



PIRATEPALOOZA.COM PRESS PACKET

# The Official PiratePalooza Pubcrawl & Pubsing

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## About PiratePalooza™

Scheduled on the weekend nearest to Talk Like A Pirate Day, the PiratePalooza™ Pubcrawl and Pubsing is the ultimate inland meeting of pirates, buccaneers, rascals, rogues, scoundrels, ruffians and scalawags this side of the bounding main. It's an invasion, a sack, a pub crawl and a great way to meet other enthusiasts of the piratical arts ending in a fantastic pub sing starring some of the most popular renfest bands of our time! Follow Captain Drew and his crew as they wend their way through the ale houses of downtown Decatarr on their way to the big Palooza at the end of the night!

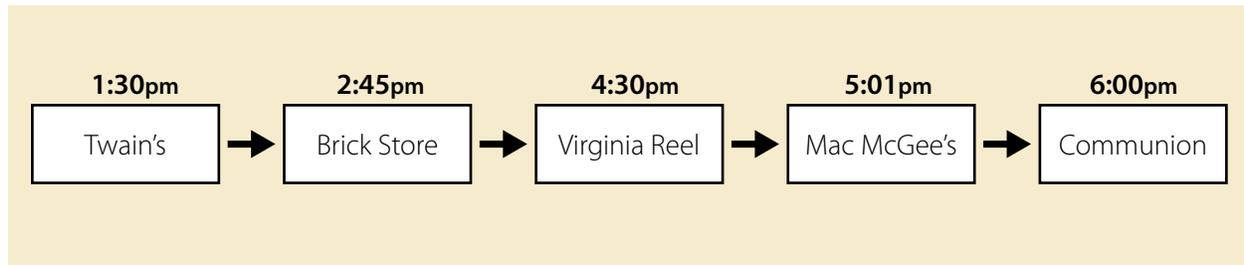
## History of the Palooza

The PiratePalooza Pubcrawl & Pubsing was first imagined by (space pirate) Captain Drew in 2004 but didn't become a reality until the spring of 2005 when Captain Mal (Geoffrey Brown) and Tracy V. Wilson (of Stuff You Missed in History fame) introduced Captain Drew to the local Renaissance faire community. The very first PiratePalooza was held in Decatarr, Georgia. It began at Eddie's Attic, moved to the Brick Store, and ended at a bar called

"The Angel". The turnout was far greater than anyone had imagined and from that moment forward the Official and Authentic PiratePalooza™ has been held every Septembarr, to the great delight of pirates and lubbers alike. The venues have changed over time but the traditions remain and the legend has grown that when the summer begins to turn to gold, the pirates will return to Decatarr.

# 2016 Pubcrawl Schedule

Join us at one of our stops, or follow along with Captain Drew on his search for this year's treasure!



(1:30pm – 2:30pm)

## Twain's Billiards & Tap

211 E Trinity Place  
Decatur, GA 30030-3414  
(404) 373-0063

## Mister Twain's Alehouse

Scurvy pirates of all descriptions will begin to slink into Mister Twain's steamboat pub to plot the sack of the City of Decatarr. Whilst there they might cut a few throats or decide to play a rousing game of pool. Which will it be?

2:45pm – 4:25pm

## The Brick Store Pub

Belgian Bar (upstairs)  
125 East Court Square  
Decatur, Georgia 30030  
(404) 687-0990

## Belowdecks at The Brick Store

The growing band of treasure-seekers swarm the stairs to The Belgian Bar, the infamous den of pirates. There, they will quaff many ales, sing many shanties, tell tall tales of their adventures 'pon the sea and look for new recruits for their next voyage.

(4:30pm – 5:00pm)

## Bust of the Commodore

(Stephen Decatur Plaza)  
Decatur GA 30030

## The Great Virginia Reel

Inevitably some challenge will arise between rival crews that can only be sorted through combat, and since the Palooza is holy grounds for pirates the world round, the only combat allowed is a dance of the Virginia Reel led by Israel Hands! Marvel as dozens of pirates sashay up and down the promenade!

(5:01pm – 6:30pm)

## Mac McGee's Irish Pub

111 Sycamore Street  
Decatur GA 30030  
(404) 377-8050

## Confessions at Mac McGee's

After a long and hard fought dance our pirate crews assail the bars lining the walk, concentrating on Mac McGee's, reknowned for its clandestine confession booth and spirited Irish service. Keep an eye (your good eye) on your coinpurse, as it will be crowded and you can never trust a pirate!

(6:00pm – 11:00pm)

## Communion

129 Church Street  
Decatur GA 30030

## The PiratePalooza™ Pubsing

It's what we've waited for all year; a chance to howl and sing and drink and trade tales of buried treasure, indiscreet encounters and all the thrills of a pirate's life! This year is extra special, as we're returning to our favorite hidden den of piracy at Communion!! Treasure, indeed!

## Frequently Axed Questions!

### What be PiratePalooza™?

It be an annual pirate-themed pubcrawl which began in 2005, inspired by International Talk Like a Pirate Day, and in honor of the space pirate Captain Drew's birthday. Many people use the name for their own pirate-themed parties (including Disney!) but there be only one true PiratePalooza™, and you're invited!

### Tell me more!

It's a Pirate Invasion of Decatarrrr!! The Palooza is divided into two distinct chapters: the PubCrawl and the PubSing.

### How much do it cost?

The PiratePalooza™ is bloody free, mate. No stinking badges, no smelly tickets. The food, the drinks, the shirts? Those all be on your nickel, mate. You shouldn't even bother bringing a present, just come to play!

### Must I dress like a pirate?

Shah!! You'd look pretty bloody silly if you

weren't dressed like a pirate, now wouldn't you. Take a little pride in your appearance you scurvy deck monkeys! At the very least wear one of your PiratePalooza T-shirts from a previous year, or buy one from this year so you'll fit in. Pirates be right divas when it comes to peer pressure.

### Where are the T-shirts?

The T-shirts will be available at the final pub on the Palooza route. They are also available for order via PayPal. Simply contact us via Facebook for details.

### Weapons Policy

No bare steel. No brandished weapons. We insist that you peace-tie your blades - literally tie them to your belt so that they may not be drawn. If you see someone acting unsafely with a weapon, even a prop weapon, let someone with the bar/restaurant know. Tell other pirates. Don't be shy.

## The 12 Sacred Rules of PiratePalooza™

- 1) Do not drink and drive (or sail).
- 2) Observe every rule of each public house we invade.
- 3) Pay all debts and tip like rich lubbers, to buy the barkeeps silence.
- 4) No bare steel. Peace tie your blades and help others who need tying.
- 5) No loaded flintlocks.
- 6) No fighting, you're on vacation!!
- 7) Look both ways and hold hands when crossing the street.
- 8) Get free rum from other pirates by telling them the secret word.
- 9) Share your rum with pirates that know the secret word.
- 10) (There is no secret word. Get your own rum.)
- 11) Have a good time!!
- 12) Final rule is at Captain Drew's discretion

## 2016 PiratePalooza Shirts

*Pre-orders are closed for this year's t-shirts and there are very few left for walk-up purchases. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Google+, and Twitter next year to get in your order for the 2017 shirts, and look for deals on shirts from previous seasons at the final stop!*



### Frequently Axed Questions! *(continued)*

#### **Can I finish my food?**

Note that we usually weigh anchor about a quarter 'til the end of each scheduled stop to set sail to the next port of destination. If you have a larger party you might wish to land at one of the locations ahead of us, or stay there after we've set sail and catch up to us at another port. You DO NOT have to stay with the party, we don't have rules like that! Please do be sure to enjoy yourself regardless of how you choose to experience the pubcrawl and remember to be gracious tippers and responsible tippers; we can scarce afford to lose a single sailor to poor judgement – and you must be the Captains of your own ships! Keep a weather eye out for your fellow rogues to keep them safe from harm!

#### **Do I have to print out my ticket?**

What ticket???

#### **Do I have to print it out in color?**

Okay sure, so you still think this is a ticketed event? Fine. Yes. You (and you alone) have to print out your "ticket". Everyone else can do whatever they want. Note: Watch out, Captain Drew may sell you a fake ticket.

#### **What do I get with my membership?**

Adventure! Romance! Good beer and great times! (you have to pay for those yourself, by the by) -- you also get a feeling of freedom like you've never felt before. A sense of control in a world that is spiraling ever out of the grasp of the tiny brains of upright monkeys like yourselves. Seriously guys, these questions are boring, got anything better?

#### **Do I have to wear a bra?**

Only if you are a very overweight man and there is a chance that your t-shirt might gap open to expose hairy man boobs. The wenchies will do what they want, as they've done for millennia (thankfully).

#### **How much do I have to pay for this ticket?**

Ticket price is based on the size of your party. Add up your collective weight, divide by the number of people in your party then move the decimal place two places to the left. Please, no checks.

#### **Would you sign my ticket?**

Sure, why not?