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Texas Renaissance Festival Preparing to Open for the 46th Season

Festival Plans to Open as Scheduled on October 3, 2020

Todd Mission, TX (July 24, 2020) – Preparations are in full swing at the Texas Renaissance Festival with just over two months before the gates open for the start of the festival's 46th season on October 3, 2020. As the largest Renaissance festival in the nation, the Texas Renaissance Festival management team has been working closely with Grimes County and local government and emergency and health agencies to ensure COVID-19 response and communications plans are in place that will be followed prior to and during the months of October and November when the festival is open.

TRF's plan includes decontamination prior to festival and camping days and nightly when the festival is open, nightly cleaning of the shoppes, and spot cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day as required by state protocols. 80 hand sanitizers will be installed at the festival, while 50 will be located throughout the Fields of New Market Campground.

All TRF staff, performers and vendors will be required to wear a face mask during the season. If there is a state face mask mandate, patrons will be required to wear face masks. If there is no state mandate in place, patrons will not be required to wear masks, but will be strongly encouraged to do so. Patrons who attend the festival will have the opportunity to participate in a daily face mask contest that will be judged on creativity and coordination with the costume or themed weekend. Temperature checks will be required of all TRF staff, performers, and vendors before each shift, and any employee with a fever will be sent home.

Anticipating capacity limitations, the Texas Renaissance Festival moved to date specific tickets with no ticket sales at the gate. Patrons will be able to purchase festival admission tickets in advance online at www.texrenfest.com/tickets-season-passes, Groupon and at H-E-B stores. TRF will continue the tradition of Kids 12 and under get in free on Sundays.

Social distancing measures will include signage reminding patrons about distancing, hand sanitizing and face masks, limiting patrons in shoppes, maintaining 6' in line and reducing seating at the entertainment stages.

The Texas Renaissance Festival plan will continue to be revised as new information and input from government and health authorities is available. TRF will communicate expectations for the 2020 season via the www.texrenfest.com website, e-newsletters, press releases and all TRF social media channels.

Celebrating 46 seasons this year, The Texas Renaissance Festival will be open Saturdays, Sundays and Thanksgiving Friday during the months of October and November from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. each festival day. Themed weekends include Oktoberfest, 1001 Dreams, Roman Bacchanal, Pirate Adventure, All Hallows Eve, Heroes and Villains, Barbarian Invasion, Highland Fling and Celtic Christmas.

About the Texas Renaissance Festival

The Texas Renaissance Festival is the nation's largest Renaissance event. Each year over 450,000 patrons enter through the gates of the festival into a 16th Century European Village where performers immerse you in the enchantment of the village that feature 21 stages of music and stage acts, 400 shoppes, artisans, and a world tour for the taste buds that of course include turkey legs! The Texas Renaissance Festival is located one hour north of Houston. 2020 TRF season dates are Saturdays and Sundays, October 3 – November 29. More information can be found at www.texrenfest.com.

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