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End-of-summer festivals, events in Hampton

Hampton, VA - As the dog days of summer come to an end and pumpkin spice season begins, the City of Hampton will be bustling with family-friendly events. From food festivals to musical and sporting events, there will be something for everyone.

For a full calendar of events, check out visithampton.com.

Music by the Bay Summer Concert featuring the Chisman Creek Band

August 31, 7-8 p.m. Continental Park

Fort Monroe

For Fort Monroe's final Music by the Bay concert of this summer, we're pleased to welcome the Chisman Creek Band, one of the premier bands in our region to Continental Park. They will perform a variety of music– blending some traditional and contemporary bluegrass, classic rock, modern hits, and original songs to create their own unique and impressive style.

Bring your own picnic, chairs, and blankets to enjoy summer sunsets by the Chesapeake Bay along with the sweet sounds of some of the region's most talented performers. Large groups are welcome. Drop-off at Continental Park, bus parking at Outlook Beach parking lot. Free parking onsite. Weather permitting.

Crabtown Seafood Festival

September 2, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Mill Point Park 100 Eaton Street

Serving up Hampton hometown flavors, the Crabtown Seafood Festival returns to the downtown waterfront each summer. The festival features seafood vendors, fishing boats, and educational exhibits about the Chesapeake Bay. The event honors Hampton's history as a town built by seafood, so celebrate Crabtown with fresh catch from food vendors, nautical art and live music. Browse the attractions along the river walkway from Mill Point Park to the downtown docks. Fun for kids includes games, sand activities and more. Furry friends are welcome.

All Day Reggae

September 9, 2-10 p.m. Downtown Hampton East Queens Way and King Way

The All Day Reggae provides live reggae music on the corner of East Queens Way and King Way in Downtown Hampton on Saturday, September 9 from 2-10pm. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal from one of the nearby restaurants while listening to some of the best regional reggae bands in our area! Reggae legend Johnny Osbourne will also be performing! This event is a part of the Downtown Hampton Development Partnership's Block Party concert series.

<u>Supernova International Ska Festival</u>

September 14-17 Patton Street Park Fort Monroe

The 2023 Supernova International Ska Festival is back and you are invited! The four-day music festival takes place September 14-17 at historic Fort Monroe on the Chesapeake Bay in Hampton and features nearly 40 ska and reggae bands from 10 countries.

The festival will include bands from Tokyo Ska Paradise Orchestra, who played to a global audience at the 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics, to Sister Nancy, a Jamaican legend and one of the most sampled artists in history. Ska music was the predecessor to reggae music and originated in Jamaica in the 1950s.

Supernova is excited to offer a free night of music for the community on Thursday, September 14 from 5-10 p.m. Bands include Westbound Train from Boston and The Resignators from Australia along with DJs JonQuan and Grace of Spades. The show is free, but requires registration <u>here.</u> Get more information, the line-up, and tickets <u>here</u>. The festival takes place at Patton Street Park, near Outlook Beach at Fort Monroe.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.