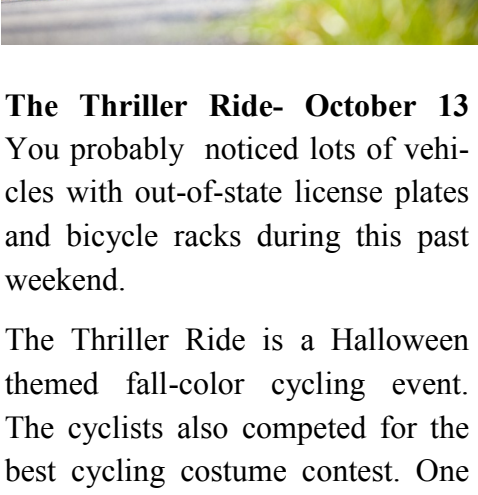


# London-Laurel County Tourist Commission

November 2012

From Kentucky's Vacation Crossroads

Hello. This is the very first issue of the London-Laurel County Tourist Commission Newsletter. The newsletter is designed primarily to inform our local hotel owners & managers and other community leaders of tourism and recreation events going on in or near Laurel County. With Fall being Laurel County's peak fall color season we are beginning to see lots of visitors. If you have questions about the events of this newsletter please give us a call at 606-878-6900 or drop us an email at [tourism@lltc.net](mailto:tourism@lltc.net) or better yet stop in and visit with us. Our office is just off exit 41 of Interstate I-75.



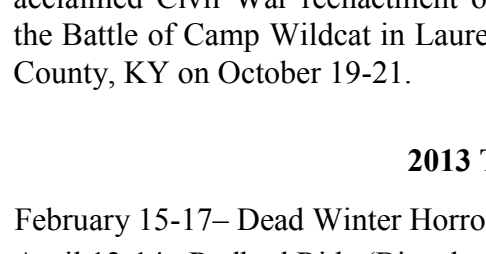
## The Thriller Ride- October 13

You probably noticed lots of vehicles with out-of-state license plates and bicycle racks during this past weekend.

The Thriller Ride is a Halloween themed fall-color cycling event. The cyclists also competed for the best cycling costume contest. One hundred and sixty four (164) cyclists visited us for the inaugural year of this event.

The Thriller Ride offered visitors three routes: The Thriller, a hilly 64 miles, The Zombie, a 44 mile rolling route, and The 13-mile Halloweenie. The Thriller and The Zombie routes offer on-the-road support and rest stops and cover scenic and lightly-traveled roads. All three routes travel through Levi Jackson State Park.

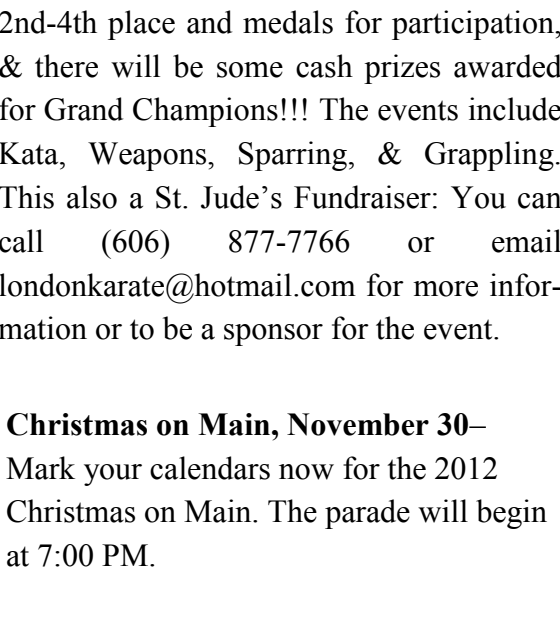
*Preserving history, right here at home!*



**Battle of Camp Wildcat Reenactment, October 19-21.**- The Laurel Home Guard presented their highly acclaimed Civil War reenactment of the Battle of Camp Wildcat in Laurel County, KY on October 19-21.

## London Karate Classic- November 3-

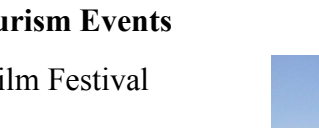
About 500 guests from 5 states are expected for the first annual "London Karate Classic" which will be held in London, KY!! London Karate Academy will be hosting the Belt Championship for the Pro-Am Circuit. There will have be trophies for



2nd-4th place and medals for participation, & there will be some cash prizes awarded for Grand Champions!!! The events include Kata, Weapons, Sparring, & Grappling. This also a St. Jude's Fundraiser: You can call (606) 877-7766 or email [londonkarate@hotmail.com](mailto:londonkarate@hotmail.com) for more information or to be a sponsor for the event.

## Christmas on Main, November 30-

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Christmas on Main. The parade will begin at 7:00 PM.



## Trail Town- The

London-Laurel County Tourist Commission in conjunction with

London Downtown, Inc. and the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce have been working

towards getting London certified as an

"Official Kentucky Trail Town." A trail

town is a destination along an extensive

trail system. Whether the trail is a hiking

trail, paddling trail or cycling trail, users

can venture from the trail to downtown

London to explore our downtown cafes,

hotels and local businesses.

## 2013 Tourism Events

February 15-17- Dead Winter Horror Film Festival

April 12-14- Redbud Ride (Bicycles)

May 4- FLW Wal-Mart Fishing Tournament.

May 30-June 1- ASA Limbsaver Archery Tournament.

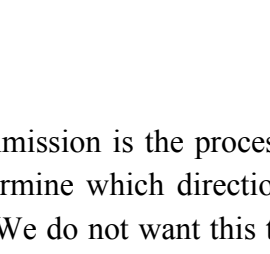
June 6-8 Kentucky State H.O.G. Rally (Motorcycles)

June 24-28 Kentucky State Amateur Women's Championship

Aug. 4-8 PNC Junior Golf Championship, Presented by London and Laurel Co.

August 9-11 Geektopia Comic and Gaming Convention

September 26-29 World Chicken Festival



**Strategic Plan-** The London-Laurel County Tourist Commission is the process

of developing a 5-year strategic plan. This plan will determine which direction

tourism in London and Laurel County takes in the future. We do not want this to

be our plan, but the community's plan. As a community or business leader we

would like to solicit your ideas and incorporate them into the 5-year plan. You

can help us by answering the following 4 simple questions:

1. What are the tourism assets of London Laurel County?
2. What challenges do visitors of London and Laurel County face?
3. What is your vision for tourism in London and Laurel County 10 years from now?
4. What needs to happen NOW for your vision to become a reality?

Please email your responses to [Rodney@laurelkytourism.com](mailto:Rodney@laurelkytourism.com).

**Next London-Laurel County Tourist Commission Meetings:** Everyone Welcome.

November 20- Noon, Heritage Hills