Newcomers Guide to Huntsville

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Welcome to the Huntsville/Madison County Area

UAH would like to welcome you to the Huntsville/Madison County. This guide serves as an Answer Book for your questions about the area. Included in this guide is useful information about getting settled in the area, as well as enjoying the many activities that Huntsville has to offer. While we have provided much useful information, if you have additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to use the hyper-links provided in the book as well as other contact information listed.

Who to call

911 should **ALWAYS** be your first call in an emergency. It is the universal number to get help on the way quickly.

Non-emergency numbers

- Huntsville Police Department: 722-7100
- Huntsville Fire & Rescue: 722-7120
- Madison Police Department: 722-7190
- Madison Fire & Rescue: 772-7192
- Madison County Sheriff’s Department: 722-7181
- Gurley Police Department: 776-3313
- New Hope Police Department: 723-8443
- Owens Cross Roads Police Department: 725-4163
- County volunteer fire departments: 722-7171
- Huntsville-Madison County Rescue Squad: 536-2720
- HEMSI (Madison County’s ambulance service): 722-7150
- Alabama State Troopers: 533-4202
- Alabama State Troopers, from cell phone: Dial *HP (*47)
- FBI office: 539-1711
- Marine police: 888-903-7659

Health Providers and Services

**Student Health Services**

Located in the University Center
Room UC 203
(256) 824-6775
www.uah.edu/wellness/

Student Health Services provides on-campus health care for currently enrolled students. There is a $5.00 charge for office visits. Services include treatment for acute illness (ex: sore throat, cold and flu, stomach problems, sprains and strains, and gynecological problems), preventative health services (ex: pap smears, physical exams, and laboratory tests), health counseling, and testing.

**Faculty/Staff Clinic**

301 Sparkman Drive
Spragins Hall 127D
Huntsville, Al 35889
(256) 824-2100
www.uah.edu/clinic/

Hours of Operation: Patients are seen from 7:30am-11:30am Monday through Friday
Clinic is open from 7:30am- 4:00pm Monday through Friday
The faculty/staff clinic is on-campus healthcare for faculty and staff, as well as visiting scholars. Services include those of common illness as well as skin conditions, vaccines, and laboratory testing.

Public Health Services (covered by United Healthcare Insurance)

UNIVERSITY WALK-IN FAMILY CARE
501 Wynn Drive. 890-8700

AMERICAN FAMILY CARE
8151 Whitesburg Drive. 862-9711
4550 University Drive. 713-0560
7559 Hwy 72 West, Madison 562-0850

Huntsville Hospital
101 Sivley Road
Huntsville, Al 35801
(256) 265-1060
www.hhsys.org
Tertiary, acute and general care, trauma center, neurological intensive care, cardiac intensive care, MedFlight air ambulance, Kids Care critical care transport unit, FirstHeart coronary critical care transport unit, Comprehensive Cancer Institute, wellness centers, Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children with neonatal intensive care, 24/7 pediatric emergency and intensive care, Women's Center, 881 beds.

Crestwood Medical Center
One Hospital Drive
Huntsville, Al 35801
(256) 429-4000
www.crestwoodmedcenter.com
Acute care, Bariatric Center, Cancer care, Cardiology, Cardiopulmonary, Dentistry, Dermatology, Diagnostic services, Maternity Center, Surgery, Therapy services. 150 beds.

Health Department
539-3713
301 Max Luther Drive
Vaccinations, health information and other services. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Mental Health Center
533-1970
4040 S. Memorial Parkway
Treatment programs for all types of mental illness, emotional disorders, adult and adolescent substance abuse. Open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.
Huntsville Utilities: Water, Electric, Gas and Sewage

112 Spragins St. SW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256) 535-1200

Huntsville Utilities is owned by the City of Huntsville and is the area's largest provider of residential and commercial water, electricity, gas and sewage. Requirements to apply and set up a new account are:

1. 2 forms of valid identification, such as a valid driver's license, military ID or social security card
2. A $300.00 deposit
3. A $50.00 non-refundable service fee

Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration

Alabama Department of Public Safety
1115A Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256) 539-0681
http://www.dps.state.al.us

Hours: M-F 8:00am-Noon & 12:30pm-4:30pm

At the Alabama Department of Public Safety one may apply and test for an Alabama State drivers license, gain information regarding highway and traffic safety, criminal investigations, and missing children.

Madison County Licensing
Madison Satellite Branch
8050 Hwy 72 West
Madison, AL 35758
(inside Southern Family Market)
(256) 532-3310
Public School Systems

Huntsville City Schools
200 White St., Huntsville
428-6800
www hsv.k12.al.us
Superintendent: Dr. Ann Roy Moore
Registration: Kindergarten children must be 5 on or before Sept. 1, and first-grade children must be 6 or older on or before Sept. 1. To register, parents should bring to their neighborhood school: the child's birth certificate; the child's Social Security card; the child's Alabama certificate of immunization (blue form); proof of residency; and emergency telephone numbers. For more information, call pupil services at 428-6890.

Madison County Schools
1275-F Jordan Road,
Huntsville
852-2557
www.madison.k12.al.us
Superintendent: Dr. Terry Davis
Registration: Kindergarten children must be 5 on or before Sept. 1, and first-grade children must be 6 or older on or before Sept. 1. To register, parents should bring to their neighborhood school: the child's birth certificate; the child's Social Security card; the child's Alabama certificate of immunization (blue form); proof of residency; and emergency telephone numbers.

Public Libraries

Madison Public Library
130 Plaza Blvd.
Madison, AL 35758
(256) 461-0046
http://www.hpl.lib.al.us

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library
915 Monroe Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256) 532-5940
http://www.hpl.lib.al.us
Media in the Valley

Local Newspaper

The Huntsville Times
2317 S. Memorial Parkway
532-4000
www.al.com
Published daily

Local Radio

WAAO FM 103.7- Country

WRTT FM 95.1- Rock

WJAB FM 90.9- Jazz (A&M University)

WBHP AM 1230- News/Talk

KIH20 Huntsville's National Weather Service forecast and warning station.

Local Television

WHNT Channel 19 CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System)

WAAY Channel 31 ABC (American Broadcasting Company)

WAFF Channel 48 NBC (National Broadcasting Company)

WZDX Channel 54 FOX (Fox Broadcasting Company)

WHIQ Channel 25 PBS (Public Broadcasting Service)
Top Employers in Huntsville-Madison County

1. U.S. Army/Redstone Arsenal, Government, 14,601
2. Huntsville Hospital system, Health care, 5,126
3. Boeing Company, Engineering, 3,000
4. Huntsville City Schools, Education, 3,000
5. NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center, Government, 2,555
6. Sanmina-SCI, Electronic components, 2,500
7. Cinram, A/V replication, 2,500
8. Intergraph, Computer equipment, 2,450
9. City of Huntsville, Government, 2,199
10. Madison County Schools, Education, 2,150
11. SAIC, Engineering, 1,716
12. Continental, VDO Automotive, Electronic equipment, 1,700
13. Adtran, Telecommunications, 1,700
14. University of Alabama in Huntsville, Education, 1,318
15. Teledyne Brown Engineering, Engineering, 1,243
16. Madison County, government, 1,220
17. Benchmark Electronics, Engineering, 1,200
18. Northrop Grumman, Engineering, 1,125
19. Alabama A&M University, Education, 1,092
20. West Corp., Customer services, 1,000
21. DirecTV, Customer services, 1,000
22. Crestwood Medical Center, Health care, 994
23. Toyota Motor Mfg. Alabama, Auto engines, 950
24. Madison City Schools, Education, 950
25. LG Electronics, Electronic devices, 900
26. Dynetics, Aerospace/defense, 900

Getting Around Huntsville

Air Travel

Huntsville International Airport
(256) 772-9395
www.hsvairport.org

Airlines that Fly into Huntsville International Airport

American Airlines
1-800-433-7300
www.aa.com

Northwest Airlines
1-800-225-2525
www.nwa.com
Continental Airlines
1-800-523-3273
www.continental.com

US Airways Express
1-800-428-4322
www.usair.com

Delta Air Lines
1-800-221-1212
www.delta.com

United Express
1-800-538-2929
www.united.com

Taxi Services
American Cab Company
2201 Governors Dr. SW
Huntsville, AL
(256) 534-5000
(256) 534-5051

Huntsville Cab Co.
3401 B 8th Ave.
Huntsville, AL
(256) 539-9444
(256) 539-9445

Rocket City Cab
2107 Holmes Ave. NW
Huntsville, AL
(256) 534-4524

Bus Transportation Services

Public Transportation Division
City of Huntsville
Public Transportation Division
500B Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

John T. Brown, Director
Telephone: 256-427-6811
E-mail: Tommy.Brown@hsvcity.com

The goal of the Public Transportation Division is to provide adequate and efficient community transportation services for the general public, senior citizens, physically challenged citizens, commuters, and individuals with limited transportation alternatives.

Huntsville Shuttle
500-B Church St.
427-6811
M-F, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
http://www.ci.huntsville.al.us/PublicTran/public_trans.php
Regular fare is $1. Fare for people with disabilities is 50 cents.

The Tourist Loop
500-B Church St.
427-6811
Daily 6:40 a.m. to 6:40 p.m.
Saturdays 8:40 a.m.-7:10 p.m., Memorial Day through Aug. 9.
Downtown route free on weekends, 7 p.m.-2 a.m.
http://www.ci.huntsville.al.us/PublicTran/public_trans.php
Fare is $1 per trip. All-day pass is $2.

Handi-Ride
A specialized, door-to-door, demand-response paratransit service for people with disabilities who are unable to use the fixed route buses. M-F, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
427-6857
http://www.ci.huntsville.al.us/PublicTran/public_trans.php

Greyhound Bus Lines
601 Monroe St.
534-1681
www.greyhound.com/home/
Wi-Fi “Hot-Spots” Not an exclusive list; only a sample

Panera Bread
4800 Whitesburg Dr S
Huntsville, AL 35802
(256) 885-1552

Quiznos
4314 University Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35816
(256) 712-6979

Fed Ex Kinko’s
4711 University Dr. NW
Huntsville, AL 35816
(256) 830-4959

Starbucks
3421 Memorial Parkway NW
Huntsville, AL 35810
(256) 851-1463

Stanlieo’s Sub Villas
602 Governors Drive SW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256) 536-6583

Fine Arts Organizations

Museums

Alabama Constitution Village
Address: 109 Gates Ave. at Madison Street, just off the Courthouse Square in downtown Huntsville. Take Interstate 565, Exit 19 and go south on Jefferson Street five blocks. Hours: Open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., March through Nov. 24. From the day after Thanksgiving through Dec. 23 open 5 to 9 p.m. for Santa’s Village. Closed Dec. 24-Jan. 2.
Explore Alabama's 200-year-old heritage as villagers in period clothing take time from their daily chores to guide you through eight reconstructed Federal-style buildings. Hear the whir of the spinning wheel, smell the aroma of freshly baked bread and help turn the great wheel lathe in the cabinet maker's shop. Purchase freshly baked cookies and browse among unique Alabama crafts in the Confectionery Shop.

Burritt on the Mountain - A Living Museum
Address: 3101 Burritt Drive. Take U.S. 431 (Governors Drive) east from city. Turn left onto Monte Sano Boulevard. Follow signs.
Hours: April through October, Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m.; November through March, Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.
Prices: $6 for adults; $5 for seniors, military and students; $4 for children ages 2-12; County residents free on first Thursdays
Phone: 536-2882
www.burrittonthemountain.com/

Burritt On the Mountain is a museum of regional history housed in the former mountaintop home of Dr. William Henry Burritt. The remarkable 14-room mansion built in the shape of an X in the 1930s is insulated with 2,200 bales of wheat straw. The Historic Park contains restored farm buildings that interpret rural life during the years 1850 through 1900. Nature trails wind through a forest. The grounds offer a panoramic view of Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley.

EarlyWorks Children's Museum
Address: 404 Madison St., at the intersection of Williams Avenue
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
Prices: $10 for adults, $8 for seniors age 55 and over, $8 for children ages 4-17, $4 for children 3 and under.
Phone: 564-8100
www.earlyworks.com

EarlyWorks is a history complex in the heart of downtown Huntsville. Children will like the 16-foot talking tree as it spins traditional folk tales, and touchable displays encourage creative, educational play. Special events are presented year-round for all ages. This area provides meeting and reception space for weddings, teacher workshops and corporate events. Making up the EarlyWorks history trio in addition to the museum are Alabama Constitution Village and the Historic Huntsville Depot.

Harmony Park Safari
Address: 431 Cloud's Cove Road. Take Memorial Parkway south to left on Hobbs Island Road, 9 miles then right onto Historic Cloud's Cove Road, then 1 mile.
Hours: Daily 10 a.m. to sunset, March 1 through Nov. 30
Prices: $6
Phone: 877-726-4625
http://www.10best.com/Huntsville,AL/Attractions_&_Activities/Zoos,_Aquariums_&_Reserves/Harmony_Safari_Park_Huntsville_AL_BID_63078/
Drive-through observation (and limited feeding) of free-ranging exotic animals.

Harrison Brothers Hardware
Address: 124 South Side Square
Hours: Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Prices: Free
Phone: 536-3631
The landmark store, established in 1879, is a combination museum and operating business selling rocking chairs, hardware, garden ornaments, old-fashioned toys, souvenirs and gifts.

Historic Huntsville Depot Museum
Address: 320 Church St., Exit 19 (Jefferson Street) from Interstate 565
Hours: Open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., February through December. Closed January and February, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day.
Prices: $7 for adults, $6 for seniors ages 55 and over, $6 for ages 4-17, children under 4 free.
Phone: 564-8100
www.earlyworks.com

Built in 1860, the three-story Historic Huntsville Depot brick terminal is one of America's oldest railroad structures. Tour the building to examine Civil War graffiti and period artifacts. The tour begins with a brief multimedia history of Huntsville, and a robotic ticket agent describes working for Southern Railway at the turn of the century. Outside, climb on locomotives and ride the Depot Express around the spacious grounds. The Train & Trolley Shop offers railroad memorabilia for sale.

Huntsville Museum of Art
Address: 300 Church St. S., exit 19 off Interstate 565
Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.
Prices: $7 adults; $6 for students ages 12-18, military and seniors; children ages 6-11 $3, children under 6 and museum members free. $5 admission adults, $3 children Thursdays 5 to 8 p.m. First Friday of every month is free.
Phone: 535-4350
Tour the leading visual arts center in North Alabama. The museum has a growing collection of paintings, prints, sculpture and art objects. Five galleries accommodate changing original exhibits and traveling exhibitions. Educational programs include tours, art classes for all ages, art workshops and lectures. A gift shop offers art-related books, cards, posters and other items.

North Alabama Railroad Museum
Address: Chase Depot, 694 Chase Road; from Interstate 565 take Exit 19B, from Pratt Avenue turn north onto Meridian Street, 3 miles, turn east onto Chase Road.
Hours: Museum open May-September 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily for viewing, study and photographing. Museum staff present Wednesday and Saturday. Train operations April through November.
Prices: Guided tours on train days for adults $4, children 6-11 $2; train excursions adults $12, children under 12 $8; self-guided walking tour of depot and grounds, free.
Phone: 851-2726
www.suncompsvc.com/narm/

The North Alabama Railroad Museum makes it possible to relive the glory days of the iron horse. The site is at the crossroads of what once was the Memphis & Charleston Railroad and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad. The museum's depot and excursion diesel locomotive have been authentically restored. The renovated 1937 depot contains railroad memorabilia and a reference library. Enjoy an audio-visual presentation in a railcar and see the interior of a restored Railway Post Office car, a day coach and a Pullman sleeping car.

Old MacDonald's Petting Zoo
Address: 25 miles east of Huntsville on U.S. 72 East at mile marker 122
Hours: March through August weekdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed on Wednesday except April and May; September to November, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.; closed December, January, February and Mother's Day
Prices: $5, children under 2 free, hayrides $1, animal feed $2 per cup
Phone: 776-4332
www.oldmacdonaldspettingzoo.com

Pet and feed domestic and exotic animals and birds; picnic area and playground.

Sci-Quest
Address: 102-D Wynn Drive, exit 15 from I-565 to Old Madison Pike, right on Wynn Drive.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Monday.
Prices: Adults $9, seniors $8.50, children 3-18 $8, children 2 and under free; admission plus Immersive Theater show adults $13, seniors $12.50, children 3-18 $12, children 2 and under free; discount for members.
Phone: 837-0606
www.sci-quest.org

More than 150 interactive science exhibits are designed to engage, educate and entertain. In addition to permanent and traveling exhibits, Sci-Quest offers education programs for children ages 4 through sixth grade. Groups visiting Sci-Quest can have an in-depth educational experience by participating in a Science Encounter demonstration.

State Black Archives Research Center and Museum
Address: Alabama A&M University, James H. Wilson Building
Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., other hours by appointment
Prices: Donations
Phone: 372-5846
www.aamu.edu/portal/page/portal/Featured_Links/Archive_museum_center

View exhibits, documents and artifacts on black history and culture and gain a greater awareness of the achievements, contributions and the role blacks play in the world. The museum strives to educate people on racial and cultural diversity.

U.S. Space & Rocket Center
Address: 1 Tranquility Base, near intersection of Bob Wallace Avenue/Sparkman Drive and Interstate 565, Interstate 565, Exit 15
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
Prices: $20.95 for adults, $15.95 for children ages 6-12 for museum, park and Imax Theater. $16 for adults and $11 for children ages 3-12 for the museum and park only. For the Imax Theater, $8 adults, $7 children ages 3-12 (*Spider-Man 3* is $10 and $9).
Phone: 837-3400, 721-7114, 800-637-7223
www.spacecamp.com/museum

This space attraction features interactive exhibits and simulators surrounding Apollo, Mercury, Gemini and space shuttle exploration, as well as artifacts. Rockets developed in Huntsville range from the U.S. Army boosters that put America's first satellite and astronauts in orbit to NASA's Saturn V moon rocket and the space shuttle. See the U.S. Space Camp Mission Center Complex where visitors conduct simulated missions. Feel the power of 4 G's of force aboard the Space Shot ride and the G-Force to experience three times the force of gravity.

Veterans Memorial Museum
Address: John Hunt Park, 2060-A Airport Road
Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rest of year Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., other hours by appointment
Prices: $5 adults, $4 seniors and $3 for students under 18
Phone: 883-3737
www.memorialmuseum.org
View military memorabilia from 1776 to present with emphasis on the 20th century. Reminisce about military experiences. Group tours for veterans and students.

1819 Weeden House Museum
Address: 300 Gates Ave.
Hours: Mondays through Fridays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Prices: $5 for adults, $4 for seniors, $2.50 for children ages 12 and under
Phone: 536-7718
The Weeden House, built in 1819, is Alabama's oldest building open to the public. It is the birthplace of 19th-century poet and artist Maria Howard Weeden. This residence is the only home in the Twickenham Historic District open as a museum and is a superb example of Federal architecture with elaborate interior and exterior details.

Huntsville Botanical Garden
Address: 4747 Bob Wallace Ave., between the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and Jordan Lane, take Exit 15 off Interstate 565.
Hours: Memorial Day through Labor Day: Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except Thursdays), Thursdays 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m.; October through April: Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day
Prices: $10 for adults, $8 for seniors age 55 and over, $5 for students and children 3-18, children under 2 free; November-April, $8 adults, $6 seniors, $3 children; extra charge during the Galaxy of Lights
Phone: 830-4447
www.hsvbg.org
The garden offers year-round festivals including the Spring Festival of Flowers in April, a summer exhibit with kids in mind, Scarecrow Trail in the fall and the nationally recognized holiday light show, Galaxy of Lights. The beautiful 112-acre garden has floral collections, inviting woodland paths and broad, grassy meadows. Annuals and perennials are ablaze with color from early spring through late fall. A brick pavilion is the focal point of the aquatic garden. The Tessman Butterfly House is a showplace for color on the wing June through September. A G-scale garden train winds through a bonsai forest. The fern glade and demonstration vegetable garden have interpretive labels. Shuttles with driver are available at no charge for those needing assistance.

Theater

Broadway Theatre League
Address: Von Braun Center, 700 Monroe St.
Hours: Most shows begin at 8 p.m., with weekend matinees at 2 p.m. Season begins in autumn, runs through spring.
Phone: 518-6155
www.broadwaytheatreleague.org/
Tickets: Season tickets and individual show tickets are available. Prices vary greatly, depending on seating and day of show. Call 518-6155 for details.

The Broadway Theatre League brings to Huntsville each year a lineup of top touring shows, classic musicals and cutting-edge new shows. Some star internationally known performers. All shows are professionally presented in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.

Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater and Academy
Address: Offices & arts center are at 3312 Long Ave., but plays are presented in the Von Braun Center Playhouse, 700 Monroe St.
Phone: 539-6829
E-mail: fpacademy@knology.net
Tickets: Season and individual show tickets are sold. Call 539-6829.
For more than 40 years Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater has been bringing the magic of theater to young people. Delightful costumes, elaborate scenery and plays that spark the imagination are standard fare at Fantasy. Children of all ages participate and so do many adults. Fantasy's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is a Yuletide tradition in Huntsville. Fantasy also offers year-round theater classes for all ages and a Kindermusik program at its arts center.

Flying Monkey Arts Center
Address: 2211 Seminole Drive
Phone: 479-2369
www.flyingmonkeyarts.org
Flying Monkey Arts Center is a not-for-profit community arts collective that encourages, supports and promotes events, workshops and studios featuring but not limited to music, film, theater, dance, puppetry, visual and performance art with a focus on experimental works for mature audiences.

Madison Theatre Guild
Phone: 541-3648
This fledgling community theater produces "Shakespearean Shorts" at the Madison Library, 130 Plaza Blvd., in the fall & at schools.

Ovation Arts
Address: 1008 Arnold Road, Madison
Phone: 461-9631
E-mail: ovationarts@knology.net
www.ovationarts.net
Planned 30,000-square-foot performing arts center to include a theater, music, dance and art studios and more. Now in planning with Madison Community Chorus and Independent Musical Productions.

Renaissance Theatre
Address: 1216-B Meridian St.
Phone: 536-3117
www.renaissancetheatre.net
Tickets: Typically $12-$14. For details, call 536-3117.
Located in a renovated old building in a mill village, Renaissance presents a diverse season of plays each year. Some are classics, and others are experimental works.

Theatre Huntsville
Address: Plays presented in the Von Braun Center Playhouse, 700 Monroe St., except for "Shakespeare on the Mountain," which is presented in the summer in outdoor venues such as the Monte Sano State Park Amphitheater. Mailing address is P.O. Box 654, Huntsville 35804. The office, hours by appointment, is at 1701 University Drive, Suite One.
Phone: 536-0807
E-mail: thhs@hiwaay.net
www.theatrehsv.org
Tickets: There are a variety of ticket combination specials. Regular season shows are $14 for adults and $12 for seniors, students and active military. Call 536-0807 for details.
Theatre Huntsville, a nonprofit community theater, was formed six years ago with the merger of Huntsville Little Theatre and Twickenham Repertory Company. Each year, a variety of plays are produced, ranging from Shakespeare to Agatha Christie, Clare Boothe Luce and Larry Shue.
Music

Concerts in the Park (A Summer Event Only; May-September)
Address: All concerts are held outdoors near the Eternal Flame in Big Spring International Park downtown, 200 Church St. The Arts Council's office is in the Von Braun Center, 700 Monroe St.
Phone: 519-2787
Tickets: Free admission
This popular series of free outdoor concerts of diverse musical styles takes place each Monday through the summer from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with a special Labor Day concert from 6 to 9 p.m. Audience members bring chairs, blankets and picnics, or purchase snacks in the park. The concerts are a co-production of the City of Huntsville through its Division of Recreation and Landscape Management and the Arts Council.

Huntsville Chamber Music Guild
Address: Most concerts are at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road.
Tickets: For details on season or individual tickets, call 824-6540.
The Huntsville Chamber Music Guild, which will begin its 52nd season, began as an informal group of musicians performing for its own enjoyment. Today, it presents world-renowned artists and ensembles in top-quality recitals in conjunction with major educational residencies and encounters for students and teachers.

Huntsville Community Chorus Association
Address: Office at 3312 Long Ave. Stage musicals presented in the Von Braun Center Playhouse, 700 Monroe St. Concerts presented in the VBC Concert Hall.
Phone: 533-6606
Tickets: Call 533-6606 for information or to purchase season or individual tickets.
HCCA, the area's oldest performing arts organization, began in 1946; its name changed from Trichoral to HCCA in 1950. This nonprofit organization offers the best in choral music and musical theater. HCCA provides learning opportunities for children and young adults through scholarships and through sponsorship of the Huntsville Community Children's Chorus and the Madrigal Singers. There are opportunities for all ages to perform or work behind the scenes. Chorus membership is by audition, usually held prior to the fall season.

Huntsville Traditional Music Association
www.huntsvillefolk.org
Nonprofit organization aims to preserve and perpetuate traditional music, instruments and styles of rendition. The group meets the third Sunday of each month at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St., and performs at the Burritt Museum Old Country Church, nursing homes and other venues.

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra
Address: Von Braun Center, 700 Monroe St.
Phone: 539-4818
www.hso.org
Tickets: Season and individual concert tickets are sold to the Classical Series, Mainly Mozart Series and special events. Call 539-4818.
The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, directed by Carlos Miguel Prieto, celebrated 50 years during the 2004-05 season. Huntsville is fortunate to have a fully professional orchestra whose members come from a number of cities throughout the state. Guest artists include such performers as Yo-Yo Ma and Art Garfunkel.

Madison Community Chorus
Address: 1008 Arnold Road, Madison 35758
Phone: 461-9631
E-mail: madisonchorus@knology.net
Madison Community Chorus presents concerts and musicals using community members, both amateur and professionals. Ticket prices depend on venues.

The Brass Band of Huntsville
Address: 4005 Belle Grove Drive
Phone: 650-0345
www.brassbandofhuntsville.org
Tickets: Sold at the door for performances, $6 for adults, $4 for students. Most concerts are at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road.
The Brass Band of Huntsville, directed by Joel Mason, was founded in April 2001. The British-style brass band is composed entirely of brass and percussion instruments. Members perform styles from classical to pops. The BBofH is the only brass band in Alabama and has performed as part of the International Trumpet Concerto Competition in Birmingham.
Dance

Community Ballet Association
Address: Office and studios at 800 Regal Drive. Performances are usually in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall, 700 Monroe St.
Phone: 539-0961
E-mail: info@huntsvilleballet.org
www.communityballet.org
Tickets: Sold through Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at 800-277-1700 or 551-2345. For more information, call 539-0961.
The Community Ballet Association is now in its 40th season of presenting dance in Huntsville. The ballet school and the Huntsville Ballet Company are housed in a building near Parkway Place mall. Top guest dancers, such as the Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and the North Carolina Dance Theatre, are brought to town. The ballet company's annual production of "The Nutcracker" is a local holiday tradition that usually sells out.

Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre
Address: 1405-C Weatherly Plaza. Performances scheduled for Merrimack Hall.
Phone and ticket info: 881-5930.
Troupe, ages 8-adult, schedules two performances annually - A Yule Tide Ballet in December that incorporates parts of the Nutcracker and other pieces, and the annual spring repertoire performance in April. Performance are mainly ballet, but also incorporates jazz and modern. Directed by David Herriott and Keren Gibb.

North Alabama Dance Center
Address: Performances in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall, 700 Monroe St.
Phone: 837-8033
Tickets: Free admission
The troupe typically presents one public performance per year.

Recreation in Huntsville

Recreation leagues
Huntsville's recreational leagues are divided into four zones. Residents, both young and grown-ups alike, have plenty of choices when it comes to recreational play in the area:
Zone coordinators:
Zone 1 - Marvelene Crawford, 883-3654
Zone 2 - David DeLisser, 851-4006
Zone 3 - Tony Hughes, 427-5776
Zone 4 - John Cooper, 427-5810
www.hsvcity.com/recreation
Youth Sports

Football (American)
Registration: Last two weekends in July and first in August each year. Weight restrictions apply to age groups except for flag football (ages 5-6). Ages as of Aug. 1.
Freshman (7-8)
Sophomore (9-10)
Junior (11-12)

Basketball
Registration: Last two weeks in October and the first weekend in November each year. Available to boys and girls (8-under, 10-under, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under). Ages as of Sept. 1.

Baseball/Softball
Registration: Last two weekends in February and first one in March each year (8-under, 10-under, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under). Baseball age as of April 30, softball age as of Aug. 1.

Volleyball

Recreational soccer (football)
Registration: Last two weekends in July and first weekend in August each year (6-under, 8-under, 10-under, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 19-under). Ages as of Aug. 1.

Club soccer (competitive level) (football)
Rec. Plus (9-under, 10-under)
Premier (11-under, 12-under, 13-under, 14-under, 15-under, 16-under, 17-under, 18-under, 19-under)
Classic (11-under, 12-under, 13-under, 14-under, 15-under, 16-under, 17-under, 18-under, 19-under)

Hockey/ice skating
The Benton H. Wilcoxon Municipal Ice Complex at 3185 Leeman Ferry Road is one of the finest double rink facilities in the Southeast. Both surfaces are regulation NHL 200 by 85 feet and are used for hockey, figure skating and general public sessions. 883-3774

Adult Sports

Softball
Metro Kiwanis SportsPlex, 3590 Patton Road, 427-5792.
Spring, Summer and Fall Leagues: 10-game season, postseason tournament, season and postseason tournament trophies, teams provide game balls, $370 fee.
Spring registration: March 6-24
Summer registration: May 15-June 2
Fall registration: July 31-Aug. 18
Spring Sunday League: 14-game season, postseason tournament, season and postseason trophies, teams provide game balls. $500 fee.
Leagues: Men's Slow Pitch; Women's Slow Pitch; Co-ed Slow Pitch; Church Slow Pitch; Church Co-ed Slow Pitch (co-ed is 5 men, 5 women); Sunday Night League; Sunday Night Co-ed (2 women minimum).
SportsPlex facility includes 6 lighted fields; 3 fields with 295-foot fences; 3 fields with 300-foot fences; electronic scoreboards; 2 concessions areas; intercoms to press boxes in dugouts; phones to the press boxes in dugouts; public address system on each field; playground equipment; two covered pavilions.

Baseball
19 and over
40 and over
Contact the zone coordinator in your area for additional details.

Soccer
Contact Zone One Coordinator for additional information.

Volleyball
Contact Zone Four Coordinator for additional information.
Tennis
Huntsville Tennis Center, 2305 Airport Road
The state-of-the-art center is located in John Hunt Park off Johnson Road. Features 24 clay courts (soft). Courts are lighted for night play.
Annual passes entitle members to unlimited play throughout the year.
Individual pass: $300
Family pass: $400
Senior, Junior pass: $225
Regular tennis rates are $5 per person for two hours of play.
Reservations may be made up to a week in advance.
March: USTA Adult Spring League
June-July: Junior Team Tennis
July-August: USTA Mixed doubles
September-October: USTA Combo doubles
Hours: Monday-Thursday (8 a.m.-10 p.m.), Friday-Saturday (8 a.m.-8 p.m.) and Sunday (noon-6 p.m.)
The ball machine is available for use for $10 for two hours of use. The $5 court fee for non-members also applies. For unlimited use of the ball machine, an annual pass for $100 is available. Call 883-3986 to make reservations.
Lessons: Range from $21.50 for 30 minutes to $45 for an hour, depending on the instructor.

Basketball
Adult Basketball League competition is at Berachah Gym at 3011 B. Sparkman Drive. Registration begins Nov. 1. The minimum 20-game season begins Dec. 1.
851-4010
Youth Services provides programs at these two centers:
Cavalry Hill Community Center 427-5800
Westside Community Center 427-5785
Recreation Programs
Basketball, martial arts, sewing classes, football, arts and crafts, field trips, volleyball, ceramics, seniors programs, piano lessons, aerobics.

Swimming
Natatorium, 2213 Drake Ave., 883-3700.
Located in the Brahan Spring Park off Drake Avenue. It features 2 three-meter and 2 one-meter diving boards, and is 50 meters long by 25 yards wide. Facility has showers, lockers, sundeck, weight area and motorized roof that can be rolled back on warm days. The facility offers exercise classes and swimming and diving teams.
Prices: $2 for adult or child, $1 for seniors (65 and-over) and handicapped.
Monthly passes and family rates available.
Jim Williams Aquatic Center, 903 Monroe St., 427-5795
This renovated indoor facility located close to the Von Braun Center maintains a water temperature of approximately 90 degrees and is disabled accessible. Red Cross W.S.I. Lifeguarding, CPR and First Aid classes, water aerobics, aquatic exercise and swim classes for ages 6 months through adult are offered.
Dr. Richard Showers Sr. Pool, 4600 Blue Spring Road, 851-4003
Located inside the Dr. Richard Showers Sr. Center, it features 2 one-meter diving boards, a poolside hydraulic chair lift, is 25 yards by 15 yards, varies in depth from 3.5 feet to 12 feet and maintains a water temperature of approximately 84 degrees. Red Cross Swim Classes are available.

Community pools
Membership fee and dues required
Blossomwood: 1410 Woodmont Ave., 939-4860
Byrd Spring: Logan Drive, 882-1900
Cameol: 2443 Green Mountain Road, 883-6849
Chapman: 2099 Petus Drive, 539-9449
Greenwyche: 1200 Toney Drive, 883-8038
Hampton Cove: 2708 Hampton Cove Way, 533-3040
Jones Valley: 912 Tannahill Drive, 883-9492
Lily Flagg: 200 Lily Flagg Road, 881-9866
Monte Sano: 3609 Georgetta Drive, 533-0926
Mountain Springs: 905 Kenname Drive, 539-7624
Piedmont: 509 Homewood Drive, 881-9727
Sharon Johnston: 783 Coleman Road, 379-9209
Sherwood: 518 Forrest Park Court, 837-2220
Whitesburg: 510 Sanders Road, 883-5847

Other recreational facilities
Brahan Spring Recreation Center, 3770 Ivy Ave., 883-3710
Cavalry Hill Community Center, 2900 Fairbanks St., 427-5800
Challenger Gym, 13555 Chaney Thompson Road, 883-3715
Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107 Sanders Drive, 883-3640
Fishing, Boating and Jet-Skiing

**Licenses:** A resident fishing license is $10.50 per year, and that covers all species. A separate saltwater license is required if you're saltwater fishing at the beach. Non-residents moving into the state must reside here at least 90 days continuously immediately prior to purchasing a resident license. Members of the U.S. military stationed in Alabama may purchase a resident license. Fishing licenses are valid for one year from date of purchase. There is a large fine for fishing without a license.

**Boater license:** Anyone born on or after Sept. 1, 1954, must successfully complete a state boater education examination and have the boater license designation on their driver's license. Failure to do so may result in fines if convicted of boating without a license. This also applies for jet-skiing.

**Info:** [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) or the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in Decatur at 256-353-2637.

**Hunting/fishing**
Licenses are available at most outdoors stores, tackle shops and at county courthouses.
[www.dcnr.state.al.us](http://www.dcnr.state.al.us)
Phone: 334-242-3465.

Professional and College Sports

**Huntsville Speedway**
Track: Quarter-mile banked asphalt track.
Season: March-October
Location: 357 Hegia Burrow Road, off Hobbs Island Road.
Tickets: $10 for adults, $8 senior and military, $5 students, children 6-and-under are free.
Phone: 882-9191.
[www.huntsvillespeedway.com](http://www.huntsvillespeedway.com)
Racing: Late Model Stock Car, Super Modified, Street Stock, Mini-Stock, Hobby, Buzz, Hot Shots, Legends, Mod Lites, SuperTrucks competing on Friday nights.

**Huntsville Dragway**
Track: One-eighth mile concrete track.
Location: Located 7 miles northwest of Huntsville on Alabama 53.
Phone: 859-0807
[www.huntsvilledragway.com](http://www.huntsvilledragway.com)
Weekly schedule (excluding special event weekends): Friday night Test & Tune, 6-11 p.m., $10 to watch or $15 to run; Saturdays R&R Weekly Bracket Series, gates open at 3 p.m., time trials at 4:30 p.m., first round at 6:30 p.m., $10; Midnight Madness, Saturday nights 9 p.m.-11 p.m., $10 to watch or $15 to race.
Children 12-and-under free.

**Huntsville Stars**
Double-A baseball
Season: April-first week of September
Tickets: Lower box seats ($8), Upper box seats ($7), general admission ($5). Full season ($375 and $345) and weekend season ($200, $185) tickets available, as are group tickets with discounts. Other deals include a senior citizens' discount, an AAA discount, all-faith day and other special events that coincide with the days of the week.
Phone: 882-2562
[www.huntsvilledragway.com](http://www.huntsvilledragway.com)

**Tennessee Valley Vipers**
arenafootball2
South Central Division
Season: April-July
Tickets: Touchdown seat ($40), Green level ($28), Silver level ($18), Black level ($13), White level ($10)
Phone: 518-6160
[www.vipers.tv](http://www.vipers.tv)

**Huntsville Havoc**
Ice hockey
Season: October-April
Tickets: (Gold & Silver Lower Bowl) Gold center $20, Gold adult $15, Gold youth, senior, military $13; Silver adult $13, Silver youth, senior, military $11, general admission adult $10, youth, senior, military $8. Season and group tickets available, as are 10-person, 4-person and 2-person ice suites.
Phone: 518-6160
[www.huntsvillehavoc.com](http://www.huntsvillehavoc.com)

**Alabama Renegades**
Female football
Season: April-June
Tickets: Regular admission (prior to game day) $10; on game day $12; children's ticket $5, 12-and-under free
Phone: 830-4537
[www.alabamarenegades.net](http://www.alabamarenegades.net)

**Colleges**

University of Alabama in Huntsville
Tickets: 824-6939
[www.uah.edu/Athletics/](http://www.uah.edu/Athletics/)

Alabama A&M University
Tickets: [http://aamusports.cstv.com/tickets/alam-tickets.html](http://aamusports.cstv.com/tickets/alam-tickets.html)
Area Public Golf Courses

**Huntsville**
Becky Peirce Municipal Golf Course (880-1151), 2151 Airport Road, public and semi-private, 18 holes. Green fee range: $18-$22. Tee times suggested.
Harvest Hills Golf Course (890-0705), 791 Harvest Road, public and semi-private, 18 holes. Green fee range: $20-$24. Tee times not required.
Monrovia Golf Course (837-9469), University Drive and Jeff Road, public and semi-private, 18 holes. Green fee range: $12-$20. Tee times not required.
Sunset Landing (464-5050), 346 James Record Road, public and semi-private, 18 holes. Green fee range: $16-$30. Tee times recommended.
Richland Golf Center (858-6622), 10028 N. Memorial Parkway, public, 9 holes. Green fee range $5-10. Tee times not required.

Huntsville Shopping Centers

**Madison Square Mall**
**Mall hours:** Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.
**Anchor stores:** J.C. Penney, Dillard's, Sears, Parisian, Belk
**Total stores:** 120, including eateries
**Location:** University Drive (U.S. 72) and Research Park Boulevard
www.madisonsquaremall.com

**Parkway Place**
**Mall hours:** Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.
**Anchor stores:** Parisian, Dillard's
**Total stores:** 83
**Location:** 2801 S. Memorial Parkway
www.parkwayplacemall.com

**Bridge Street Town Centre**
**Mall Hours:** Monday-Thursday 10:00am-9:00pm; Friday-Saturday 10:00am-10:00pm; Sunday 12:00pm-7:00pm
**Anchor Stores:** New York & Company, ULTA, Westin Heavenly Spa, Barnes & Noble
**Total Stores:** 70
**Location:** At the corner of Old Madison Pike and Research Park Boulevard in the heart of Cummings Research Park
www.bridgestreethuntsville.com
Annual Events in the Valley

January

**Ebony Fashion Fair:** A fashion show fundraiser presented by local Delta Sigma Theta alumni. Von Braun Center Concert Hall, 337-5898.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast:** In celebration of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity sponsors its breakfast with a keynote speaker. Von Braun Center North Hall, 533-1953.

February

**Annual Black History Month:** Alabama A&M University Office of Information and Public Relations plans and sponsors a monthlong celebration, 851-5846.

**Antique and Collectible Show and Sale:** More than 60 vendors have rare toys, dolls, coins, books, military and sports memorabilia and other items. Jaycees Community Building, John Hunt Park, 880-0680.

**Bridal Fair:** Florists, carriage and limousine services, photographers and videographers, caterers, formal wear and dress shops and entertainment professionals offer tips and information about their services. Von Braun Center, 830-8300.

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY THRU JAZZ:** Sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society-Huntsville, [www.tvjs.org](http://www.tvjs.org).

**Annual Boat and Watersports Show:** The area's largest boating, water sports and fishing show. Von Braun Center South Exhibit Hall, 533-1511.

March

**Huntsville Times Engineering and Technology Career Fair:** The chance to learn more about career opportunities in high-tech fields. Bring resumes. Huntsville Marriott, 830-2222.

**Spring Burst Hike Series:** Discover wildflowers on free guided hikes of the Land Trust's most popular public trails. Land Trust of Huntsville & North Alabama, 534-5263 or [www.landtrust-hsv.org](http://www.landtrust-hsv.org).

**NEACA Craft Show:** The Northeast Alabama Craftsmen's Association sponsors three major shows each year. Von Braun Center exhibit halls, 883-2199.

April

**Spring Festival of Flowers:** Flowers bloom in profusion during this month long event at the Huntsville Botanical Garden, 830-4447.

**Bonsai Show:** The Bonsai Society answers questions and demonstrates styling and techniques at the Huntsville Botanical Garden, 830-4447.

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**Panoply of the Arts:** This is the city's biggest arts event, providing four days of visual and performing arts downtown. Big Spring International Park, 519-2787.

**Spring Farm Days:** The entire family can learn about how life on the farm used to be, featuring animals and demonstrations of traditional chores. Burritt on the Mount - A Living Museum, 536-2882.

**Huntsville Ballet Company's Repertory Program:** Classical favorites and new works. Von Braun Center Concert Hall, 539-0961.

**Folk Life Festival:** The Village springs to life with 1800s arts, crafts and activities. Alabama Constitution Village, 564-8100.

May

**Cotton Row Run:** A 10K (6.2-mile) run through the city streets has become a Memorial Day weekend tradition. Downtown Huntsville, 881-9077.

**Pilgrimage of Homes:** The tour includes houses in the Twickenham, Old Town and Five Points historic districts, residential gardens, First Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge and more. Historic districts, 533-5723.

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**Spring Ice Skating Show:** Local ice skaters of all ages and levels exhibit their talents. Municipal Ice Complex, 883-3774 or [www.iceskate.org](http://www.iceskate.org).

**Cemetery Stroll:** Huntsvillians don clothing of past eras to represent town fathers and mothers, most buried in Maple Hill. Maple Hill Cemetery, 533-5723.

**WhistleStop Festival & Rocket City BBQ:** Live music, a children's area and outside vendors, culminating with a barbecue cook-off. Historic Huntsville Depot, 564-8100.

**Alabama Down Home Blues Festival:** A musical event that features a variety of performers in an outdoor setting. John Hunt Park, 536-4312.
**June**

**Black Arts Festival**: Two days of music and crafts with an African-American flair. On the grounds of WEUP Radio, 2609 Jordan Lane, 837-9387.

**Jazz on the Patio**: Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy continuous music. Huntsville Museum of Art patio, 300 Church St., 851-7402.

**Scottish Festival and Games**: Highland games and other entertainment from the old country. Dublin Park, Madison, 772-9300.


**Shakespeare on the Mountain**: The Bard's work performed in an outdoor setting. Monte Sano Amphitheater, 536-0807.

**July**

**Caribbean Day at the Park**: A day of Caribbean music, food, games and culture. The public is invited. 665-8100

**City Fireworks Celebration**: The rockets' red glare lights up Huntsville, and entertainment is featured on the ground in this Fourth of July holiday tradition. Ditto Landing, 883-8100.

**Folk Music Festival**: Burritt on the Mountain - A Living Museum. Traditional sounds on the mountaintop, 536-2882.

**Glaciers Family Festival**: Live music outside, a children's area, cookout, ice skating, broomball and prize drawing. Municipal Ice Complex, 883-3774 or [www.iceskate.org](http://www.iceskate.org).


**Women's Distance Festival**: Women's 5K (3.1 miles) and men's 5K runs, 533-9977.

**August**

**Northeast Alabama State Fair**: Rides, games, agricultural exhibits and contests. Huntsville Jaycees Fairgrounds, August and September, 883-5252.

**Twickenham Doll Show and Sale**: Doll enthusiasts are able to find bisque and plastic dolls as well as vinyl and reproduction dolls. Huntsville Depot Roundhouse, 320 Church St. [www.huntsvillealdollclub.com](http://www.huntsvillealdollclub.com) or 881-4809.

**Huntsville Times Engineering and Technology Career Fair**: If you're looking for a new career or a change, come professionally dressed and bring resumes. Huntsville Marriott, 830-2222.

**Huntsville Sprint Triathlon**: Run/bike/swim. Huntsville Running Park & Natatorium, 533-6862.

**September**

**Mountain Dulcimer Festival**: This music festival includes jamming, exhibits, sales and workshops. Burritt on the Mountain - A Living Museum, 536-2882.

**Labor Day Monte Sano 10K and 5K**: The 6.2-mile and 3.1-mile runs at scenic Monte Sano State Park are held the first Saturday of September. Monte Sano State Park, 461-8256.

**Old Fashioned Trade Day**: Here's the chance to turn back the calendar with a laid-back downtown street fair, flea market, crafts booths and food. Madison County Courthouse Square, 539-0097.


**Big Spring Jam**: This three-day outdoor music festival provides acts to suit every musical taste from rock to zydeco, with performances on a half-dozen stages, along with a children's area, artists and food vendors. Big Spring International Park, 551-2359.

**Big Spring Jam 5K & Fun Run**: Begins at Church and Monroe streets, 427-5226.

**Moon Over Three Caves Dance**: The cave is beautifully lit for this event with food and entertainment. Land Trust of Huntsville & North Alabama, 534-5263 or [www.landtrust-hsv.org](http://www.landtrust-hsv.org).

**October**

**Madison Street Festival**: Features arts, crafts, food, games and a parade. Downtown Madison, 895-0948.

**Gem & Mineral Show**: Hosted by the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society, the show is for anyone interested in lapidary arts, geology, paleontology or rocks in general. Von Braun Center, 880-0623.

**Taste of Huntsville**: Enjoy the finest foods from more than 30 local restaurants and caterers, U.S. Space & Rocket Center off Interstate 565, 551-2230.

Indian Festival: Features a number of old-time events and educational activities. Burritt on the Mountain - A Living Museum, 536-2882.

Photo Flea Market: Photography equipment for sale and trade, sponsored by Southerland's Photo. Von Braun Center East Hall, 539-9627.

November

Under the Christmas Tree: A favorite Christmas charity that benefits the private Randolph School. Exhibit halls are transformed into a shopping mall. Von Braun Center North Hall, 881-1701.

Delta Zeta Arts and Craft Show: For the craftsman, it's a great place to sell creations; for the shopper, it's a good place to buy Christmas gifts. Von Braun Center South Hall, 726-9969.

Fall Harvest Festival: Features a number of old-time events and educational activities. Burritt on the Mountain - A Living Museum, 536-2882.

Veterans Day Parade: Starts at Lot K at Clinton Avenue, 876-5400.

Santa’s Village: Visit Santa’s house, reindeer in their stables and elves in the toy shop. Alabama Constitution Village, 564-8100.


Galaxy of Lights: A drive through a gallery of Christmas scenes and other fanciful figures in lights. Huntsville Botanical Garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave., 5:30-9 p.m. Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve, 830-4447.

December


NEACA Winter Craft Show: This show offers good Christmas shopping. Von Braun Center South Hall, 883-2199.

Rocket City Tuba Christmas: More than 100 tuba, sousaphone, baritone and euphonium players perform traditional Christmas songs. Huntsville Museum of Art, 535-4350.

Rocket City Marathon: A 26-mile race through the southern part of Huntsville. The starting line is downtown, 828-6207.

Spirit of Christmas Past: A nighttime drive through downtown areas, guided by luminarias, and tours of beautiful old homes. Twickenham and Old Town historic districts, 534-0429.

Kwanzaa: Tradition and Creativity: Focuses on traditional artifacts and other arts and crafts that reflect the creative aspects of Kwanzaa. Nov. 1 through Jan. 1. State Black Archives Center at Alabama A&M University, 372-5846.

"The Nutcracker": Presented by the Huntsville Community Ballet with music by the Huntsville Symphony. Von Braun Center Concert Hall, 539-0691.

WAAY 31 Christmas Parade: Santa Claus arrives officially in Huntsville. Downtown Huntsville, 533-3131.

Madison Christmas Parade: The city's holiday parade with music, floats and fun. Downtown Madison, 772-9300.

Maps of UAH and Huntsville

http://www.uah.edu/map/
Additional Informational Websites

http://www.uah.edu for information regarding the University of Alabama in Huntsville
http://www.al.com/huntsville/newcomers/ for information on what to do and where to go
http://www.accuweather.com for Tornado watch, put in zip code – UAH is 35899
http://www.hsvcity.com/gis/greenways/greenways_main.htm - walks, cycle paths, etc