

# Renaissance world recreated

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Everything from magicians to monks, jesters to jugglers, and wizards to wenches can be found wandering around Magnolia this month.

As you already may have guessed, the Texas Renaissance Festival is back in action for its ninth consecutive year.

For \$10 you can spend an entire day watching hilarious mudmen, giant ogres, dazzling swashbucklers, courageous swordswallowers and jousting knights.

Maybe you'd like to check out the tightrope walkers — or maybe a Shakespearean production.

Feeling a bit hungry and parched? You can take advantage of

tons of exotic European, Japanese and Italian foods and sample various imported beers.

The festival is a haven for artists and craftsmen from all over the world. Bootmakers, painters, jewelers, woodcarvers, a glassblower, a blacksmith and many others offer a wide variety of goods. If you're shopping around for unique gift items, the festival is the place to go.

A word of caution — you'll need to bring plenty of dollars and cents (pounds and pence) with you. An average meal will run you about \$5. Soft drinks are \$1, beer is \$1.25 and wine is \$1.75. Many of the items sold at the festival are quite expensive. One bootmaker, for instance, sells most of his goods for about \$250.

The festival opens at 9 a.m. and lasts until dark. Most of the action starts around noon with all of the entertainers parading around the grounds in the royal procession.

The festival is about 45 minutes from College Station on FM 1774 between Plantersville and Magnolia. Take Highway 6 to Houston, turn toward Conroe on Highway 105 and watch for signs.

The festival will run every weekend until Nov. 6. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages five to 12. Children under five get in free.



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Stage Center  
 "SLY FOX"  
 by Larry Gelbart  
 Based on "The Fox" by B. J. Hanson  
 Directed by B. J. Hanson  
 Cast:  
 ADULT TONCHER CHEER LEADERS  
 Call for tickets and information  
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