

PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS FROM MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, May 24

Spring Planting Day 2

School-aged children and teens learned how to plant sweet potato slips, how to care for the plants as their sweet potatoes grow, and how to harvest their crop. This event was held at the Yam Festival Office located at 103-D East Fifth Street.

Thursday, September 1 5

Information Meeting for NC Yam Festival Pageant Contestants

Tabor City Visitor Center, 301 East Fifth Street, 5:15 -7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 16

NC Yam Festival Pageant Application Deadline

Festival Events & Activities

Saturday, October 1

North Carolina Yam Festival Scholarship Pageant

South Columbus High School, 40 Stallion Drive, Tabor City

Baby Miss - Little Miss divisions, Pageant begins at 11:00 a.m. Junior Miss - Queen divisions, Pageant begins at 5:00 p.m. Admission Fee is \$10 (includes program) or \$15 for a wristband to enter both pageants (also includes program).

Saturday, October 8

Entry deadline for the Poetry Contest

Open to grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, High School

Each work must be original and work may only be submitted by a teacher. All contest entrants must be a student in Columbus County. Any length of poem will be accepted. For more information, please call Committee Chair, Kelly Jones at 910-642-5168 extension 24007.

Friday, October 14

Accepting Entries for the Sweet Potato Quality Contest

Youth & Adult Entries may be dropped off at the Tabor City Public Library, 101 East Fifth Street from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Monday, October 17

Sweet Potato Quality Contest 1

Location is the Tabor City Public Library, 101 East Fifth Street. Youth & Adult Entries will be accepted until 8:30 a.m. Judging begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Winners will be announced as soon as possible via Facebook.

Deadline to enter the Tiger Tater Hat Decorating Contest

For more information, please call 910-377-3248.

Deadline to Enter Business & Residential Decorating Contest

Everyone is encouraged to decorate. The festival theme for 2022 is “Back to the Future”. To enter, please call 910-377-3248 by 4 p.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18.

Poetry Contest Winners will be Announced

Via our NC Yam Festival Facebook page

Tuesday, October 18

Sweet Potato Food Cook Off 8

Deadline to enter is from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

All entries need to be dropped off at The Ritz Center located at 213 Hickman Road, Tabor City, NC 28463. Closed Judging session will take place from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Entries will be open to public viewing from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Yam Festival Workers' Appreciation Breakfast 8

Hosted by Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (by invitation only)

Paint a Yam Man Class 8

Instructor is LuAnn Milligan Pickell

Must reserve your space by calling the Yam Festival office at 910-377-3248. Cost is \$25 per person and will include everything you need to paint your very own Yam Festival “Yam Man”!

Location is the Ritz Center, 213 Hickman Road, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

Art/Photography/Sweet Potato Crafts Registration 13

Student and Adult Entries will be accepted at the Tabor City Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Entries will be judged. For more information regarding Student entries, please contact Kelly Jones at 910-642-5168 extension 24007. For more information regarding Adult entries, please contact LuAnn Milligan Pickell at 910-234-2593.

Thursday, October 20

Taste of Tabor at Sunnyfield Equestrian Farm

Location: 1861 Ten Mile Road, Tabor City

Fun-filled evening with great food, live entertainment provided by the Thomas Road Band, and great fellowship. A photo opportunity will be available. Tickets are only \$25 for ages 11 & up, \$10 for ages 7-10 and under 6 are free.

Ticket Locations: Tabor City Public Library (910-653-3774) and the Yam Festival office (910-377-3248).

Friday, October 21

Art/Photography/Sweet Potato Crafts Show 13

Tabor City Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Street Dance 1

Located at the Town Gazebo in the parking lot of Tabor City Public Library, 101 East Fifth Street.

Live DJ, 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

No bleachers will be available, so please bring a lawn chair.

The BIG YAM DAY!

Saturday, October 22

NC Yam Festival Headquarters & Outdoor Booth 1

Information, Free Yam Fest Coloring-Activity Books, T-shirts & other Souvenirs (souvenirs prices vary)

Tabor City Public Library (parking lot) located at 101 East Fifth Street.

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free Admission.

Tabor City High School Alumni Reunion at The Ritz Center 8

Doors will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. for registration. The doors will reopen shortly before 2:00 p.m. The Class of 1972 will be in charge of the program which will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. All TCHS Graduates are invited to attend. (Please contact your graduation class officers for information on potential individual class reunion plans.)

Community Blood Drive with The Blood Connection 1

Location will be near the Tabor City Public Library at 101 East Fifth Street. 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled. Walk-ins are welcome. \$20 egift card to all who donate.

Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show (Hosted by Jokers Mizfitz Car Club) 4

Located on Fourth Street (from Hickman Road to Pireway Road). Registration begins at 8:30, Show 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For information on how to enter, please call Committee Chair Tiger Tater at 843-333-0947 or Harley at 252-226-6547

Arts, Crafts, Food Vendors and more 11

Downtown on Main Street, Hickman Road, and also on Live Oak Street from

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. No admission fee for you to enter the festival. Vendors set their own prices for their products. If you are interested in being a Food Vendor, please call Committee Chair Michelle Dudney at 910-207-3190. If you would like to be a Vendor of anything other than food, please call Committee Chair Miranda Thompkins at 910-840-0567.

Yam Row 6

Located on Hickman Road in front of United Bank

Yam Festival Parade

Featuring more than 100 units consisting of high school bands, clowns, area beauty queens, various Shriner units, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, floats, and so much more! Begins at 10:00 a.m. originating at 7th and Main Streets, down Main Street, left onto Green Sea Road, then right onto Hickman Road, left onto Bell Street, then left onto Pireway Road, left onto 5th Street, and right onto Wall Street.

Sweet Potato Give Away 1

Begins after the parade in the parking lot of Tabor City Public Library located at 101 East Fifth Street.



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NORTH CAROLINA YAM FESTIVAL

TRADITIONALLY HELD THE

4TH SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

#NCYamFestival

#YamGoodTime

#DontBeATaterHater

#YamFest2022

PORT-O-JOHN LOCATIONS

2 at Tabor City Library, 2 near Truist Bank/Live Oak Street

2 in Kid Zone Area, 2 near Train Depot Museum

4 beside old Town Hall on 4th Street

1 of which will be handicap accessible

SPECIAL THANKS TO

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FOR THE YAM FEST COLORING BOOKS

AND FOR ALL OTHER PRINTING

Welcome to our  
**51st Year**  
of Celebrating  
**Sweet Potatoes**

1946  
1961



1986  
2022

# NORTH CAROLINA YAM FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022**  
**TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

NORTH CAROLINA YAM FESTIVAL  
HEADQUARTERS DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION  
Friday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 17 - Friday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Yam Fest Saturday, October 22, 8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Tabor City Public Library, located at 101 East Fifth Street, is the official NC Yam Festival Headquarters. They may assist you with Information, T-shirts, Souvenirs, Tickets, Parade & Vendor Applications, and more. Be sure to pick up a Free Yam Festival Coloring Book for your youngsters.

Please stop by to see the Handcrafted Displays by Tiger Tater, our official NC Yam Festival Mascot. Free Admission.



# THE BIG YAM DAY!



## Entertainment on the Todd House Wedding & Event Center Stage <sup>7</sup>

Entertainment begins following the parade and will continue until 5:00 p.m. Expect to enjoy lots of locals as they sing and dance their way into your hearts. Fun will be had by all. *For more info please contact Lori Gelezinsky at 910-207-1499*

## Kids Zone (No fees) <sup>12</sup>

Located on Live Oak Street. Flimsy the Clown, Carnival Games, Inflatables, Exhibits, Educational Outreach, Face Painting, and lots of Fun!

## Gospel Explosion <sup>9</sup>

Located on Hickman Road. Will begin after the parade. Will feature Gospel, Southern Gospel, Praise Teams and more. *For additional information, please call Committee Chair Tervon Strickland at 910-234-0752.*

## Art/Photography/Sweet Potato Crafts Show <sup>13</sup>

Adult & Youth Divisions, Tabor City Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Mt. Tabor <sup>14</sup>

Historical renovated one room schoolhouse at the corner of Stake Road and East Fifth Street in front of Tabor City Elementary School, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free admission.

## Historical "Self-Guided" Walking Tour

Pick up a guide at the Tabor City Visitor Center or the Tabor City Public Library.

For additional information, please contact Committee Chair Dianne Nobles Ward at 910-653-4141.

## Basic Life Support Competition (Hosted by Tabor City EMS)

Tabor City Emergency Services located on the corner of East Fifth and Jones Streets,  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Mascot Race <sup>1</sup>

1:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Tabor City Public Library, 101 East Fifth Street. Mascots from area festivals, schools, businesses, etc. will race with a sweet potato on a serving spoon. Let's see who makes it across the finish line first without dropping the sweet potato. *Call the Yam Festival Office at 910-377-3248 to register.*

## Stallion Classic (Hosted by South Columbus High School)

Located at South Columbus High School on the Stallion Football Field. Begins at 1:00 p.m. Awards ceremony to follow. Admission fee to be announced.

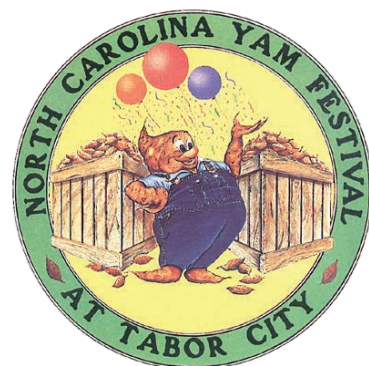
## Tabor's Got Talent <sup>7</sup>

Located at the Todd House Wedding & Event Center Stage across from the Todd House Wedding & Event Center. Begins at 3:00 p.m. This is a judged event. *For information on how to enter, please contact committee Chair Erin Mincey by email at erin.e.mincey@gmail.com.*

## Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest <sup>7</sup>

Begins at 4:00 at the Todd House Wedding & Event Center Stage. Youth & Adult Contestant spots are limited.

To register, call the NC Yam Festival Office by 4 p.m. on Friday, October 21.



# BackTo TheFuture



## 2022 NC YAM FESTIVAL LOCATOR MAP

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|--|----------------------------------|
| 1) PUBLIC LIBRARY                          | 9) GOSPEL EXPLOSION STAGE        |
| 2) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE                     | 10) CAR SHOW - OVERFLOW          |
| 3) TABOR CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL            | 11) VENDORS                      |
| 4) CAR SHOW - FOURTH STREET                | 12) KID ZONE                     |
| 5) VISITOR CENTER                          | 13) ART SHOW-T.C. BAPTIST CHURCH |
| 6) YAM ROW                                 | 14) MT. TABOR                    |
| 7) TODD HOUSE WEDDING & EVENT CENTER STAGE | 15) FREIGHT DEPOT                |
| 8) RITZ CENTER                             | 16) VENDOR PARKING               |

## 2022 NORTH CAROLINA YAM FESTIVAL PARADE ROUTE

10:00am on Saturday October 22nd. Begin at stoplight at W. 5th Street and Main Street, continue straight on Main Street, cross over Railroad tracks at Green Sea Rd onto Hickman Rd., Continue down Hickman, turn left onto Bell St, continue onto Bell St, turn Left onto Fireway Rd, continue onto Fireway Rd, turn left onto 5th St., end at Tabor City Library and dissemble.