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### WinterFest Arts Tour

Sautee Nacoochee, GA: Unicoi State Park & Lodge, Helen Arts & Heritage Center, and Sautee Nacoochee Center announce the 2021 WinterFest Arts Tour. The weekend of festivals includes 145 artists at 3 locations over 2 days for 1 ticket price.

WinterFest dates and times are Saturday, February 13 from 10 AM until 5 PM and Sunday, February 14 from 10 AM until 4 PM, so there is no rush to see everything in one day. And, treasures found on Saturday may still be available for purchase on Sunday.

WinterFest is an interactive, move at your own pace event that is set in the winter beauty of Northeast Georgia. At all three locations, local and regional artists will display and demonstrate their skills and bring to life new and exciting pieces. Food vendors and live music are present at some sites.

There is no charge for the festival at each venue, but a multi-part ticket may be purchased to enter to win one of three Grand Prizes valued at \$250 and above. The ticket is \$10 per person or a book of five tickets for \$40. To be eligible for one of Grand Prizes, the ticket must be stamped at all three locations.

While a fundraiser designed to support the educational efforts of the Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, WinterFest is an important economic driver for White County, Georgia during an otherwise quiet time of year. The event is coordinated by the Sautee

Nacoochee Community Association and funded in part by the White County Commission, a Vibrant Communities Grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts, a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, and the Sautee Nacoochee Corporate Partners Program™.

The Fireside Arts and Craft Show at Unicoi State Park and Lodge is in its 46th year and has artisans that have attended the show since its inception 45 years ago. Fireside will host more than 50 artisans and crafters in 2021.

Experience a mixture of heritage, art, and fine craft at the Alpine Winter Festival at the Helen Arts & Heritage Center. The Center's heritage museum presents the "Story of Helen". Over 50 artists are represented in the galleries.

The artists at the Sautee Nacoochee Art Festival come from Georgia, the Carolinas, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama. All of the 40-plus artists who participate are juried, ensuring the best original local and regional artwork.

Because of COVID-19, and the concern about social distancing, the Hop On - Hop Off coach service will not be available for the 2021 WinterFest. Free parking is available at Unicoi State Park & Lodge and at the Sautee Nacoochee Center.

The timing of WinterFest could not be better for visitors. It occurs over President's Day Weekend, which in 2021, is also Valentine's Day Weekend.

Information about and tickets for WinterFest Arts Tour are available at [www.WinterFestArtsTour.com](http://www.WinterFestArtsTour.com) or by calling 706-878-3300.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be practiced at all three locations. Festival-goers will check-in at their first venue and have their temperature taken. Contact tracing information will

be taken, then a wristband will be given to indicate that the person has checked-in. Masks and social distancing are encouraged at each venue.

The Sautee Nacoochee Center is a member-based organization serving White and Habersham Counties and all of northeast Georgia. Its mission is to value and nurture individual creativity, along with the historical, cultural and environmental resources of the Sautee and Nacoochee Valleys and surrounding area. For more information, visit [www.snca.org](http://www.snca.org) or call 706-878-3300.

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