



Top 10 Reasons to Attend the 2023 Annapolis Pride Parade & Festival

1. **Express Yourself: Protecting LGBTQIA+ Youth.** The theme of this year's parade and festival centers on protecting the tens of thousands of local young people who face increasing hate and assaults to their mental health.
2. **Celebrate with thousands of LGBTQ+ folx and allies.** Last year's parade and festival were wildly successful! Nearly 10,000 attendees came out to show support for our LGBTQ+ community.
3. **LGBTQ+ Visibility and Inclusion Matter!** Support and uplift LGBTQ+ youth and help to create and patronize safe spaces. Join us for this family-friendly event to show your support.
4. **Free PRIDE Swag!** Many of the marching groups and vendors will be giving out Pride swag, resources and product samples.
5. **Over 200 Festival Vendors!** With over 200 vendors expected there's something for everyone! Tons of community resources, faith groups, food, local artisans and businesses.
6. **Music & Entertainment!** Don't miss our entertainment line up on two stages at the festival featuring Bryce Brown, L.Rodgers, Honey Sol, C. Rafter, Ronshaye Clark, M.E.G.A. YOUTH, Priddy Music Academy and more! Nationally-renowned indie artist whatever mike will headline the music portion of the festival.
7. **More Amazing Food!** Thirty-five food trucks and local restaurants will be selling food at this year's event.
8. **You Can Get Married!** The Anne Arundel County Clerk of the Court will be performing marriages (for those with a valid marriage license) and vow renewals at the event!
9. **Celebrate Early!** Annapolis has one of the earliest June Pride celebrations around the mid-Atlantic. This means you can kick off Pride month in Annapolis on June 4 – then head to DC on June 10, Delmarva Pride on June 17 or Salisbury, Baltimore and Frederick on June 24.
10. **There's an app for real-time information.** Annapolis Pride has collaborated with [Where in Annapolis](#) to provide real-time parade and festival information through their app which is available to download for free from Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store.