

# 2017 Minnesota Renaissance Festival

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## Renaissance has the Ultimate Family Fun Checklist

**SHAKOPEE, Minn. (September 21, 2017)** – The Minnesota Renaissance Festival is full of fun for the whole family this fall. Whether looking for entertainment, animals, magic, or food, the Minnesota Renaissance Festival has it all this season. This weekend is the Shamrocks and Shenanigans weekend featuring Irish Dancers and bands, a mashed potato eating competition, and FREE Guinness tastings. If these themed attractions are not enough, check out the six family classic must-do items to keep the family entertained.

**The Danger Committee** is an incredible combination of juggling, knife throwing, spine-tingling thrills and hilarious comedy that the whole family will love. Their banter is full of outright jokes for the kids and nuanced quips for the adults that will have everyone laughing while in awe of their dangerous physical feats. Check them out on the Bakery Stage performing five times a day.

For a more magical twist, head to the **Fairy Wing Forest** and **the Mermaid Cove**. Venture into the shaded garden of the Fairy Wing Forest that has been transformed and filled with fairies, pixies, nymphs, and other magical creatures that call the forest their home. At the Mermaid Cove, watch as mermaids dive, flip, and twirl majestically in the water! And with luck, they may share a token of their magic that the family will be talking about for months to come.

For more realistic wonders for the whole family, head to the **Cock-a-doodle Zoo** which has everything from cows, sheep, and goats to exotic kangaroos, lemurs, and an African porcupine. Learn about the cute and cuddly creatures while the kids get a hands-on wildlife experience. Plus, keep a lookout for Magic, the live unicorn!

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Participate in the historical aspect of the Renaissance Festival and enjoy one of the most famous attractions - **the Joust!** Watch live armored jousting as two knights battle for the ultimate glory every day at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the Joust Track.

Make sure kids receive the royal treatment and get **knighted** by the King and his Royal Court! Knightings are held daily at 3:30 p.m. on the King's Arbor Stage.

These are just a few of the hundreds of fun-filled things families can do at the Festival. There are games, shows, food, and experiences that will keep young and old entertained all day long and have them celebrating the memories for the rest of the year. The magic awaits at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival!

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs its 47<sup>th</sup> season August 19 through October 1, 2017. The Festival is open weekends; Labor Day and Festival Friday, September 29, 2017 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., rain or shine. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Highway 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors and 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king! Admission at the gate: Adults \$23.95; Seniors \$21.95; Children 5 – 12 \$14.95, children four and under are free! Discount tickets are also available at participating Menards, Super America, Cub, Whole Foods, and Walgreens. Coupons toward admission are available at participating Subway and Papa Murphy's locations. Visit [www.renaissancefest.com](http://www.renaissancefest.com) or call 952.445.7361 for more information. Also make sure to follow the Minnesota Renaissance Festival on social media, @MNREnaissance!

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