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Rum River Festival returns to Princeton to usher in summer fun

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The windows of the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism office on First Street were painted with swimming ducks by Princeton Intermediate School art teacher Tom Tschumper in anticipation of the Rum River Festival from June 8-11.

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Princeton's Rum River Festival means days of fun for the community as people and businesses gear up for festival activities.

The four-day festival will be packed with events and activities starting Thursday, June 8.

As a precursor to the festival, the Princeton Ambassadors Program will host its coronation ceremony at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the Princeton High School Performing Arts Center.

Moving to the first official day of the festival, activities kick off with the first day of the citywide garage sale and the first clue for the American Legion Medallion Hunt posted outside the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (PACCT) building at 507 First St. and on its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MNPACC>. The American Legion Medallion Hunt will release a new clue to help seekers find the medallion every day until it is found. The citywide garage sale will run through Saturday, June 10.

The first day of the festival also features the Rum River Festival Parade. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 8. With 80 units and counting, the parade will begin on Rum River Drive, turn down First Street, and turn onto Eighth Avenue before concluding at Princeton High School.

From 4-10 p.m. on June 8, the Blue Ribbon Events Craft Fair will set up shop in the South Mall parking lot. The fair will make a second appearance the following day at the same time.

To close out the first day of festival activities, Neighbors Bar & Grill will host a beer garden in the South Mall parking lot from 4-10 p.m.

The beer garden will also be open Friday from 3 p.m. to midnight and Saturday from 2 p.m. to midnight. A DJ will be there on Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday's beer garden will feature a bags tournament from 3-6 p.m. as well as live music from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The annual Lucky Duck Race will take off starting at 6 p.m. in Riverside Park. Tickets for the race are \$10 each and can be purchased at the PACCT office beforehand.

Closing out Friday's activities at 7 p.m. are the races at the Princeton Speedway located in the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds.

Saturday's activities kickoff with the Rum River Festival 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m. Participants can check in at Northern Nutrition, 401 First St. To register for the 5K, visit the PACCT website at www.princetonmnchamber.org/rum-river-festival. Registration is \$35 for adults and free for youth.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. local businesses will be participating in Ladies Local. Visit any participating business to grab a punch card and visit all the businesses on the card to be entered to win a grand prize. The list of participating businesses can be found on the PACCT website.

During that same time, the Mille Lacs County Historical Society will host an open house event for anyone in the community interested in learning more about Princeton's history.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food Trucks on the Farm makes a comeback at Brickton Genetics located on Brickton Road.

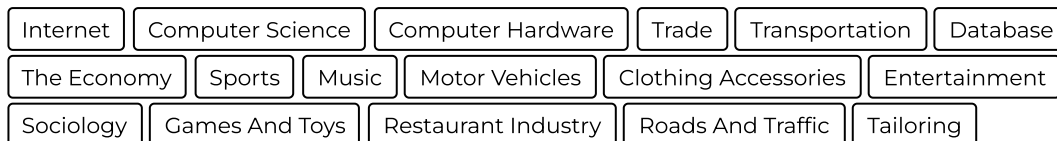
To close out the Rum River Festival on Sunday, June 11, Princeton Airport will be home to the annual Lion's Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All pilots in attendance will eat for free.

Lastly, at noon on Sunday, a Garden and Standard Tractor Pull will take place at the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds.

To learn more about the events of the Rum River Festival or to see a detailed schedule of events, visit the PACCT website, www.princetonmnchamber.org.

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