

# Denton, Texas 2008 Annual Events

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Date: April 3-6, 2008  
Time: Various  
Event: **NASCAR Busch Series**  
Location: Texas Motor Speedway  
Sponsor: Texas Motor Speedway  
Phone: 817-215-8500  
Website: [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com)

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Date: April 10-13, 2008  
Time: Thursday, 8:00pm – 10:00pm/Friday and Saturday, 9:00am – 11:00pm/Sunday, 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Event: **23rd Annual Texas Storytelling Festival 2008:**  
People of all ages come to enjoy storytelling at the largest event of its kind in the Southwest. Storytellers from across the nation come to share their tales of sports stories, war tales and front porch stories. The storyteller's tales capture the imagination of children and adults alike.  
Location: TWU Hubbard Hall  
Sponsor: Tejas Storytelling Association  
Phone: 940-382-7014 ext. 224  
Website: [www.tejasstorytelling.com](http://www.tejasstorytelling.com)

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Date: April 12, 2008  
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Event: **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Denton Redbud Festival and Romp**  
Denton is the "Redbud Capital of Texas." To coincide with the blooming of the Redbuds in early March, a celebration is held. Activities include: home and garden show, booths, educational programs, and exhibits throughout the day.  
Location: Civic Center  
Sponsor: Keep Denton Beautiful  
Phone: 940-349-8737  
Website: [www.kdb.org](http://www.kdb.org)

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Date: April 15, 2008  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Event: **61st Annual "Lab Band Madness" Spring Concert**  
The internationally renowned University of North Texas One O'clock Lab Band is the featured performer.  
Location: Winspear Hall, UNT Murchison Center  
Sponsor: University of North Texas – Jazz Studies  
Phone: 940-565-3743 – Darla Mayes  
Website: [www.unt.edu](http://www.unt.edu)

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Date: April 25-27, 2008  
Time: Friday: 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Event: **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Denton Arts & Jazz Festival 2008**  
The annual three-day event is a celebration of the arts. Over 2000 professional and amateur performers on six stages showcase the best in jazz, pop, rhythm & blues and full orchestra music. In addition, community and school groups represent a wide variety of dance, choral, storytelling and theatre performances. Fine artists and craftsman, who are juried, come from all over the region to demonstrate exhibit and sell their creations. Abundant options of food and beverages are available in addition to the entertainment. Clowns and other activities compliment the festivals, including the large Children’s Art Tent that offers numerous art experiences under the leadership of qualified instructors.  
Location: Quakertown Park, 321 E. McKinney  
Sponsor: Denton Festival Foundation  
Phone: 940-565-0931, Carol Short  
Website: [www.dentonjazzfest.com](http://www.dentonjazzfest.com)

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Date: MAY-JUNE, 2008  
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday  
Event: **Twilight Tunes Concert Series**  
Local musicians perform every Thursday evening from on the lawn of the Historic Denton County Courthouse on the Square in downtown Denton. (Rain Location TBA) FREE  
Location: Downtown Square  
Sponsor: Main Street  
Phone: 940-349-8529  
Website: [www.dentonmainstreet.org](http://www.dentonmainstreet.org)

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Date: May 3, 2008  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Event: **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo**  
This Mexican cultural festival is kicked off with a parade at 10:00 a.m. Activities include live bands, concession stands, picnic areas and fun for all.  
Location: Quakertown Park, 321 E. McKinney  
Sponsor: Denton Parks & Recreation  
Phone: 940-349-8285  
Website: [www.dentonparks.com](http://www.dentonparks.com)  
[www.dentoncinco.org](http://www.dentoncinco.org)

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Date: May 31, 2008  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Event: **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dog Days of Denton**  
Events include Dog Parade, Dog Show, Stupid Pet Tricks, Dog/Owner Singing Contest, and “Glamfur Shots” of your pet, Dog/Master look-alike contest and more.  
Location: Quakertown Park  
Sponsor: Denton Main Street Program  
Phone: 940-349-8529  
Website: [www.dentonmainstreet.com](http://www.dentonmainstreet.com)  
[www.dogdaysdenton.com](http://www.dogdaysdenton.com)

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Date: June 5-7, 2008  
Time: Various  
Event: **IndyCar Series & NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series**  
Location: Texas Motor Speedway  
Sponsor: Texas Motor Speedway  
Phone: 817-215-8520  
Website: [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com)

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Date: June 14, 2008.  
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Event: **Denton Air Show hosted by Denton Air Fair**  
The Air Fair features fly-ins, an open house and is open to the public. World War II antique aircraft, aerobatic maneuvers, parachute drop, and experimental and vintage aircraft will be on display. Booths and concessions will be available.  
Location: Denton Municipal Airport  
Sponsor: City of Denton & Airport Tenants  
Phone: 940-484-1603, Amanda Addington

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Date: June 21, 2008  
Time: All Day  
Event: **37th Annual Juneteenth Celebration**  
The celebration leads off with a mayoral proclamation. Events include: a live band, softball tournament, a parade on Saturday evening, basketball tournaments, barbecue cook-off, and games for the entire family.  
Location: Fred Moore Park, Bradshaw and East Prairie  
Sponsor: Denton Parks & Recreation  
Phone: 940-349-8576  
Website: [www.dentonparks.com](http://www.dentonparks.com)

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Date: June - September, 2008 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  
Time: 7:00am - Sellout  
Event: **Denton County Farmers Market**  
Local farmers sell fresh, seasonal vegetables and fruits.  
Location: Bayless-Selby House Museum parking lot at the corner of Mulberry Street and Carroll Boulevard  
Sponsor: Denton Main Street Organization  
Phone: 940-349-8529

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Date: July 4, 2008  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Event: **Kiwanis Fireworks Show**  
Annual fireworks show featuring patriotic music and spectacular fireworks.  
Location: University of North Texas' Fouts Field  
Sponsor: Denton Kiwanis  
Phone: 940-387-6323

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Date: July 4, 2008  
Time: Beginning at 7 a.m. - All Day  
Event: **Fourth of July Jubilee – “Liberty Fun Run”**  
Events include: American Pride Cook-off, Yankee Doodle Parade, Free Children’s Carnival, Food, Horseshoe Tournament, Craft Show and sale, plus much more.  
Location: Quakertown Park, 321 E. McKinney  
Sponsor: Denton Parks & Recreation  
Phone: (940) 349-8733  
Website: [www.dentonparks.com](http://www.dentonparks.com)  
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Date: August 15-23, 2008  
Event: **80th Annual North Texas State Fair**  
World championship rodeo, music, carnival rides and games, fiddling contest, petting zoos and barbecue cook-offs  
Location: North Texas Fairgrounds, 2217 N. Carroll Blvd.  
Sponsor: North Texas Fair Association  
Phone: 940-387-2632, Glenn Carlton  
Website: [www.nffair.com](http://www.nffair.com)  
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Date: September 13, 2008  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Event: **Arts, Antiques & Autos Extravaganza**  
Hot rods, classic and custom cars lining the square, antique appraisals and dealers, juried art show, and strolling entertainment.  
Location: Downtown Square  
Sponsor: Main Street  
Phone: 940-349-8529  
Website: [www.dentonmainstreet.com](http://www.dentonmainstreet.com)  
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Date: September 26, 2008  
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Event: **Fiesta-on-the-Square**  
A celebration of Hispanic Heritage that features ballet folklorico, mariachis, and charros.  
Location: Courthouse-on-the-Square  
Sponsor: Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Denton LULAC Council #4366 in cooperation with the Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum  
Phone: 940-349-2850  
Website: [www.dentoncounty.com/chos](http://www.dentoncounty.com/chos)  
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Date: September 20, 2008  
Time: 12:00PM – 11:30PM  
Event: **Denton Blues Fest**  
The Denton Black Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Denton Blues Fest. Come out and join the fun. We will have music for everyone and Blues Idol contest and Apollo Night for the young.  
Location: Quaker Town Park (formerly Civic Center Park)  
Sponsor: Denton Black Chamber of Commerce  
Phone: 940-382-9100  
Website: [www.dentonblackchamber.org](http://www.dentonblackchamber.org)

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Date: September 20, 2008  
Time: 5:00 PM- 9:30Pm  
Event: **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Beast Feast**  
Location: Access First Capital Bank  
Sponsor: Greater Denton Arts Council  
Phone: 940-382-2787  
Website: [www.dentonarts.com](http://www.dentonarts.com)

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Date: TBD  
Time: To Be Announced  
Event: **University of North Texas Homecoming**  
Location: University of North Texas  
Sponsor: University of North Texas  
Phone: 940-565-2662  
Website: [www.unt.edu](http://www.unt.edu)

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Date: October 29-31, 2008  
Time: Various  
Event: **Halloween-on-the Square**  
A culmination of three simultaneous events with trick-or-treating, a treasure hunt, and an 1857 Old West Haunted House to benefit the United Way of Denton County.  
Location: Courthouse-on-the-Square  
Sponsor: Nuconsteel  
Phone: 940-891-3022  
Website:

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Date: October 30-31, 2008  
Time: Various  
Event: **NASCAR Craftsman, Sprint Cup & Busch Series**  
Location: Texas Motor Speedway  
Sponsor: Texas Motor Speedway  
Phone: 817-215-8520  
Website: [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com)

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Date: November 1- 2, 2008  
Time: Times Vary  
Event: **Dickies 500**  
Location: Texas Motor Speedway  
Sponsor: Texas Motor Speedway  
Phone: 817-215-8520  
Website: [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com)

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Date: November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Time: 8:00 p.m.  
Event: **48<sup>th</sup> Annual "One O'clock Lab Band" Fall Concert**  
Location: University of North Texas, Winspear Hall, UNT Murchison Center  
Sponsor: University of North Texas  
Phone: 940-565-3742  
Website: [www.unt.edu](http://www.unt.edu)

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Date: December 4, 2008  
Time: 5:30 p.m. –9:30 p.m.  
Event: **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Lighting Festival of Denton**  
The festivities start at 5:45 p.m. on the Courthouse Square. Event include: Lighting of Christmas Tree on Historic Courthouse Lawn, Visits with Santa, a children’s arts and crafts area, and live music featuring Brave Combo.  
Location: Downtown Square, 110 W Hickory  
Sponsor: Denton Holiday Festival Association  
Phone: 940-349-8529, Denton Main Street

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Date: December 17, 2008  
Time: 12:00 p.m. –1:00 p.m.  
Event: **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Sing-a-long: Make a Joyful Noise**  
Join the Denton County employees celebrate the holiday season with traditional and historical carols. Music accompaniment includes guitar, violin, mountain dulcimer and trumpet.  
Location: Courthouse-on-the-Square, 110 W Hickory  
Sponsor: Denton Holiday Festival Association  
Phone: 940-349-8529, Denton Main Street

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Dates are subject to change with out notice.