

UPIKE campus community,

As everyone is aware, Hillbilly Days 2024 is coming to downtown Pikeville. The carnival will start on Wednesday, April 17, and the official Hillbilly Days festival kicks off on Thursday, April 18, and runs through Saturday, April 20.

Hillbilly Days is one of Kentucky's most popular festivals, featuring hundreds of food vendors, a carnival, and three stages of live music that offer a variety of genres. Enjoy clogging, square dancing, goofy hillbilly outfits, a parade, and many other unique attractions. For details on this year's Hillbilly Days offerings, visit [Hillbilly Days!](#)

The main goal is for all members of the campus community to have a safe and enjoyable experience during the festival. Outlined below are several changes to help keep our campus community safe during the festival.

- **HPEB AND COAL BUILDINGS:** HPEB and Coal will have entrances and interior doors with electronic access locked throughout the festival. KYCOM and KYCO students, faculty, and staff have 24-hour access to those buildings. This is a reminder **not to prop open doors** or let others in the building as you enter or exit. Have your UPIKE ID with you at all times.
- **RECORD MEMORIAL:** All foot traffic to and from upper campus should flow through Record Memorial or the 99. Record elevators will be operational Thursday through Sunday, April 18-21, on the 1st, 2nd, 6th floors. All UPIKE students, faculty, and staff have 24-hour access. Extra patrols will be made throughout the building during the festival. This is a reminder **not to prop open doors** or let others enter the building as you enter or exit. Have your UPIKE ID with you at all times.
- **NON-UPIKE GUEST RESTRICTION FOR ALL RESIDENCE HALLS:** In efforts to help keep our campus community and residential students safe, non-UPIKE guests have been suspended from visiting the residence halls. This does not apply to current/registered UPIKE students. This restriction will take place on Wednesday, April 17, at 5 pm and will end Sunday, April 21, at 5 pm.
- **PARKING PERMITS:** If you have not obtained a UPIKE parking permit, please do so prior to Tuesday, April 16, at 5 pm. Public Safety officers will not be available to issue permits after that time. The link to request parking permit is <https://apps.upike.edu/permits/#/>. Please read and be aware of the Parking Regulations.
- **HPEB PARKING LOT:** Beginning Wednesday, April 17, at 8 am, the HPEB parking lot will be closed and reserved to accommodate vendor parking. The lot will reopen Sunday, April 21, at 2 pm. Any vehicles not moved by Wednesday, April 17, at 8 am, are subject to being towed at the owner's expense. **Please note:** The five reserved spots for the Dr. Jerald F. Combs Eye Clinic will remain open for patient care parking until Wednesday, April 20, at 5 pm.

- **VISITORS PARKING LOT:** Beginning Wednesday, April 17, at 6 pm, several spots in the Visitor's parking lot will be closed and reserved for staff members responding to student needs. The lot will reopen Sunday, April 21, at 8 am. The handicap spots will be available for valid issued handicap permits/tags.
- **UPIKE ID:** Due to the high volume of foot traffic across campus and in efforts to help keep the campus community safe, Public Safety Officers may ask for your UPIKE ID. Make sure you always have your UPIKE ID with you.
- **PARKING GARAGE:** Anyone utilizing the parking garage is encouraged to use extra caution when parking. The parking garage is usually full during the Hillbilly Days festival and will continue through the weekend. The events being held at the Arena will most certainly make parking spaces a premium. Be aware that theft and vandalism may occur. Public Safety encourages you to remove all valuables from your vehicles and make sure all doors are locked when parking anywhere in the city. Levels 2, 3, and 4 of the parking garage will be open. Please arrive early as the parking garage fills up rather quickly.
- **COLLEGE SQUARE:** As in years past, people attending the festival will try to park in the College Square parking lot. Due to the high volume of calls for service, Public Safety will not be able to continually monitor that parking area. We will, however, make as many rounds in the area as possible and will be ticketing vehicles that do not have parking permits. Any College Square resident student who has not yet obtained a parking permit will need to do so by Tuesday, April 16, at 5 pm. Public Safety officers will not be available to issue permits after that time and you may receive a ticket for parking in that area without a permit. **ALL OTHER AREAS:** Be aware when Hambley Boulevard is closed on Wednesday, April 17- Sunday, April 21, Kentucky Avenue becomes the main thoroughfare for the city. There will be increased traffic, and most will not obey the 15-mph speed limit. Use caution when traveling in or near the area. Also, with the influx of people into the area, be aware that cell service may be intermittent. The number of cell phones in use may prevent you from making or receiving calls or texts.
- **OTHER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** The Hillbilly Days festival and accompanying concerts are meant to be fun but be aware that some guests of the festival use this time to prey upon other visitors. Using common sense and being aware can mitigate the risks. Do not travel alone to and from the festival, but if you must, let someone know where you'll be going and when you'll be back. Keep an eye on your valuables and do not carry large amounts of cash. Be mindful of your drinks. If you are not in possession of your drink (even for a moment) throw it away. If you are suspicious of any situation, get away immediately. Trust your instincts. And as always, Public Safety is available 24/7. Please report any suspicious activity immediately. For assistance call 606-477-0262.

Thank you! Have a safe and enjoyable Hillbilly Days.

Your Student Affairs Team!



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YELLOW- HIGH TRAFFIC AREA