

The success of our festival is and has been a product of love for Lebanon, dedication and pride. Come see why our community fascinated and inspired Lebanese communities in other states.

The performers are proud to showcase their talent, friends of the TLA donate time and effort, and some show support with their generous sponsorships. We have a beautiful tradition of celebrating Lebanon with Raleigh for the 17<sup>th</sup> year, let's all celebrate it together.

The Lebanese festival takes a lot of preparation and community effort to put together. The parents of dabke troops, board members, friends of the TLA have been helping for months. When you hear our happy music downtown Raleigh, see the pretty stage decorated with the Lebanese flags, the tents, the smell of Lebanese food ready to serve at 12:00, remember to thank the volunteers who started working at 6:00 am and will close the festival long after the music stops. We need your help with set-up and take down. Please sign up to help, this is our and your festival, a festival for all Lebanese.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4bafaa28a46-17th>

Non-stop performances, delicious food, mana'ish are hot of the "sage" with mint, fresh tomato, Zaatar, meat pies, spinach pies, shawarma, and a large variety of desserts will surely bring back memories of Lebanon.

There will be Tawleh and Tarnib tournaments. There will be hookas, Lebanese coffee, as well as Lebanese wine and beer.

The Talent Show will be a fun event for children and young adults who like to play music, sing, dance, magic tricks, etc. Please sign-up ahead- [bearta2@aol.com](mailto:bearta2@aol.com)

Easter Bunny photo op, egg hunt, egg games and children's activities. Our famous fortune teller continues to be in high demand.

The family history tent is also a new idea which allows you to tell your family history with pictures and items you might have around the house. These tent will be roped off. Contact Leann to reserve your space- [leann.ishak@yahoo.com](mailto:leann.ishak@yahoo.com)

Our tabouli contest will settle who has the best tabouli 2015 – ADS, AUB, St Charbel and TLA sent their chefs to compete. It's a fun competition and we need you to come and encourage your team. **We look forward to connecting with everyone!**

The Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies is helping all Lebanese but they now need our help. Please take few minutes to fill out this quick survey which will provide data for their linguistic research. <http://goo.gl/forms/IoHGKvRjoD> The questions are interesting!