



THE BARNETT RESERVOIR  
**FOUNDATION**

## 2017 Calendar of Events



### **BASS Elite Series Tournament and Festival**

#### **April 27-30 - Madison Landing**

Mississippi's first Elite Series event and accompanying festival will be held at Barnett Reservoir, staged out of Madison Landing and neighboring Old Trace Park. The competition - fishing's version of Golf's PGA, football's NFL and baseball's Major Leagues - will feature 108 of the world's best bass fishermen competing for a \$100,000 top prize. Elite Series events typically attract crowds of 20,000 over the weekend event. In conjunction, the Barnett Reservoir Foundation will be host to a festival at beautiful Old Trace Park on the final two days of the competition. It will include live music, a Kid's Zone, food vendors and a beer garden, as well as exhibits featuring the latest in sports recreational equipment.



### **Barnett Reservoir Boat Show**

#### **April 8 -9 - Old Trace Park**

The Foundation's 4th annual spring Boat Show returns, featuring local dealers showing their latest lines of fishing boats, pontoon boats and pleasure craft, including personal water craft (jet skis). Other exhibitors include local enforcement/safety agencies and Sea Tow. Food and beverage service will be provided.



### **Independence Celebration at The REZ**

#### **July 1st - Old Trace Park and Lakeshore Park**

The Foundation's oldest, most popular and signature event, our celebration of the nation's Independence and salute to the military is too large to be held at one location. It is split between Old Trace Park in Ridgeland and Lakeshore Park in Rankin County and each site will have about 10,000 for the 9 p.m. double fireworks show. Thousand more watch from the water and from other sites around the lake. Held annually the Saturday prior to the 4th, our event includes live music stages, kids zones, educational activities and the world class dueling fireworks show.



### Smokin' on The Rez BBQ and Music Festival

Sept. 15-17 — Old Trace Park

The fifth annual BBQ cooking competition promises to be bigger and better with a new affiliation with the Kansas City BBQ Society. This will be a double KCBS contest with competition on both Saturday and Sunday, plus have the Mississippi Steak Cookoff on Saturday night. The new affiliation should increase the number of teams to 40 or 50. In addition to the aroma of pork ribs and shoulders, chicken and beef brisket cooking over hardwood, the Park will be filled with the sound of music from popular local acts. It also features a Kid's Zone, free BBQ with admission, beer gardens, the Mississippi Cornhole Championship and other events.



### Arts & Crafts Show

November — Lakeshore Park

Not to be confused with a flea market, this outdoor show at Lakeshore Park in Rankin County features the work of local craftsmen and artists in time for holiday shopping. Low key and open from 9-4 p.m., this show attracts shoppers looking for that one-of-a-kind object they need or the perfect unique gift.

BRF Associated Events:

