Acadian Village Has Springtime Festival

The Acadian Village and Tropical Gardens will hold the "Welcome to Spring" celebration today and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with highlights like the sale and judging of plants, a variety of contests, and a wide assortment of refreshments.

Throughout the event, the Acadiana Bromeliad Society will hold the annual show in the Latin American Greenhouse in the Alleeam Center's Tropical Gardens. There will also be 8,000 spring bedding and house plants for sale, all grown by the handicapped people who work daily at the Acadian Village.

The schedule of events for both days of celebration is as follows:

SATURDAY — The Hub City Sertoma Club will sponsor a Greased Pig Catching and Greased Pole Climbing Contest for club members.

— A Cane Pole Fishing Rodeo for children 12 years and under will be held at 9:30 a.m. to noon. It is sponsored by the Lafayette Civitan Club. Trophies will be awarded for the biggest, smallest and the most fish caught by an individual. On Saturday evening, the Boy Scouts will perform an Indian dance.

— Flower arranging demonstrations by Mrs. Ira Nelson will be held at 4 p.m.

SUNDAY — In addition to the on-going Bromeliad Show, the Alleeam Center will feature the first Benefit Run, sponsored by the Lafayette Civitan Club at 8:30 a.m. Information concerning the race will be provided before the start of the contest.

— A canoe race will be held on the village bayou at 1 p.m. for 10 to 12 year-olds; 2:30 p.m. for 14 to 17 year-olds and 4:30 p.m. for 18 year-olds and over. A celebrity canoe race will take place at 2:45 p.m. with area radio disc jockeys challenging each other.

— At 2 p.m. there will be an archery demonstration by the Cajun Archery Club. Plant and garden supplies, etc., will be auctioned at 4:35 p.m.

— There will be regular admission at the door each day with no extra charge for those persons entering contests. Food and drinks will be served throughout the events and picnic grounds are available.

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