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San Antonio Rattlesnake Festival turns 50!

~~Long-time festival strikes small town with fun, food and animal encounters~~

SAN ANTONIO, FL ---- In celebration of its 50th anniversary, the [2016 San Antonio Rattlesnake Festival and Run](#) will be a two-day extravaganza – **Saturday, October 15** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Sunday, October 16** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in **San Antonio City Park**, 12202 Main Street, San Antonio, FL.

The festival kicks off Saturday with the 38th Annual 5-mile Rattlesnake Run at 8 a.m. On Sunday, a new family bike ride will hit the road at 9:30 a.m., sponsored by V02 Max Cycles of San Antonio. Pre-registration is required to participate in both events.

“This event harkens back to the simpler life and San Antonio is the essence of small town charm and community spirit,” said Ed Caum, Pasco County Tourism Manager. “Visitors come from all over Central Florida to enjoy this quaint, little festival. The Rattlesnake Run is a local favorite and the new Family Bike Tour will give visitors a unique opportunity to enjoy the beautiful rolling countryside of eastern Pasco.”

On both days, festivalgoers can enjoy the new Cates Snakes Educational Lectures, compete in the wooden gopher tortoise races, and watch traditional craft demonstrations in the Florida Pioneer Village. New this year, brave visitors can take part in crocodile encounters and mechanical bull rides!

The festival really has something for everyone: rock-climbing wall; farm animal encounters; pony and barrel train rides; arts and crafts; food trucks; beer and wine garden; and live concerts. Free entertainment includes Nerdy Noah the Juggler and Cowboy Tom’s Wild West Show. Kids can enjoy free crafts activities, a butterfly garden, and the Town of St. Leo Pumpkin Patch.

Festival admission and parking are free. Tickets are required for some shows, rides and events. For a complete list of activities and prices, click here: <http://bit.ly/2dg8Mdp>.

The [2016 San Antonio Rattlesnake Festival and Run](#) is sponsored by [Visit Pasco](#) and [Visit Florida](#) along with support from local businesses and the community. For more information, visit www.rattlesnakefestival.com or call 352.588.4444. The festival is the major fundraiser for the [Rotary Club of San Antonio](#), with proceeds going to support local education initiatives and other community needs.

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