

ArnFest South 2026 Schedule

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Thursday, April 9th

Georgia Museum of Agriculture, 1392 Whiddon Mill Rd, Tifton, GA

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Day 0 Setup by Admin

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm – ArnFest South Registration and Check In
- *Opry Shelter at the end of the Main Parking Lot (follow signs)*

6:30 pm – Optional dinner at Pit Stop BBQ (unofficial – located across the road from the museum)

Friday, April 10th

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8:00 am to 4:00 pm – ArnFest South Registration and Check In
- *Opry Shelter at the end of the Main Parking Lot (follow signs)*

8:00 am to 4:00 pm – Silent Auction Donations Drop Off
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8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Machine Rebuilding Project
- Host: Wally Puhl and Jim Johnson. Location: Opry Shelter
- Note: This will be an ongoing project throughout the event where a vintage machine will be rebuilt. Work will be done in the as it happens and will conclude when the machine is finished. ArnFest South guests are invited to drop in, watch, ask questions or even lend a hand on the project as their time permits.

9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Self guided tours of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village – Full admission included with your ArnFest South registration.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Laser Rust/Paint Removal Demos. Hosted by Laser Resurfacing Technologies, they will have a professional grade laser set up for rust and paint removal. Visit at your leisure and get hands on experience using their system. ArnFest South participants are encouraged to bring small items (something you can carry yourself without mechanical assistance) to try the system out on. Location: Behind Opry Shelter by Railroad Tracks.

9:30 am – 10:30 am – Tour of the Variety Works – Line Shaft Powered Woodworking Shop
- Host: Keith Rucker. Location: Variety Works Building on Museum Grounds

10:30 am to 11:30 am – Basics of Cutterheads & Saws in Woodworking - Fundamentals and Applications
- Host: Dan Warner. Location – Opry Shelter

11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Lunch on your own.
- *Sandwiches at the museum Drug Store or nearby local restaurants off site*

1:30 pm until.... – TIG Welding Basics
- Host: Jim Bollinger from Do Rite Fabrication. Location: Opry Shelter

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm – 3D Printing

- Host: John Shields, Location: Opry Shelter Area

5:00 pm – End of Day 1

7:00 pm – Dinner on your own at local restaurants.

Saturday, April 11th

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7:00 am – Vendors Early Access for Swap Meet

7:30 am – 10:00 am - Swap Meet

- *Main Parking Lot next to Opry Shelter area*

7:30 am to 4:00 pm – ArnFest South Registration and Check In

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10:00 am to 11:00 am – Common Mistakes Beginners Make in the Shop

- Host: *Stuart de Haro. Location – Opry Shelter*

11:00 am to Noon – Pouring Babbitt Bearings

- Host: *Keith Rucker. Location - Opry Shelter*

Noon to 1:00 pm – Lunch (provided)

- *Location: Pick up at covered area next to Opry Shelter. Tables set up in Opry Shelter.*

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm - Making Loose Cooperage Barrels for the Naval Stores Industry

- Host: *David King, GMA. Location: Coopers Shed beside the Turpentine Still on Museum Grounds*

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm – Rucker’s Rodeo (unloading and loading machinery)

- *Location: Main Parking Lot next to Opry Shelter area*

- *NOTE: Forklift will be available from 1:30 to 3:30 pm only*

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Machinery Painting

- Host: Karl Sheids, Location: Opry Shelter Area

5:00 pm – End of Day 2

7:00 pm to close – ArnFest Banquet, Raffle, Silent Auction

Location: Main Museum Building

Sunday, April 12th

8:00 am to 10:00 am

Access to Museum parking lot, opry shelter area for trailer pickup, load out, etc. No official activities at the museum on this day (the Museum grounds are closed on Sunday)