

Back to School Events: 16 things to do this weekend in metro Atlanta

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Nature Center or celebrate Christmas in July in Grayson.

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Explore Cobb Police host National Night Out on Aug. 3

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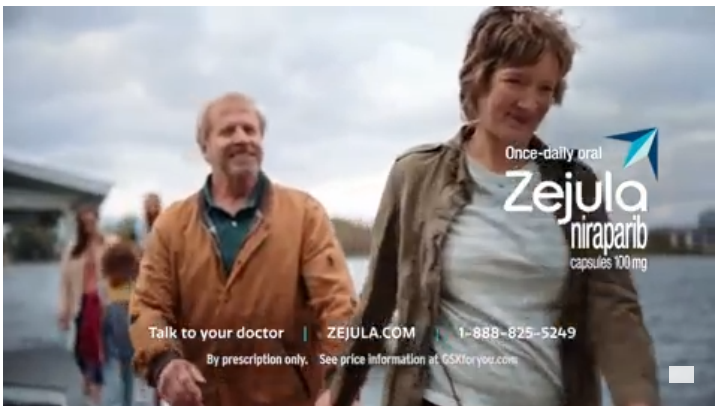
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Southeast Homeschool Expo. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, July 30 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 31. \$20. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. 1-800-285-6340. Southeasthomeschoolexpo.com.

If you're homeschooling or are considering this option, come to this two-day expo devoted to educational materials by Christian, secular and specialty publishers.

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Back-to-School Bash. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Free admission. Town Center at Cobb, 400 Ernest Barrett Parkway, Kennesaw. Towncenteratcobb.com.

Come to Center Court to see appearances by Spider Dude, Captain USA and Wondergirl and other entertainment as you snag some free goody bags, enter to win door prizes, visit vendor and retailer tables and more.



Old School Hip Hop Fest. 7 p.m. Saturday, July 31. \$45 and up. Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre, 5239 Floyd Road, Mableton. 770-819-7765. Mablehouse.org.

Go old school with hip hop from Rakim, KRS-One, Big Daddy Kane, Kool Moe Dee and Kwame.

Strand Ole Opry: Walk the Line. 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31. \$21. Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. 770-293-0080. [earl smith strand.secure.force.com](http://earlsmithstrand.secure.force.com).

Celebrate the music of Johnny Cash and June Carter with an old-fashioned back porch sing complete with a live band, local singers and storytelling.

Explore The Revivalists, Collective Soul to headline Brookhaven summer block party

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Brookhaven Cherry Blossom Festival Summer Block Party. 3 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 and noon-11 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Free admission. Brookhaven MARTA Station parking lot along Dresden Drive and Apple Valley Road. brookhavenga.gov.

Come celebrate the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic with music from Collective Soul, The Revivalists, Rick Springfield, Better Than Ezra and more. A Kidz Zone, as well as food trucks, will be on hand, and you can see the Budweiser Clydesdales in a Heroes Parade at noon on Saturday.



Bring your own bag and buy gently used fiction books and CDs at bargain prices. Only cash and checks are accepted, and masks are required.

Birding by Bicycle. 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, July 31. Free. Mason Mill Park, South Peachtree Creek Trail, Decatur. Georgiabikes.org.

Join Georgia Audubon for Georgia's first "Birding by Bicycle" adventure. You'll be biking for six miles and walking for 1.5 miles, viewing four different habitats in which to spot birds. You'll need to bring your own bicycle, helmet (required), water bottle, snack, binoculars, bike lock and backpack.

Caffeine and Octane. 7 a.m.-11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Free. Perimeter Mall, 4400 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody. facebook.com.

Hang out with gearheads and see cars of all makes and models with a special emphasis on spectacular British rides.

Explore Atlanta Braves celebrate Hank Aaron at Truist Park games this weekend

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Avalon Nights Live. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, J
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Social distancing is requested.

Explore Date night around Atlanta:

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Visit vendors, receive free healthcare screenings, let the kids enjoy activities and score some giveaways. The first 250 kids will get a goody bag along with donated school supplies (while supplies last), and the first 100 adults will also get one. [Registration](#) isn't required, but doing so makes you eligible to win prizes. You can also get a prize entry for every three non-perishable food items or school supplies you donate.

Christmas in July Arts & Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Free admission. Community Park, 475 Grayson Parkway, Grayson. Festivalnet.com.

Celebrate Christmas in July with activities for the kids, festival foods, Christmas music, photos with Santa, vendors and more.

Broadway in the Park. 7 p.m. Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31. \$20 and up. Town Center Park, 330 Town Center Ave., Suwanee. Suwaneeperforms.org.

Bring lawn chairs and blankets to watch Broadway-style junior versions of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" and Disney's "Moana."

Fridays-N-Duluth's Block Party on Main Pep Rally. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, July 30. Free. Main Street, downtown Duluth. 678-475-3512. duluthga.net.

Head to downtown Duluth for a community pep rally to support local high schools. Performances by local high school groups, food trucks, live entertainment and more will be featured.

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