

# Welcome to Carolina Country Stampede

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Williamston - A Williamston tradition continues.

The 21st Annual Carolina Country Stampede is set to take place Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 in downtown Williamston.

Each year of the event, people gather for food, fun, music, dancing and fellowship.

Streets will close downtown at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 29 for vendors and carnival rides to set up.

Festival activities begin at 5 p.m. and include rides for the children, handmade crafts, gift items, clothing and a variety of food that will please everyone's tastes, including chicken muddle, pulled pork, snow cones and funnel cakes.

At 7 p.m. The Tams will light up the main stage in front of the Williamston's Town Hall.

The festival will close for the evening at 10 p.m. Friday evening and will start up again Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

There are approximately 51 vendors signed up, according to town clerk Christina Craft, and include food, jewelry, clothing, face painting and baked goods.

Fried foods will be at the top of the menu, including everything from fried bologna sandwiches to fried Oreos and pop tarts.

Entertainers will be playing throughout the day, on Sept. 30 starting at noon with Sarah Hardison Harris. Joyce Brown and Joyful Noise Gospel Singers will follow at 1 p.m., then

gospel music by Curtis Hyler and Jubilation at 2 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., Barney Conway will be hosting "Games for Cash and Prizes," where contestants will have an opportunity to compete in games of skill and fun for money and other prizes.

At 5 p.m. Dick Feyer will perform on the main stage, followed by the Moonshine Band at 6 p.m.

Emerson Drive, Nashville recording artists, will take the stage at 7:45 p.m. until the festival closes at 10 p.m.

Admission is free to all events.

People are expected to attend from all over eastern North Carolina. Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs to relax in during the performances.



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