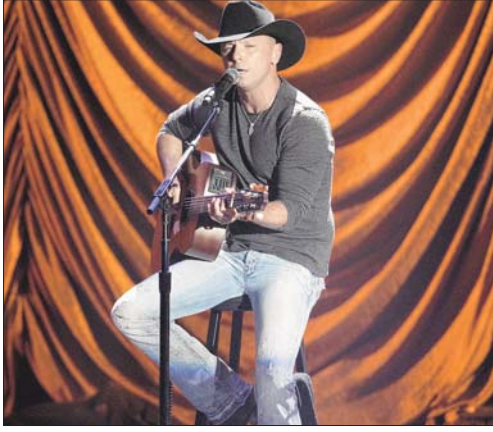


NEWS FROM THE EDGE

TOP 10 CONCERTS



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The Top 10 Concert Tours ranks artists by average box office gross per city and includes the average ticket price for shows in North America.

1. Kenny Chesney	\$1,977,243	\$72.88
2. Taylor Swift	\$1,843,404	\$74.41
3. Sade	\$1,205,324	\$95.64
4. Britney Spears	\$859,434	\$80.28
5. Brad Paisley	\$668,053	\$37.77
6. Journey	\$636,963	\$50.29
7. Rascal Flatts	\$606,654	\$36.81
8. Foo Fighters	\$557,985	\$48.48
9. Jason Aldean	\$509,099	\$32.01
10. Tim McGraw	\$501,792	\$36.84

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2011. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history

• On Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. service members, most of them Marines, were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

On this date

- In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis repelled Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in the Civil War Battle of Westport in Missouri.
- In 1910, Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a public solo airplane flight, reaching an altitude of 12 feet at a park in Fort Wayne, Ind.
- In 1915, tens of thousands of women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.
- In 1941, the Walt Disney animated feature "Dumbo" premiered in New York.
- In 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.
- In 1973, President Richard Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.
- In 1980, the resignation of Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin was announced.
- In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.
- In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other nations signed a peace treaty in Paris.
- In 1995, a jury in Houston convicted Yolanda Saldivar of murdering Tejano singing star Selena. (Saldivar is serving a life prison sentence.)

Ten years ago

- The nation's anthrax scare hit the White House with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center. President George W. Bush announced he had authorized money for improved post office security following the deaths of two postal workers from inhalation anthrax.
- The Irish Republican Army announced that it had begun to disarm for the first time.
- A relieved NASA team celebrated as the 2001 Mars Odyssey slipped into orbit around the Red Planet, two years after back-to-back failures by Mars missions.
- Apple Computer Inc. unveiled its iPod.

Today's Birthdays

- Movie director Ang Lee is 57.
- Community activist Martin Luther King III is 54.
- Movie director Sam Raimi is 52.
- Parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 52.
- Rock musician Robert Trujillo is 47.
- Christian/jazz singer David Thomas is 45.
- Rock musician Brian Nevin is 45.
- Country singer-musician Junior Bryant is 43.
- Actor Jon Huertas is 42.
- CNN medical reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta is 42.
- Rock musician Eric Bass (Shinedown) is 37.
- Actor Ryan Reynolds is 35.

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STEPPING BACK TO THE 19TH CENTURY: Men and boys in the Royal Rangers organization dress the part of early 19th century frontiersman for the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship Territorial Rendezvous program this weekend at Aiken's Confederate Memorial Park.

Int'l mentor group spends weekend at battle park

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The Battle of Aiken Confederate Memorial Park was infiltrated this weekend by about 300 men and boys for the 2011 Territorial Rendezvous, a bi-annual event hosted by the Royal Rangers' Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) program.

The Royal Rangers is an international Christian mentoring organization founded in 1962 which has since spanned worldwide to include 80 different countries. The organization was founded to provide a mentorship to young boys and guide them to grow to be followers of Christ and leaders to other young men, said Dennis Molnar, territorial FCF representative.

"It's for Christian men to come alongside boys who, many times, are from broken homes and not only don't have a father but don't have a Christian father," Molnar said.

Every two years, chapters from the Southeast, which make up the Rifleman Territory and include Georgia, South and North Carolina, Alabama, two divisions from Florida and one more from Puerto Rico, come together for the rendezvous.

The men and boys camp out and venture into the lifestyle of the 19th century.

The group spends a week-end living out of canvas tents, cooking food via dutch ovens and wood burning stoves and



FIRESTARTER: Young boys and teens learn trades and skills indicative of frontiersman and native Americans. Here, 16-year-old Ian works on creating a fire from flint and steel.

practicing skills and trades such as knife and tomahawk throwing and shooting powder rifles, among many other period-appropriate activities.

"It's a tremendous tool to capture (the boys') imagination and attention so that you can then mentor them and spend time with them," Molnar said.

"It really gives you an opportunity to get the kids to open up. It takes them outside of their norm, just going to school and being with the other kids, and gives you an opportunity to minister to them," added Marty Roever, an FCF commander who lives in Aiken. "The kids are dealing with situations and problems, and this gives us a chance to



ROASTING JERKY: Danny Burkett stands in front of a tent where he roasts deer jerky.

pray with them and just be with them," he said.

Both Roever and Molnar agree that, throughout their time in the Royal Rangers program, one of the most rewarding things has been to watch the young boys who join the FCF program grow and turn into responsible men who serve the Lord.

"Another plus for this min-

istry is that they're in it as a boy, but, as they get older, they can still continue with it as a leader," Molnar said.

Today marks the last day the men and boys will be camping out and ministering to one another at the battle grounds.

For more information on what you can do to get involved, visit www.royalrangers.com.