

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Friday, November 25

#### 4– 8 p.m. **Snow Fest – Louisiana Office of Tourism (Official Sponsor)**

Experience Frosty's Avalanche Slide – Tubing down 110 ft of totally awesome winter fun plus other children's activities and vendors. \*\*42" height requirement. Hosted by Historic District Business Association. \$2.50 per ride. Children's area \$5 armband good for all day.

### Saturday, November 26 – Blues Christmas Weekend

9am– 5pm Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Show – Christmas crafts, jewelry, decorations & gifts. Natchitoches Events Center, 750 Second Street. FREE

#### **Snow Fest – Louisiana Office of Tourism (Official Sponsor)**

10am – 8pm Experience Frosty's Avalanche Slide – Tubing down 110 ft of totally awesome winter fun plus other children's activities and vendors. \*\*42" height requirement. \$2.50 per snow slide. Children's area \$5 armband good for all day on the inflatables slides and jumps. Hosted by Historic District Business Assoc.

2 – 4pm Entertainment – **Johnny and the Nightcrawlers** – FREE

5– 9pm Entertainment – **Diddley Squat** – FREE

7pm Fireworks over Cane River Lake -FREE

### Wednesday, November 30

7pm Natchitoches/Northwestern Christmas Gala, A.A. Fredericks Auditorium NSU campus. Admission, call (318) 357-4522 for additional information. Advance tickets available online at NSUtickets.com \$15. Tickets at door on night of performance are \$10. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show.

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### Thursday, December 1

7pm Natchitoches/Northwestern Christmas Gala, A.A. Fredericks Auditorium NSU campus. Admission, call (318) 357-4522 for additional information. Advance tickets available online at NSUtickets.com \$15. Tickets at door on night of performance are \$10. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show.

### Friday, December 2

5pm – 9pm Musical Entertainment – Fleur de Lis Stage – **The Drew Danzy Band** – FREE

7 & 9 pm Natchitoches/Northwestern Christmas Gala, A.A. Fredericks Auditorium NSU campus. Admission, call (318) 357-4522 for additional information. Advance tickets available online at NSUtickets.com \$15. Tickets at door on night of performance are \$10. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show.

### Saturday, December 3

#### **85th Annual Christmas Festival, Louisiana's premiere holiday event.**

Daylong celebration with entertainment, arts, crafts and food vendors, parade, fireworks, laser show and the lighting of 300,000+ Christmas bulbs and 100+ riverbank set pieces. *\*\*Admission to Front Street & Downtown Riverbank – Ages 12 and up \$6 in advance, \$8 day of event, Ages 6 through 11 \$4 in advance, \$5 day of event. Ages 5 and under are FREE.*

#### **Schedule of events:**

**7:45am** Natchitoches "City of Lights" 5K, contact NSU Track & Field for registration info

**10am** Opening Ceremony – downtown riverbank

**10:30am** **Entertainment until Jr. Parade enters Front Street: The Stan Rachal Band**

**11am** Junior Parade

**12:30-2:30pm** **The LaCour Trio**

**2pm** Christmas Parade – Encana Oil and Gas (USA), Inc. (Official Sponsor)

**4 – 6pm** Entertainment – **Mustang Sally** – Fleur de Lis Stage, downtown riverbank

**6pm** Fireworks

**6:30 – 9pm** **Greenlight Caravan**

### Tuesday, December 6

7:30 pm Lessons & Carols – Immaculate Conception Church, 613 Second Street – FREE

### Wednesday, December 7

5– 8pm Holiday Tour of Homes, hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation. Admission. For tickets call 800-259-1714. [www.historicfoundation.org](http://www.historicfoundation.org)

### Friday December 9

5– 8pm Holiday Tour of Homes, hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation. Admission. For tickets call

**Saturday, December 10 – Cajun Weekend**

**\*Admission to downtown riverbank only beginning at 2 p.m. \$5 ages 12 and over**

- 9am – 5pm Fete de Hiver, Fort St. Jean Baptiste SHS, Celebrate Christmas 18th century style with historians, re-enactors and period merchants. \$4 for persons over 12 & under 62.
- 10am – 5pm Les Amies Christmas Treasures Arts & Crafts Sale – Natchitoches Events Center, 750 Second Street. FREE
- 1– 2:30pm Christmas Downriver. Cane River Creole National Historic Park presents Creole Christmas with special tours, educational programs and musical events – FREE
- 1– 3pm Children’s Christmas Party - Natchitoches Parish Library, 450 Second Street – FREE
- 1– 4pm Holiday Tour of Homes, hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation. Admission, For tickets call (800) 259-1714. www.historicfoundation.org
- 2– 4pm Entertainment – Fleur de Lis Stage – **Brandon Ledet & the Creole Touch Zydeco Band**
- 5– 9pm Entertainment – Fleur de Lis Stage – **Jambalaya Cajun Band**
- 7pm Fireworks over Cane River Lake

**Tuesday, December 13**

- 7:30 pm Lessons & Carols featuring NSU Choirs – Trinity Episcopal Church, 533 Second Street -FREE

**Wednesday, December 14**

- 5– 8pm Holiday Tour of Homes, hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation. Admission. For tickets call (800) 259-1714. www.historicfoundation.org

**Friday December 16**

- 5– 8pm Holiday Tour of Homes, hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation. Admission. For tickets call (800) 259-1714. www.historicfoundation.org

**Saturday, December 17 – Rocking Christmas Weekend**

**\*Admission to downtown riverbank only beginning at 2 p.m. \$5 ages 12 and over**

- 12 – 4pm Cane River Creole Christmas at Badin-Roque House. The St. Augustine Historical Society hosts special tours and Creole holiday stories – FREE
- 1– 2:30pm Christmas Downriver. Cane River Creole National Historic Park presents Creole Christmas with special tours, educational programs and musical events – FREE
- 1– 4pm Holiday Tour of Homes, hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation. Admission. For tickets call (800) 259-1714. www.historicfoundation.org
- 2– 4pm Entertainment – Fleur de Lis Stage – **Dragstrip Phantoms**
- 5– 9pm Entertainment – Fleur de Lis Stage – **Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs**
- 7pm Fireworks over Cane River Lake

**Saturday, December 31**

- Midnight Fireworks over Cane River Lake – FREE

**December 5 – 23**

Photos with Santa on the south end downtown riverbank, 6-8:30 pm nightly.

**December 1 – 24**

Christmas in the Park – Rebel State Historic Park -Marthaville, La

Visitors are invited to drive or walk through the park. Photos with Santa select Saturdays in December. FREE. For information (318) 472-6255

**December 7, 2011 – January 31, 2012**

“El Camino Real de los Tejas” Photo Exhibition – Fort St. Jean Baptiste, SHS, 155 rue Jefferson, (318) 357-3101- Open Wednesday – Sunday, 9a.m.-5p.m.

El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail was designated by Congress in 2004 to commemorate the significant historic routes extending from the international border at the Rio Grande to the easternmost section of the Spanish province of Texas in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. The Traveling exhibition features 30 photographs taken by SFA Associate Professor of Art Christopher Talbot of sites along the historical El Camino Real, from Mexico to Natchitoches Parish

**\*\*Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the Annual Festival of Lights – Contact 318-352-6894 regarding admission and entertainment.**