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Throughout the year, you'll find a long and lively list of events in [Ascension Parish](#). Two of the parish's most well-known events are the Jambalaya Festival and the Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival, but there's a lot more going on in Gonzales, Donaldsonville, and beyond throughout the year. Read on so you don't miss out while you're in this corner of Southern Louisiana.

May

[Jambalaya Festival](#)

The famous Jambalaya Festival, held each Memorial Day weekend in Gonzales, is a family-friendly event where delicious jambalaya is served throughout the weekend. If the savory tastes of Louisiana's most famous dish aren't enough, you'll have plenty of time to dance to live music, try your luck at carnival games, and find arts and crafts to take back home.

Irma Boulevard
Gonzales, LA 70737

May - September

[Donaldsonville Market on the Square](#)

Whether you're looking for a new statement piece for your home or the freshest produce around, you'll find it at Donaldsonville's Market on the Square. Held the first Saturday of the month, the market is a showcase of some of the parish's finest vendors.

Downtown Donaldsonville
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

September

[Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival](#)

Marvel at the sight of hundreds of hot air balloons floating gracefully through the southern Louisiana sky. Along with the hot air balloons, this annual two-day festival includes a barbecue contest, fireworks shows, live entertainment, carnival rides, and special activities for kids.

Lamar Dixon Expo Center
9039 S St. Landry Avenue
Gonzales, LA 70737

October

[Boucherie Festival](#)

This three-day fall event is when everyone comes together to celebrate boucherie, a Louisiana tradition. The festival's main attraction is the cooking contests, but don't miss out on the live music and fun activities for the entire family.

9039 S St. Landry Avenue
Gonzales, LA 70737

[Repticon Baton Rouge Reptile & Exotic Animal Show](#)

Calling fans of all things scaly and strange! The Repticon Baton Rouge Reptile & Exotic Animal Show is a can't-miss event where you can mix and mingle with other reptile enthusiasts. Watch live animal demonstrations, try your luck at winning amazing prizes, and shop for supplies and other merchandise. Tickets are available on the event's website.

9039 S St. Landry Avenue
Gonzales, LA 70737

[Awesome Art Extravaganza](#)

Browse a vast collection of art by more than 140 artists at this annual event organized by The River Region Art Association.

40136 Highway 942, River Road
Darrow, LA 70725

November

[Mistletoe Market](#)

Get an early start on your holiday shopping at the Mistletoe Market in Gonzales. Find all of your gift needs including home décor, jewelry, accessories, clothing, and more.

9039 S St. Landry Avenue
Gonzales, LA 70737

December

[Donaldsonville Christmas Parade](#)

Watch as festively festooned floats make their way through downtown Donaldsonville and bask in the spirit of the holidays at this annual Christmas parade.

Donaldsonville, LA 70346