



2026 ATLANTA PRIDE FESTIVAL

OFFICIAL EVENTS

PARTY WITH PRIDE!

Official Atlanta Pride Kickoff Party

Friday, October 9

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Georgia Aquarium

Drift into a night of pride, connection, and euphoric energy at one of Atlanta's most iconic and multi-award-winning LGBTQ+ celebrations. The Georgia Aquarium transforms into a luminous underwater dreamscape, where shimmering lights, ethereal décor, and pulsing music flow together around you, all while you're surrounded by thousands of mesmerizing aquatic creatures.

Whether you're reconnecting with familiar souls or discovering new ones, this award-winning experience invites you to lose yourself in the magic. It's more than a party—it's a surreal, joy-filled escape inside the largest aquarium in the Western Hemisphere, where every moment feels a little more radiant, a little more alive.

Wander across 13+ acres as four live DJs take over distinct spaces throughout the Aquarium, transforming every corner into its own dance floor. In 2026, we're turning up the energy with DJ Russ Rich (San Francisco), known for his ultra-exclusive Taylor Swift remixes—so be ready for a specially TAY-lored set at some point during the night.

We're also thrilled to feature Atlanta favorite DJ TDON alongside local rising talent DJ GOONZ, who will set the tone inside the VIP Lounge. Meanwhile, DJ Seth Breezy returns to kick things off in a hidden spot beneath 6.3 million gallons of water, delivering a fully immersive, melodic experience you won't want to miss.

Official Kickoff After-Party

Friday, October 9

10:30 PM – 3:00 AM

The Heretic

Heretic Atlanta is Proud to be the Official After-Party to the Georgia Aquarium Pride Kickoff Party again this year, featuring the one and only DJ Abel. These events WILL SELL OUT!! Get your tickets today! <https://hereticatlanta.com/tickets/>

Electric Circus (Official Atlanta Pride Women's Event)

Saturday, October 10

7:30 PM – 3:00 AM

My Sister's Room (MSR)

Hosted by My Sister's Room (MSR), this is the main event for nonbinary, trans, and queer women. MSR is incredibly proud to be an official sponsor of Atlanta Pride and proud to be Georgia's only lesbian bar.

Get ready for a night of big energy, big performances, music, dancing, and all the Electric Circus madness you know and love!

<https://www.mysistersroom.com/event-details/electric-circus-atl-pride-10-10>

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Family Fun Zone, presented by Huntington Bank

Saturday, October 10

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 11

1:00 – 5:00 PM

Picnic Pavilion

Kids of all ages are welcome! The Family Fun Zone offers a safe space for families. Enjoy Drag Story Hour, a pop-up library, face painting, crafts, games, and much more! New this year, enjoy performances by the Alliance Theater!

Drag Story Hour

Saturday, October 10

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Picnic Pavilion

Bring your friends and family to enjoy stories, coloring sheets, and lots of fun on the lawn of the Picnic Pavilion, located in the Atlanta Pride "Family Fun Zone," directly across from Greystone in Piedmont Park! Drag Story Hour Atlanta invites you to join our host, ALABAMA, who will be reading books and serving looks.

Teen Lounge

Saturday, October 10

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Greystone Patio

Atlanta Pride offers a safe and affirming space for those who identify as LGBTQ+ and are allied with the community. Our younger community members (youth aged 11-17) are invited to relax on Greystone's Patio. Get away from the hustle and bustle of the Festival while finding connection and community with old and new friends. This year's Teen Lounge is supported by our friends at [Brave Trails](#).

MARCHES AND PARADE

The Atlanta Pride Festival is the largest annual LGBTQ+ event in the South. While Atlanta Pride boasts the largest parade in the city, the Festival also offers three community marches during the weekend – the Trans, Bi+Pan, and Dyke marches.

Trans March and Rally

Saturday, October 10

1:15 PM: Assembly and Rally

1:45 PM: March steps off

Charles Allen Gate

A community-led march that honors, celebrates, and raises visibility for Trans and nonbinary people. This march uplifts the beauty, diversity, and resilience of the Trans community while creating space to demand visibility, equity, and justice. All trans people and trans allies are invited to join us with positive banners and signs. We encourage individuals to make and bring signs supportive of trans issues. This march is hosted with the support of numerous community organizations.

Bi+ Pan March and Rally

Saturday, October 10

3:00 PM: Assembly and Rally

3:30 PM: March steps off

Charles Allen Gate

Organized by and for the community, this march celebrates Bisexual and Pansexual identities, affirming their place and pride within the LGBTQ+ family. Bi+ Pan folks of all gender identities and expressions, and allies, are welcome to march! This march is hosted with the support of Bi+ Georgia. Participants are encouraged to bring signs and banners with messages that support the Bi+ Pan community.

Dyke March and Rally

Saturday, October 10

4:30 PM: Assembly and Rally

5:00 PM: March steps off

Charles Allen Gate

A community-driven march dedicated to the empowerment of women, femmes, and their allies. This inclusive event brings together women-loving women (trans-inclusive) and femme-identified people to foster solidarity, strength, and visibility. This march is dedicated

to empowering the women of Atlanta and beyond. The Dyke March, with its focus on women, unites to create an atmosphere of inclusion and community. This march is hosted in cooperation with Atlanta Dykes on Bikes, who lead the march on their bikes. You're welcome to walk if you prefer!

Atlanta Pride Parade

Sunday, October 11

Noon: Parade steps off

Peachtree Street / Tenth Street

The annual Atlanta Pride Parade, presented by Delta Air Lines, is the largest in Atlanta. Join tens of thousands of spectators as we get "Louder & Prouder!" Celebrate your pride in the streets of Midtown with your family, friends, and neighbors!

Atlanta Pride is committed to ensuring these events remain safe and inclusive for all participants. Hate speech, harassment, and targeted disruption, whether verbal, written, or symbolic, have no place here. This includes language or actions that demean, intimidate, or incite harm toward individuals or groups based on identity.

Our Community Standards Apply Here:

- Be kind and respectful to all
- Celebrate without disrupting others
- Stay in public areas and follow staff guidance
- Support authorized vendors only
- Help keep this space safe and inclusive

Any violation of these community standards may result in immediate removal from the event at the sole discretion of Atlanta Pride.

The marches take place on public city streets, and all state and city laws will be enforced along the route. All participants and spectators must follow lawful instructions from festival staff and public safety officials.

If you need help or see something concerning, notify a staff member or volunteer immediately. Together, we can keep these marches spaces of empowerment, visibility, and solidarity.

FESTIVAL AREAS

Flag Raising Ceremony

Friday, October 9

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Meadow

New for 2026, Atlanta Pride is proud to hoist the Rainbow Flag high above Piedmont Park, the birthplace and home of the Atlanta Pride Festival. Join us as we raise the flag and officially open the park for this year's celebration!

Yoga

Saturday, October 10

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Dockside

Give your Pride weekend a mindful start! Join us for Pride Yoga with the Well(Being) Collective Atlanta. This is an all-levels yoga class on the dock. Please bring your mat!

AIDS Memorial Quilt

Saturday, October 10

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

(10:30 AM: Reading of Names)

Sunday, October 11

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Oak Hill

Featuring panels specific to Georgia, this display is part of the National AIDS Memorial's efforts to bring the Quilt to communities across the United States to raise greater awareness and education about HIV/AIDS and to remember those lost to the pandemic. A reading of names will take place at the Quilt display on Saturday, October 10, at approximately 10:30 AM. Volunteers will have information on the AIDS Memorial Quilt's history and how to create and submit a panel.

****The AIDS Memorial Quilt display is weather permitting to protect the Quilt panels.***

Community History Exhibit

Saturday, October 10

11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 11

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Oak Hill

Information from local Atlanta archives will be available near the AIDS Memorial Quilt display. Hosted in partnership with the City of Atlanta Department of City Planning's Office of Design, Historic Preservation Studio, guests will be able to learn about the City's "Preserving Pride" initiative, as well as other local archival collections.

LGBTQ+ History Display and Zine Workshop

Saturday, October 10

11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 11

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Visitor's Center

Atlanta's LGBTQ+ community has a rich and vibrant history of showing up "Louder & Prouder!" Atlanta Pride is all about celebrating and preserving our past, and we've partnered with Georgia State University's Library Special Collections and Archives to make it happen. Stop by the Visitor's Center to check out an exciting display of archival treasures that tell the story of LGBTQ+ life in Georgia and the journey of Atlanta Pride itself. Discover how you can leave your own mark on history by donating your personal mementos to keep our community's legacy alive!

Join Mya Maier from the DeKalb County Public Library for a Zine Making activity! Use your creativity to make a tiny magazine, with materials provided by the library.

Car and Motorcycle Show

Saturday, October 10

10:45 AM – 4:00 PM

Roadway inside the Park between 12th and 14th Street Gates

Special thanks to the Lambda Car Club and the Lost Boys Motorcycle Club. Antique, classic, specialty-interest cars and motorcycles will be displayed.

Artist Market

Saturday, October 10

11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 11

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Mayor's Grove

The Atlanta Pride Artist Market is a curated space highlighting original work from local artists and makers. Artists are selected through a juried application process focused on original, handmade work across categories such as ceramics, painting, jewelry, photography, sculpture, and more. Enjoy the art and purchase something to take home!

Pride Recovery Meetup

Saturday, October 10

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Greystone Patio

Atlanta Pride strives to ensure all community members feel supported during the festival. This intentional space will serve as a time to gather and find mutual support. The meeting is open to those on all paths of recovery. This event is offered in partnership with Danielle Bonanno Consulting and will take place on the Greystone Patio.

Wellness Zone, presented by Huntington Bank

Saturday, October 10

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 11

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

North End of the Meadow

As an outdoor event, Atlanta Pride recognizes that warm weather conditions may impact sensory experiences. We know that having a place to take a break and a respite from the heat and sounds can be critical for those with sensory sensitivities and make the difference for someone wanting to attend Pride. This year's Wellness Zone is available for those needing a haven, respite, and a place to decompress and relax. The Wellness Zone will be located near the Coca-Cola Stage in the back of the Meadow.

To create shade and separation, the wellness tent is enclosed, allowing guests to enjoy the cooler, darker space while our volunteers welcome you with noise-canceling headphones, sensory and fidget toys, and a space to calm down.

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Shooting Star Cabaret

Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Community Stage, presented by Visit Athens

Hosted by Mona Lott, the Shooting Star Cabaret features the rising stars of local Atlanta drag and performance art.

Queer Your Gender Dance Party

Saturday, October 10

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Community Stage, presented by Visit Athens

Queers of all stripes will be getting down to the sounds of DJ Ganymede at this free event. All are welcome!

Fabulously Fierce: An LGBTeaseQ+ Burlesque Show

Sunday, October 11

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Community Stage, presented by Visit Athens

Fabulously Fierce: An LGBTeaseQ+ Burlesque Show redefines Burlesque entertainment by challenging society's perspective on what is worthy of being represented onstage and in the performing arts community. These performers are *Louder & Prouder*, showing that Burlesque is a vital, vibrant, and powerful art.

A Chaka Moment...in the Park

Sunday, October 11

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Coca-Cola Main Stage

Chaka Khan Hacienda, one of Atlanta's favorite queer parties, comes to the park and closes out Pride weekend with Leiomy from HBO Max's *Legendary*, Armana Khan, Brigitte Bidet, Jash Jay, Montre, Ree de la Vega, Abby Dear, and more!

Sweet Tea: A Queer Variety Show

Sunday, October 11

5:15 PM – 6:45 PM

Community Stage, presented by Visit Athens

Join us for an Atlanta Pride installment of SWEET TEA, produced by TAYLOR ALXNDR of the House of ALXNDR, Atlanta's longest-running queer variety show.

Starlight Cabaret

Sunday, October 11

7:15 PM – 9:15 PM

Coca-Cola Main Stage

Closing out the yearly Atlanta Pride Festival on the Coca-Cola stage since 1989, the Starlight Cabaret is the LARGEST outdoor drag show in the United States. Hosted by Phoenix, Atlanta Icon, and RuPaul's Drag Race alum, the Starlight Cabaret boasts over 20 drag acts at the top of their craft who live and work in the Atlanta Metropolitan area.