

FoxTrot Festival 2011

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Come see Marion come alive
on May 21, 2011!

No! The FoxTrot Festival is not a celebration of a particular dance! It is, however, a celebration that includes dancing! Each year, Marion County, South Carolina, celebrates the history of the famed Swamp Fox, Revolutionary War hero Gen. Francis Marion, for whom Marion is named. So, trot on over and see what the festival has to offer you, your family and your friends!



The Marion FoxTrot Festival was organized in 1991 and is a non-profit with the goal of promoting the City of Marion, South Carolina and Historic Marion County. The festival is funded by the City of Marion, Marion County and private benefactors, with the City of Marion acting as its fiscal agent.

The Marion FoxTrot Festival Board of Directors consists of volunteers from throughout the county. Numerous others join forces with the board of directors in order to take care of the vast amount of preparation and work that make the festival possible.

The historic and charming County Courthouse Square, with its ancient elms and oaks draped with Spanish moss and beautifully landscaped grounds, provide the perfect backdrop for the Marion FoxTrot Festival. Watching over the day's events is the statue of the "Swamp Fox" himself, Revolutionary War General Francis Marion, for whom the county was named.

The festival includes the annual pre-festival FoxTrot Family Horse Show/Fun Show in March and then an Outdoor Movie and Professional Fireworks Display on the Friday night before the Saturday day-long downtown event. The Saturday events kick-off at 10 a.m. with a parade.

Throughout Saturday festival-goers enjoy crafters, food vendors, amusements, a petting zoo, pony rides, entertainment, classic car show, Revolutionary War reenactors and more. A street dance, with live music starting at 7 p.m., rounds out the day's events ...

And now, the 19th annual Marion FoxTrot Festival is just around the corner. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21.

This little section of South Carolina was originally settled by Native Americans who were attracted to the Little Pee Dee River and Great Pee Dee River and its tributary Catfish Creek. Shown are members of the Hugh Giles Reg't, Britton's Neck Militia, reenactors, as they interact with festival goers at the 2009 FoxTrot Festival. The living history reenactors help tell the story of the English settlers who migrated inland from the South Carolina coast. Who by the late 1700s were prospering in the area, leading to the establishment of present-day Marion.



To pay honor to our namesake and hero and those who fought with him from the area during the Revolutionary War, these reenactors depict what it might have been like to have served with the famed General. The Hugh Giles Reg't, Britton's Neck Militia, Reenactors have become an annual feature of the festival's events, with musket drills, firing demonstrations and camping on the square, all offering glimpses into the year 1780.

Marion's historic district is convenient to Interstate 95 and minutes from U.S. Highway 501, a main thoroughfare to the Grand Strand, which is within an hour's drive from Marion. Attractions in the city include the Marion County Museum, Old Town Hall & Opera House and the 1853 Courthouse.

Chuck Wiegert and Sharon Grice are co-chairs of the Marion FoxTrot Festival Committee and have been involved in the festival for several years. Anyone interested in participating in any of the events or volunteering to help out during the festival may e-mail Wiegert at hmra@theswampfox.com.



***See you
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