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### **Autumn Breezes, Fun Events and Special Savings Blow into Elizabeth City, N.C.**

*–Save 15 percent on selected lodgings through Oct. 31 –*

(Elizabeth City, N.C., Sept. 3, 2009) – Autumn breezes will soon blow into Elizabeth City, along with a cool line-up of events and special savings for travelers. During September and October visitors may save 15 percent off accommodations at selected inns and hotels\* with Elizabeth City’s “Take 15 and Save 15” getaway package.

“Choose from among 15 fun fall events. Then be sure to mention ‘Save 15’ when you’re ready to book with one of our participating innkeepers or hoteliers,” said Charlotte Underwood, director of the Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The ECACVB will also host a drawing for a free “Take 15 and Save 15” getaway package. Register by Oct. 10 at [www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com](http://www.DiscoverElizabethCity.com). The prize package includes: two nights’ accommodations at the Hampton Inn (may be booked between Oct. 15 and Dec. 15, 2009, based on availability), a round of golf for two at the Pines of Elizabeth City; a special tour of Port Discover Hands-On Science Center; a guided historic walking “tour and tea” for two courtesy of De’Tours in Elizabeth City; and a welcome basket filled with hand-crafted chocolates from The Chocolate House, wine, roses and other treats. Tee times and tours are based on availability.

Contestants must live 50 miles away from the Elizabeth City area, and only one entry per e-mail address will be accepted. The winner will be drawn from the online entries and announced on the Web site.

Plan an Elizabeth City getaway now! Fifteen fun events await:

**1. Arts of the Albemarle Landmark Art Show and Competition, Sept. 13 – Oct. 10**

This 23th annual show and competition showcases the best work of local artists. More than 100 original works of art were entered last year. See the show and shop for original art at The Center, Arts of the Albemarle's headquarters in the historic Lowry-Chesson building. Call (252) 338-6455 or visit [www.artsofthealbemarle.com](http://www.artsofthealbemarle.com)

**2. Music on the Green at Mariners' Wharf, Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24**

Saturdays from 4 – 6 p.m., gather for Music on the Green at Mariners' Wharf ([www.musicatmarinerswharf.com](http://www.musicatmarinerswharf.com)). The weekly happening features local musicians performing an array of musical styles, from blues and bluegrass to jazz, rock and pop. After a day of touring Elizabeth City, stay for the music – or make it a prelude to dinner downtown! A free event.

**3. Elizabeth City Area Chamber Golf Tournament, Sept. 24**

Enjoy tournament play at the Pines in Elizabeth City, along with demos by TaylorMade and Ping. (252) 335-4365 or [www.elizabethcitychamber.org](http://www.elizabethcitychamber.org)

**4. Wine Down in the Country, Sept. 25 and Oct. 30**

Spanish wines will be featured Sept. 25 and Virginia wines Oct. 30 during these monthly wine-tasting events at Weeksville Vineyards & Cellars. Tasting tickets are \$10 and include a souvenir glass. For reservations call (252) 330-2622 or visit [www.WeeksvilleVineyards.com](http://www.WeeksvilleVineyards.com)

**5. Fall Into Cycling Event, Sept. 26**

Camden County's countryside is the scene of this 40-mile cycling event that begins and ends at the Dismal Swamp State Park. Registration is \$30, due Sept. 8. Call (252) 771-8333 or visit [www.dismalswampwelcomecenter.com](http://www.dismalswampwelcomecenter.com)

**6. North River Campground Hayrides, Saturdays in October**

A horse-drawn hay wagon will take you on a tour of the North River campground in scenic Camden County. Rides are \$2 per person and offered every Saturday in October, from 3 to 5 p.m. Free refreshments. Call (252) 336-4414 or visit [www.harvestmoonhorses.com](http://www.harvestmoonhorses.com)

**7. Historic Ghost Walk, Oct. 1-3**

Famous Elizabeth City ghosts haunt a host of historic homes and other sites during the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Ghost Walk ([www.HistoricGhostWalk.org](http://www.HistoricGhostWalk.org)). The Elizabeth City Historic Neighborhood Association presents this combination history lesson, homes tour

and lively theatre. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 or \$10 with military ID. Call 1-888-936-7387.

**8. “Out of the Blue Coast Guard Aviation,” opens Oct. 3**

At the Museum of the Albemarle, navigate two centuries of U.S. Coast Guard history, from 1790 to its aviation presence in the Albemarle region today. This exhibit opens Oct. 3 at the Museum of the Albemarle ([www.museumofthealbemarle.com](http://www.museumofthealbemarle.com)). Admission is free. Call (252) 335-1453.

**9. Pet-a-Palozza at the Downtown Waterfront Market, Oct. 3**

Bring your pet to the Downtown Waterfront Market for Pet-a-Palozza! Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, cutest and best-dressed pets, in addition to a prize for the pet that looks most like its owner. Shop for local produce, baked goods, crafts and culture from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Pet-a-Palozza fun is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. [www.DowntownWaterfrontMarket.com](http://www.DowntownWaterfrontMarket.com)

**10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bocce Ball Tournament, Oct. 3**

11. Waterfront Park is the site of this tournament to benefit the Special Olympics. Admission for a four-person team is \$100. The competition starts at 8 a.m. Call (252) 338-7775 or visit [www.bocceballbash.org](http://www.bocceballbash.org)

**12. Coastal Habitats Program at Port Discover, Oct. 10**

Port Discover Hands-on Science Center invites children to examine live sea creatures and coastal vegetation. Liz Brinker, a coastal ecologist at Elizabeth City State University, leads this Second Saturday Science lesson, an ongoing program at Port Discover ([www.portdiscover.org](http://www.portdiscover.org)). Call (252) 338-6117 for reservations.

**13. Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) Homecoming Oct. 15-18**

It will be ECSU vs. Lincoln at the Vikings’ annual homecoming game, Oct. 17 at Roebuck Stadium. A parade and other celebrations make this a great weekend for ECSU alumni and fans. Call (252) 335-3388 or visit [www.ecsu.edu](http://www.ecsu.edu)

**14. Albemarle Craftsman’s Fair, Oct. 23-25**

Bringing together craftsmen from North Carolina and Virginia, this fair features authentic reproductions of early crafts for sale and demonstrations at Knobb’s Creek Recreation Center. Admission: \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and full-time students. Call (252) 335-4680 or visit [www.albemarlecraftsmansfair.com](http://www.albemarlecraftsmansfair.com)

**15. Halloween Planetarium Presentations, Oct. 30-31**

See how the nighttime sky appears in October, or enjoy Halloween-themed laser light and star shows. The special presentations are free, but reservations are required. Call the Elizabeth City State University Planetarium ([www.ecsuplanetarium.org](http://www.ecsuplanetarium.org)) at (252) 335-3759 for times.

## 16. Haunted Albemarle, Oct. 31

The Museum of the Albemarle's Jr. Docents interpret the stories of famous Elizabeth City ghosts! Hear from Blackbeard, Anne Bonny, a Civil War soldier, an Albemarle suffragette, Nell Cropsy and other notorious Albemarle residents. Afterwards, take a map and explore the Episcopal cemetery on your own. Admission is free. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Museum of the Albemarle ([www.museumofthealbemarle.com](http://www.museumofthealbemarle.com))

### About Elizabeth City

Elizabeth City is located in northeastern North Carolina on the Pasquotank River, halfway between Norfolk, Va., and the Outer Banks. Known as the "Harbor of Hospitality," the city has six National Register Historic Districts and is home to the Museum of the Albemarle; Arts of the Albemarle's new arts facility, The Center; Elizabeth City State University Planetarium; and Port Discover Hands-on Science Center. Nature-based travelers are drawn to the area's proximity to the Dismal Swamp and the abundance of outdoor recreational offerings. For additional information, call Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-866-ECity-4U (1-866-324-8948) or (252) 335-5330.

**\* Participating "Take 15 and Save 15" accommodations include:**

- Days Inn, (252) 335-4316
- Elizabeth City B&B, (252) 338-2177
- Fairfield Inn, (252) 333-1003
- Hampton Inn, (252) 333-1800
- Holiday Inn Express, (252) 338-8900

*Accommodations are subject to availability and cannot be combined with other offers.*

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