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“Shell-ebrating Suffolk’s Roots, From our Hearts to Our Boots” CELEBRATING 46 YEARS OF SUFFOLK PEANUT FEST

SUFFOLK, VA: Suffolk Festivals, Inc. is pleased to announce that the 46th Annual Suffolk Peanut Fest will be held October 10-13, 2024, at the Suffolk Executive Airport. Scott Wiggins, the 2024 Festival Chairman, has declared this year’s theme: **“Shell-ebrating Suffolk’s Roots, From our Hearts to Our Boots,”** which he selected to celebrate Suffolk’s strong agricultural roots, its longstanding connection to our waterways for livelihood and leisure, and the community’s love for its City, especially as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the merger between Nansemond County and Suffolk. Headlining the 2024 Suffolk Peanut Fest Main Stage will be the unforgettable baritone and unique blend of traditional and modern country music by **Easton Corbin**. The Florida native, who boasts two No. 1 singles with “A Little More Country Than That” and “Roll With It,” will hit the stage Saturday, October 12. Additional musical acts include The Deloreans, Celeste Kellogg, Snackbar Jones, Vinyl Radio, Luke Willette Band, Shades of Gray, Mash Up & Cozy Condition, and Island Boy.

Expect tail-wagging excitement with the addition of **dockdogs®** to the festival. The World’s Premier Canine Aquatics Competition will host their Nationwide Sportsmen’s Series, October 11 – 13, at Suffolk Peanut Fest. Also on site will be Virginia Tourism Corporation’s LOVE Works, extra-large “love letters,” measuring 16’ w x 7’ h—*perfect* for photo ops. Traditional festival fun continues with the annual Demolition Derby, Swamp Roar Motorcycle Rally, Peanut Cup Race, Monster Truck Rides, *plus* a full carnival complete with amusement rides, games and fest food. Special features include the

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World's Only Peanut Butter Sculpting Competition, Suffolk Ruritan Club Shrimp Feast, fireworks, ArtVentures' Imagination Station, Clogging Jamboree, a Touch-A-Truck interactive exhibit, straw maze, petting zoo and pony rides, plus a cornhole tournament, hot wing eating contests, two Princess Meet & Greet Sing-Alongs, etc. Suffolk Parks and Recreation will host Senior Bingo and the annual Chalk Art Contest. Merchants, vendors, crafters and exhibitors will offer their wares and concessions, including beer and wine, throughout the event site.

Tickets for the 46th Annual Suffolk Peanut Fest will be available for purchase online at SuffolkPeanutFest.com beginning August 1, 2024. General admission is \$10 per person; Children 12 & under are free. Carload Night is Thursday, October 10, admission is FREE. Purchase up to eight all-you-can-ride wristbands for \$50 total (Carload Night only). Kiddie Day is scheduled for Friday, October 11, with complimentary admission from 10 a.m. until noon and offering a variety of free pre-school age activities. Military Appreciation Day is Sunday, October 13 (half-price admission for active, retired military and active first responders). \$30 per person all-you-can-ride wristbands are available on Sunday, October 13. Parking is free. For more information about Suffolk Peanut Fest and associated concerts, events and activities, log onto SuffolkPeanutFest.com or contact Suffolk Festivals at 757.539.6751.

2024 Pre-Festival Event Dates to Note (*More details available at SuffolkPeanutFest.com*):

September 27 | 8 a.m. **Suffolk Peanut Fest Golf Tournament** to Benefit Tunnel to Towers Foundation & The Freedom Flag Foundation at Sleepy Hole Golf Course. Registration required.

October 3 | 6 p.m. **Suffolk Peanut Fest Queen's Banquet** at the Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront (Tickets on sale at Cecelia's Boutique & Gifts and the Suffolk Visitor Center)

October 5 | 10 a.m. **Suffolk Peanut Fest Parade** through Downtown Suffolk presented by Sky4 WSKY TV

Suffolk Festivals, Inc. produces Suffolk Peanut Fest with the support from volunteers, sponsors and various non-profit organizations. Sponsorship, vendor and exhibitor opportunities available.

Festival Hours: Thursday, October 10, 4 - 10 p.m.; Friday, October 11, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.;

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.; and Sunday, October 13, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Learn more at SuffolkPeanutFest.com or contact Suffolk Festivals at 757.539.6751.

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