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## Events and Festivals for Every Season in Newport News, Virginia

*Newport News, Va.* – As the seasons change, so do the wonderful annual events, festivals and activities offered for groups in Newport News, Virginia.

The chill of winter will have no affect on your groups, as they cozy up for a ride through Newport News Park to view **Celebration in Lights**. You will be dazzled by over 750,000 individual lights creating animated holiday and fanciful scenes. Speaking of “dazzle,” watch the spectacular fireworks show during **Hollydazzle** at City Center, a free family event complete with activities and entertainment. Our historic homes hold many old Christmas traditions. Learn about them at Lee Hall Mansion’s **Antebellum Holidays**, Endview Plantation’s **Christmas at Endview** and The Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center’s **Holiday Splendor**.

And with spring comes rebirth and blooming flowers during **Historic Garden Week**, a display of Virginia’s most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks. Enjoy all the festivities, culture and fun the **Virginia Arts Festival** brings to the Ferguson Center for the Arts. You’ll enjoy world-class talent with international flare. The children, parents and grandparents will have a blast at the Newport News **Children’s Festival of Friends** at Newport New Park. It’s a full and exciting day complete with over 100 free hands-on activities, rides, entertainment and food.

Swing into the warm, sunny days of summer with the **Summer Celebration Wine Festival** at Lee Hall Mansion, one of the last remaining antebellum homes in Virginia. Enjoy the finest vintages from Virginia best wineries combined with live music, exquisite food and unique

craft vendors. The **Juneteenth Celebration**, commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States, is an event complete with re-enactments, music, food and more. For the music lovers, attend the free summer concerts at City Center and Port Warwick, two of the city's urban shopping and business areas, and at The Mariners' Museum/USS *Monitor* Center.

As the leaves begin to change colors, Newport News offers wonderful fall activities, such as the **Annual Militaria & Military Vehicle Show** at the Virginia War Museum. A variety of vintage military vehicles are on display, including jeeps and military motorcycles, plus insignia, books, uniforms, accoutrements and more, are available for sale. Newport News Park comes alive during the **Newport News Fall Festival of Folklife**. This is one of Southeast Virginia's biggest traditional craft shows, with over 200 vendors. Enjoy sounds, sights and memories that have been carefully passed from generation to generation. Student and adult groups alike will enjoy the **Annual Port Warwick Art & Sculpture Festival**. The best in amazing sculpture and fine art are complemented by great music and food, plus artists demonstrations and performing arts groups. Over 100 artists and sculptors from across the nation are showcased in a beautiful outdoor setting.

**Night of the Living Museum** at the Virginia Living Museum, is non-scary Halloween fun for families with children ages 12 and under. Enjoy live animal shows featuring fierce and not-so-fierce Halloween critters in the amphitheater. Discover pumpkin carving secrets and hear spooky tales of Halloween. For those looking for a more "paranormal" experience, take **The Paranormal Tour**, a spooky twist on our Civil War history, where you'll meet and work with actual paranormal investigators.

From season to season, Newport News offers a variety of fun-filled activities. Groups of all ages and interests will have a wonderful time throughout the year. For more information about group tours in Newport News, or to request a free copy of our Group Planner, contact Trista Attoh, group tour marketing manager with the Newport News Tourism Development Office, at 757-926-1442, toll-free at 888-493-7386 or via e-mail at [tattoh@nngov.com](mailto:tattoh@nngov.com). Discover our backyard...every season.