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# Don't miss these events in the New Orleans area (April 14-20)

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Beads, bunnies and bonnets, oh my, as float riders in the 33rd annual Chris Owens French Quarter

## FRIDAY

**HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO:** 10 a.m.; Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave., New Orleans. Speakers, classes, demonstrations and fitness merchandise in conjunction with the Crescent City Classic on Saturday. Preregistered runners can get their packets, and some registration may be available. [ccc10K.com/expo](http://ccc10K.com/expo).

**BUNNIES IN THE BIG EASY:** 7 p.m., House of Blues, 225 Decatur St., New Orleans. Benefit for Gay Easter Parade and Food for Friends, the show includes bunny boys, entertainment, auction and buffet. \$35, limited number. [gayeasterparade.com](http://gayeasterparade.com).

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## FRIDAY-SUNDAY

**SPRING IN THE SWAMP:** 10 a.m., also Saturday and Sunday; Barataria Preserve, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, 6588 Barataria Blvd., Marrero. Guided ranger tours, hands-on activities, children's activities and more at Bayou Coquille Trail during active season in the wetlands. (504) 689-3690. [nps.gov/jela](http://nps.gov/jela).

## SATURDAY

**CRESCENT CITY CLASSIC:** 8 a.m., downtown New Orleans in front of the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. A 10K race through the French Quarter to City Park. Followed by a post-race festival with music, food and an awards ceremony. [ccc10k.com](http://ccc10k.com).

**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN:** 10:30 a.m., Southern Food and Beverage Museum, 1830 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., New Orleans. Kids learn to make the dough, dice toppings and create personal pizzas. \$20, \$15 members. (504) 267-7490. [natfab.org/events/kids-in-the-kitchen](http://natfab.org/events/kids-in-the-kitchen).

**NORDC EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** 11 a.m., Joe W. Brown Rec Center, 5601 Read Blvd., New Orleans. Hunt, bounce houses, games, raffles and music for ages 1-12. (504) 658-3080. [nordc.org](http://nordc.org).

**EASTER KEG HUNT:** 1 p.m., NOCCA's Plessy Lot, 2800 Chartres St., New Orleans. Gulf Restoration Network and NOLA Brewing team for a hunt through the Bywater, with teams of two to six receiving clues along the way and music and beer fest at the end, with trophies for winners. \$20 advance, \$25 day. [healthygulf.org](http://healthygulf.org).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY

**EGG-TRAVAGANZA AT CITY PUTT:** 10 a.m., also Sunday; City Putt, between Victor and Dreyfous Drives, City Park, New Orleans. Holiday event features sweet treats, raffle, giveaways, beverages, crafts and a round of miniature golf. \$10. (504) 483-9385. [neworleanscitypark.com](http://neworleanscitypark.com).

## SUNDAY

**HISTORIC FRENCH QUARTER EASTER PARADE:** 9:45 a.m., Antoine's Restaurant, 713 St. Louis St., New Orleans. Promenade of carriages and other vehicles depart the restaurant for St. Louis Cathedral for 11 a.m. Mass, followed by stroll through Jackson Square then return to Antoine's. (504) 581-4422.

**CHRIS OWENS FRENCH QUARTER EASTER PARADE:** 1 p.m., Omni Hotel, St. Louis and Royal Streets, New Orleans. Annual promenade of pastels a'plenty led by legendary entertainer Owens as grand duchess. The parade heads up Royal Street, turns right on Canal Street, right on Bourbon Street, right on St. Philip Street, right on Decatur Street and right on St. Louis to return to the hotel. Riders \$150 and up. [frenchquartereasterparade.com](http://frenchquartereasterparade.com).

**GAY EASTER PARADE:** 4:30 p.m., GrandPre's, 834 N. Rampart St., New Orleans. LGBT community celebrates with a parade that rolls down St. Ann Street, turns left onto Bourbon Street, right at Esplanade Avenue, right onto Royal Street, right on St. Louis Street and right onto Rampart Street for a return to GrandPre's for a post-parade party. [gayeasterparade.com](http://gayeasterparade.com).

## TUESDAY

CRAFT HAPPY HOUR — OXALIS APOTHECARY: 6 p.m., Ogden Museum of Southern Art, 925 Camp St., New Orleans. Museum's after-hours program features a "blending" workshop, and participants leave with customized roll-on perfume. \$25, \$20 members. (504) 539-9650. [ogdenmuseum.org](http://ogdenmuseum.org).

## THURSDAY

"SNIPPETS OF NEW ORLEANS": 6 p.m., Ogden Museum of Southern Art, 925 Camp St., New Orleans. Illustrator Emma Fick signs her book at the museum's after-hours event. (504) 539-9650. [ogdenmuseum.org](http://ogdenmuseum.org).

NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE PREP GALA: 6:30 p.m., Dryades Public Market, 1307 O.C. Haley Blvd., New Orleans. Gala to honor community members for contributions and impact on education. \$75, \$40 for parents of students, alumni and educators. [nolacollegeprep.org](http://nolacollegeprep.org).

## ONGOING

COOL ZOO OPENS AT AUDUBON ZOO: Opens April 23; Audubon Zoo, 6500 Magazine St., New Orleans. Water park includes Gator Run lazy river, slips, spouts, soakers and more for all ages. Separate toddler area, shop, concessions, lockers and cabana rentals. Open weekends only April 24-May 26. \$12, \$10 members, in addition to zoo admission. (504) 861-2537. [audubonnatureinstitute.org](http://audubonnatureinstitute.org).

"WALTZING THE MUSE: THE PAINTINGS OF JAMES MICHALOPOULOS": 6 p.m., Ogden Museum Of Southern Art, 925 Camp St., New Orleans. A retrospective on the local artist will be the subject of an opening reception. Through July 16. (504) 539-9650. [ogdenmuseum.org](http://ogdenmuseum.org).

For more events and information, visit The New Orleans Advocate at [theadvocate.com/new\\_orleans](http://theadvocate.com/new_orleans).

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