

## Congaree Swampfest 2012

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The ever popular Congaree SwampFest is a unique opportunity to celebrate the rich heritage of Lower Richland County. The tenth annual Congaree SwampFest will be held on Friday, October 5, 2012 and Saturday, October 6, 2012.

On Friday evening, October 5th, the weekend will begin with an Evening of BBQ, Blues & Jazz at the historic Harriet Barber House, 116 Barberville Loop and Lower Richland Boulevard, off Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins, SC. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$15.00 (\$20.00 – day of event) V.I.P. packages are also available. Ticket prices include admission, entertainment and food. All proceeds will benefit SERCO's educational component. The host for the evening will be "Still Bill" Alston of Beale Street on WLXC Kiss 103.1FM. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM and will feature Katrina Garvin of Columbia, SC Second Nature of Camden, SC, and Carlos Santan of Atlanta, GA - back by popular demand.

The celebration continues on Saturday, October 6th, 11:00 AM at the Congaree National Park and the festival site on the yard of Old Mount Moriah. The host will be Jeffrey Lampkin from WACH Fox 57. A wide array of artists (singers, dancers, instrumentalists, etc.), will perform. Activities will run throughout the day, offering FREE admission and a great opportunity for visitors to experience the rich culture of the Lower Richland Heritage Corridor. FREE shuttle buses will carry visitors from the festival site to the national park. No matter the age or interest, there are activities for everyone! Bring your family and friends and enjoy a day out in Richland County.

FREE parking will be available near the festival site, Old Mount Moriah, 1000 Old Bluff Road, with some limited free parking in the Congaree National Park, 100 National Park Drive, off Old

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The full schedule of events will be available on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/cong](http://www.nps.gov/cong) and at the official SwampFest site: [www.congareeswampfest.com](http://www.congareeswampfest.com). SwampFest is sponsored by the Southeast Rural Community Outreach (SERCO), and the Richland County Hospitality Tax Fund. For further information, please contact (864) 205-0767.