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August in Calvert County, Md.

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 28, 2011 – There's still time for a final summertime hurrah in Calvert County, Md. Bring the kids for boat cruises, canoe trips, history, carnivals and even a movie on the beach.

Tuesday-Saturday, August 2-6
Carnival Sponsored by the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department
North Beach, Visitor Parking Lot
5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach
301-855-6681 • 410-257-9618 • www.ci.north-beach.md.us

Wednesday, August 3 (12:30-2:30 p.m.)
Back-to-Back Tours – Point Farm and Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory
Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org
Enjoy guided tours of the MAC Laboratory and Point Farm's house and gardens on the first Wednesday of the month. Discover state-of-the-art science, local history and lore.

Friday, August 5 (5-8 p.m.)
First Free Friday
Calvert Marine Museum
14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons
410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com
The first Friday of every month features the first FREE Friday program when the museum is open and free to the public from 5 until 8 p.m. with special entertainment and activities. The Drum Point Lighthouse will be open and 30-minute cruises are available on the "Wm. B. Tennison." Deanna Dove will perform at 6:30 p.m.

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Friday, August 5 (6-10 p.m.)

USO Reenactment of WWII (USO Night)

Circle of Angels Initiative, Inc.

Boardwalk Pavilion at Solomons Island

410-257-5488 • info@circleofangels.org • www.circleofangels.net

Free and open to the public, USO Night is on the boardwalk pavilion in Solomons. This musical event salutes those who trained at the Solomons base during WWII with original recordings from the era and live performers. There will also be a wreath-laying ceremony and *Taps* at sunset.

Saturday, August 6 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Sunday, August 7 (10 a.m.- 5 p.m.)

26th Annual AIITCO Native American Powwow

Calvert County Fairgrounds

140 Calvert Fair Drive, Prince Frederick

301-869-9381 • www.aiitco.com

Bring lawn chairs and enjoy Native American dancers from across the country, listen to the sound of their drums and learn about Native American culture. Grand entry will be on noon both days. Craft vendors with jewelry, pottery, books, music and native foods will be available. Visit website for admission and times.

Saturday, August 6-Sunday, August 14 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

The Sidewalk Chalk-a-thon

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

13480 Dowell Road, Solomons

410-326-4640 • www.annmariegarden.org

Show off your artistic flair at the annual Sidewalk Chalk-a-thon art contest. Free for members or with admission to the Arts Building (otherwise there is a \$1 per entry fee). Don't miss this unique opportunity to make some interesting art and stroll through a colorful pathway. You may even win a prize!

Thursday, August 11 & August 18 (10-11:30 a.m.)

Summer Fun Days Children's Programs

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • www.cbrm.org

Free children's programs, crafts, games and exploration of the museum and its history.

Thursday, August 11 (7:30 p.m.)

Bay Breeze Concert Series – Two for You

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

4155 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

410-257-3892 • www.cbrm.org

Ralph and Janet will perform a variety of musical styles from the 40s through today on their second appearance to the series. All concerts are free and outside on the museum porch. Concert series made possible with cooperation of the Calvert County Commissioners and financial assistance from HELP Association, Inc., the Town of Chesapeake Beach and generous memberships.

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Saturday, August 13 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Fossil Field Experience

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Designed for adults and children eight and older who want to learn more about fossils, where to find them, how to identify them and what they tell us about the past. Fee is \$20. Space is limited and registration is required.

Saturday, August 13 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Colonial Family Days: A Colonial Celebration!

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Celebrate the end of the growing season by creating a colonial feast using recipes of the time. Visit our Native Garden, harvest crops and learn to cook over an open fire. After feasting, enjoy traditional colonial dance. Advanced registration required.

Saturday, August 13 (Noon-6 p.m.)

Eat, Drink, Go Local – North Beach

5th Street & Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

301-855-6681 • 410-257-9618 • www.ci.north-beach.md.us or www.marylandwine.com

Come for a pairing of the best of what Southern Maryland has to offer with an open-air farmers market feel. Browse local produce from regional farmers and enjoy cooking demonstrations all while learning which local wines to pair with local fare.

Saturday, August 13 (1:30-4:30 p.m.) and Sunday, August 28 (1-4 p.m.)

Guided Canoe Trip

American Chestnut Land Trust

Warriors Rest Sanctuary, 1920 Scientists Cliffs Road, Port Republic

410-414-3400 • www.acltweb.org

Please note that canoe trips are physically strenuous, requiring paddling for three hours (frequently against wind and tides) and may require participants to help carry a canoe for up to one-quarter mile over sand to access the creek. Reservations required. Call 410-414-3400 or email info@acltweb.org to register.

Saturday, August 13 (7:30-9:30 p.m.)

Moonlight Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay

410-257-2230 • 301-855-8398

Join us aboard the “Miss Chesapeake Beach.” Light refreshments will be served; beverages available for purchase. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call Chesapeake Beach Town Hall to reserve your space.

Saturday, August 13 (Gates open at 5 p.m.; concert at 7 p.m.)

Ronnie Dunn Concert

St. Leonard Volunteer Fire Department

200 Calvert Beach Road, St. Leonard

410-586-1713

Join us in welcoming country music star Ronnie Dunn singing his award-winning songs from the past as well as from his new album. Tickets are \$45 premium; \$40 reserved.

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Thursday, August 18 (7 p.m.)

Archaeology Speakers Series – “...there is still some remains”: Excavations on the 18th Century Smith Plantation

Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard

410-586-8501 • www.jefpat.org

Lecturer Edward Chaney, Deputy Director, MAC Lab, discusses the Smith Family that lived from 1711 to 1754 at the mouth of St. Leonard Creek on property that is now part of Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. While the house has washed away, archaeological traces of the kitchen and outbuildings are preserved below the ground. Excavations have uncovered a number of structures including one of the oldest horse stables in the Chesapeake region.

Saturday, August 20 (7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

Lighthouse Adventure Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Southern route participants depart from the Drum Point Lighthouse (Calvert Marine Museum) at 7:45 a.m. and head south, pausing to see Point No Point, Point Lookout and Smith Point Lighthouses before stopping for lunch at The Bayside Inn on Smith Island. After sightseeing, the cruise continues to circle Solomons Lump and Hooper Island lighthouses. Fee is \$130; \$120 for museum members. Lunch is on your own. There is a \$5 cancellation fee. Preregistration is required; space is limited.

Saturday, August 20 (Dusk)

Movie on the Beach

5th Street and Bay Avenue on the Boardwalk, North Beach

Bring your family, chairs and a blanket and enjoy a movie on the beach.

Saturday, August 21 (Gates open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 7:30 p.m.)

Calvert Marine Museum’s Waterside Concert Series – ZZ Top & Joan Jett and the Blackhearts

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomons Island Road, Solomons

410-326-2042 • www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Referred to as “that little ol’ band from Texas,” ZZ Top has a style that is rooted in blues-based boogie rock and has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide. Joan Jett is an originator, an innovator and a visionary, producing such classics as “Bad Reputation,” “I Love Rock ‘n’ Roll,” “I Hate Myself for Loving You” and “Crimson and Clover.” Call for ticket prices.

Saturday, August 27 (10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Calvert County Jousting Tournament

Christ Church

3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic

410-586-0565 • www.christchurchcalvert.org

Jousting is the official sport of Maryland and the tournament will be held for the 145th time this year. In addition to the tournament, there is a bazaar and country supper which benefits Christ Church. Jousting begins at noon; bazaar is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; country supper is from 2:30-6:30 p.m.

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For more information about the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development, our visitor sites and attractions and the services available to assist county businesses, call 410-535-4583, 800-331-9771 or 301-855-1880; send an email to info@ecalvert.com, or visit online at

www.ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.