barbara Stephenson: Wrapped, Stacked, and Rooted**

Best in Show Winner in AWT 2017, Stephenson is featured in this one person show of drawings in a variety of media which she describes as "Visual metaphors that allow me to share very personal events, creating a portrait of myself. I have created drawings that are a glimpse of what are the important joys, heartaches, experiences, struggles and dreams that have shaped my life. The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center. 757/727-1490. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### **March 17 NASA in Hampton's History**

In 2018, the Hampton History Museum will open a new exhibit celebrating NACA and NASA's singular history and immeasurable contribution to the community in Hampton. The exhibit will feature artifacts and images recently acquired from NASA Langley Research Center. This will be the first step in a comprehensive retelling of Hampton's 20th century history. [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org)

### **(Saturdays April – October) Racing at Larry King Law's Langley Speedway**

Nearly every Saturday, satisfy your need for speed at this historic NASCAR home track. The only weekly racing series in Coastal Virginia. Langley Speedway. Racing starts at 7 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/865-7223. [www.langley-speedway.com](http://www.langley-speedway.com)

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### May 5 – June 17 **The Lives of an Artist**

This series of four exhibitions highlights the artwork of four diverse artists, who have each spent several decades in their own personal journeys as artists. Tim O'Kane: Retrospective Five Decades / A Devotion to Realism, Akiko Tanaka: EVOLUTIONS Clay Sculpture, THIS IS CALLED HAPPINESS: Painting by Kacey Sydnor Carneal, and MY SKETCHY LIFE: Works by Walt Taylor. The Charles H. Taylor Arts Center. 757/727-1490. [www.hamptonarts.net](http://www.hamptonarts.net)

### Exhibit Opens to the Public on May 12 *Pirates, Privateers and Buccaneers*

In commemoration of the 300 anniversary of the capture of the notorious Blackbeard, the exhibit *Pirates, Privateers and Buccaneers*, on loan from the South Carolina State Museum, tells the story of Blackbeard, who blockaded Charleston Harbor in 1718 prior to his death in North Carolina, along with the stories of many other pirates.

The exhibit will thrill those who have always been fascinated by these desperadoes of the seas. It will dispel a number of popular myths about pirates, such as that they made their victims walk the plank, and used phrases such as 'arr,' and 'matey,' which are fictions of Hollywood. This exhibit will also address the problem of modern piracy dispelling another popular myth that pirates disappeared a long time ago.

This exhibit was developed by the South Carolina State Museum with research, collaboration and assistance from the North Carolina Museum of History, the Queen Anne's Revenge Project of the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, and the North Carolina Maritime Museum. [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org)

### (Saturdays) May 5- August 25 **Downtown Hampton Block Party**

Hampton takes to the streets every Saturday night for a fun-filled street fair including live musical entertainment, cold refreshments and plenty of activities for the young and old. Downtown Hampton. 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Free Admission. [www.hamptonblockparty.com](http://www.hamptonblockparty.com)

### (May 31 – August 5) **Peninsula Pilots Baseball**

Cheer on the Pilots during the 2016 season! War Memorial Stadium. All home games start at 7:05 p.m. 757/254-2222. [www.peninsulapilots.com](http://www.peninsulapilots.com)

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