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Holiday Events in Northeastern North Carolina *Locate Holiday Events within a Short Drive from Home*

Edenton, NC – The Northeast Tourism Group (NET) is highlighting regional holiday events to show residents the vast choices that are available within a short drive during the holiday season. Travel with your family or friends, and find many treasures close to home. All events can be found under News on www.ncnortheast.com. (or visit the following link: <http://www.ncnortheast.info/News/Holiday%20Happenings.htm>)

Travel back in time with tours of historic homes like Hope Plantation and the Newbold-White House. Take a tour of historic homes in Murfreesboro, Edenton, and others and experience the sites and sounds of Christmas past. Experience Christmas present at Roanoke Island Festival Park, Columbia, Williamston, and more with your favorite foods, parades, crafts, and Santa. Listen to piano music in Currituck, and finish with shopping for gifts there or in Windsor, Washington and others. Travel to Halifax for drama or outdoor fun. The entire list of events can be found on the website.

North Carolina's Northeast Region relies on tourism to support the local economy, and as tourists travel to neighboring towns to shop and view historic places, the tourism base in the region grows stronger. "Improving the economy of North Carolina's Northeast Region takes a multi-faceted approach," stated Vann Rogerson, President/CEO of North Carolina's Northeast Commission. "As we work together to diversify our economy and increase the capacity for new jobs, we must include tourism as an important part of economic development."

About North Carolina's Northeast Commission:

North Carolina's Northeast Commission is dedicated to increasing the standard of living for citizens in its sixteen-county region through tourism, industrial, and business development. The 16 counties that comprise the regional Commission are: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington. For more information about the North Carolina's Northeast Commission, contact us at www.ncnortheast.com.

About Northeast Tourism (NET):

Northeast Tourism is a subcommittee of and operates with support from North Carolina's Northeast Commission. NET is made up of tourism representatives from the 16 counties of the northeast region of North Carolina. The group meets monthly to develop tourism activities, determine regional advertising niches, and to better promote regional tourism.



Santa waves from a fire truck at the annual Christmas Parade in Columbia.

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