

# N.C. Pride Parade set for Sept. 30, 2006

Events promise "nothing but positives"

DURHAM — The annual North Carolina Gay Pride Parade will take place on Sept. 30 at Duke University East Campus. Once again, organizers expect to draw thousands from North Carolina and beyond, calling the NC PrideFest weekend "the biggest feel good event of the year."

"PrideFest in the Durham-Raleigh area is known for being amazingly upbeat and positive," says Keith Hayes, spokesperson for the Pride Committee of North Carolina. "The straight community steps way out in support. So the parade in Durham is a flawless celebration, and those good vibes turn the night time activities in Raleigh and elsewhere into the biggest and brightest party of the year."

In 2005, people from across North Carolina, across the Southeast and as far away as Ohio, New York and California attended PrideFest activities. This year's PrideFest weekend activities and attendance numbers are expected to match or exceed those of 2005.

The weekend's events continue to firm up, but will include:

**Sept. 30**  
Pride Parade Rally and Vendor Fair  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.



- Many local organizations events to be co-sponsored by NC Pride
- Other performances and art events to be announced at [www.ncpride.org](http://www.ncpride.org).

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Scenes from NC Pride 2005.

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**The Pride Hotels:** The Clarion State Capital in Raleigh (919-832-0501) and Hilton Homewood Suites in Durham, 919-474-9900. ▀



Duke University East Campus  
**Pride Parade**  
1 p.m.-2:15 p.m.  
Main St. and Campus Dr. through Ninth and Broad Sts., Durham  
NightFest  
7 p.m.-4 a.m.  
• Hargett St. area of Raleigh, including "Embrace" parties at Raleigh's nightclubs, The Capital Corral (CCs), Legends, View and Flex.



Saturday Aug 26  
**2006 NC BEAR & CUB Contest**  
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Sat Sept 2  
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September 1-3  
**Capital Bound XVI**  
[www.capitalleathermen.org](http://www.capitalleathermen.org)

Sat Sept 15th-17th  
**GRABIT Bowling Tournament Weekend**  
Fri Sept 15 - Showtune Drag Show by GRABIT  
Sat Sept 16 - Boxers Shorts Night

Sat Sept 23  
**Studio 54** by Gary  
**VA Mountain Bears & Rogues of VA**  
[www.vmbears.com](http://www.vmbears.com)

Sept 28-Oct 1  
**NC PRIDE WEEKEND**  
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\* Sat...Country Early  
Sun ... T-Dance later Karaoke

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