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The Rock Ranch – Summer Events

"Growing Healthy Families with fresh fruits and vegetables, education, exercise and outdoor family fun"

THE ROCK, GA. (June 14, 2014) – The Rock Ranch, a 1500-acre ranch owned by S. Truett Cathy, invites the public to enjoy family fun and fresh produce at its summer events. The Rock Ranch is dedicated to "Growing Healthy Families" and is located at 5020 Barnesville Highway (Highway 36), The Rock, Ga 30285. For more information, visit www.therockranch.com, call 706-647-6374 or find them on Facebook. Their produce stand, U-Pick produce area and tree fort playground are open every Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from now until November but they also have some special events this summer.

June 28 Celebrate America at The Rock Ranch

Celebrate America is an annual patriotic event, 15 years running. This event features arguably the brightest fireworks show in the state, as there is little to no light pollution on the ranch. The ranch has adjusted the start time of this event to accommodate requests from guests traveling from North Atlanta and other parts and hour or more away. Celebrate America will open at 10 a.m. for families to enjoy the attractions and admission is \$10 per person from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For guests that enter after 6 p.m., the entry fee is only \$25 per family vehicle (pile 8 in a Suburban and that is only \$3 per person). The admission price includes access to attractions and entertainment. Many attractions close at 8:00 p.m. to begin the concert and program before the fireworks. Atlanta party band "Ready or Not" features a brass section and will play upbeat dance favorites that include some of the best from Motown, to Michael Jackson KC and the Sunshine Band to hits from today. Other entertainers will perform throughout the day. Performances include talented singing and dancing kids, a bluegrass, a classic rock and folk group and the Ugandan Thunder children's choir and dance group.

This community event is priced to offer an affordable evening of fun, music and fireworks to celebrate our freedom as Americans and those who have served and are serving to preserve it. The military discount is ½ price admission.

Attractions include: locomotive train rides, cow train rides, pony rides, slide hill, a petting zoo, paddle boats, inflatable bounce houses, pedal carts, "Tiny Town" children's playhouse village, the giant jumping pillow, cane pole fishing, multiple live bands and dancers, a wide variety of concessions, a gift shop and much more. Guests will also enjoy the "Cow-A-Bunga" zip lines, two zip lines that transport guests from a 60 foot tall tower down a cable at over 30 miles per hour. These zip line rides are only \$12.75 and \$8.

This event falls during the peak of berry picking season (blackberries, raspberries and blueberries). The Rock Ranch produce stand will offer fresh fruit and vegetables, jellies, honey, home grown premium aged beef, cider slushies and homemade blackberry and strawberry ice cream. The farm market, regularly open until 5:30 p.m., will remain open until 8 p.m. for this event.

On June 28, The Rock Ranch will feature a "Swap, Buy and Yard Sale" in the large parking lot/ pasture by Hwy. 36. This yard sale event was so successful last year that the ranch has decided to do it on consecutive weeks in 2014 (June 21 and 28). The Rock Ranch will sell surplus items and the community is welcome to reserve a space to sell their yard sale items. Anything from clothes to tools; crafts to puppies may be sold. As long as it's rated "G", the public can set up a booth and sell it. Payment for booths will be collected at the event. To reserve a space, those interested should e-mail yardsale@therockranch.com. A space is (\$10) and sellers should bring their own tents and tables or rent tables for \$5 each from the ranch. No food vendors are allowed. There is no charge to come and shop but a wrist band must be purchased for \$10 to play enter the ranch and enjoy the festival attractions.

July 7-28 Fun in the Summer Time – The Rock Ranch will be open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for family fun while kids are out of school. Admission is \$10 per person, kids 3 and under are free.

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2014 Calendar of Events

June 28 - (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) Celebrate America at The Rock Ranch

July 7 - July 26 - (Mon – Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Fun in the Summer Time

September 27 - Hats off for Heroes – first Fall Family Fun Day

September 27 - The Rock Ranch 5K and Invitational Cross Country Race

October 4 - Lumberjack Day (timber-sports competition featuring, UGA, Clemson, Florida, Tennessee and Auburn)

October 11 - The Official Georgia Day of the Cowboy

October 18 - Hot Air Balloon Rally

October 25 - The "Not-So-Spooky" Halloween Festival

November 1 - Pumpkin Destruction Day with professional monster trucks

November 8 - The Great Outdoor Adventure

November 15 - Farm Heritage Day

December 7 and 14 - Breakfast and/or lunch with Santa

Selected Nights in December - A Country Christmas In Lights

This working cattle ranch originally opened in 1989 as a result of S. Truett Cathy's passion for agriculture and educating families. The 1,500 acre ranch has added dozens of activities since its inception and attracts families, school groups and businesses alike to enjoy a unique experience in agritourism. The Rock Ranch is located approximately one hour south of Atlanta, one hour northeast of Columbus, and 35 minutes northwest of Macon in Upson County.

Notice: No outside food or drink and no pets allowed please.

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