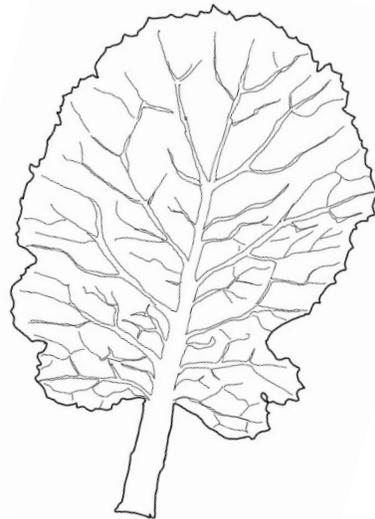
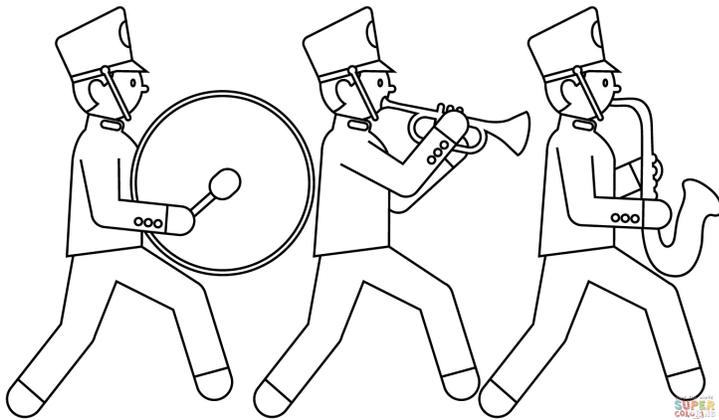


State Collard Festival of North Carolina: Ayden Collard Festival

The bill to make the Ayden Collard Festival the official Collard Festival of North Carolina was sponsored by Rep. Marian McLawhorn of Grifton. She stated that her fellow representatives were amused, but supportive of the bill. The bill passed unanimously in the House in March of 2007, and was approved by the Senate with a vote of 47 to 1 in April of 2007.

The Ayden Collard Festival began in 1975 as a way to celebrate the end of the tobacco harvest. The festival today is less associated with the tobacco schedule and is instead considered a way to reunite after the summer and commemorates the beginning of school.

It is held the first week in September, from the Tuesday after Labor Day until Saturday. Popular events include the Collard parade, the Miss Ayden pageant, an art show, a talent show, and the collard eating contest. The festival also provides entertainment from local bands, as well as amusement rides and activity booths.



Find this activity sheet and others at NCpedia: <http://ncpedia.org/ncpedia-fun-activities>
NCpedia article on the State Collard Festival: <https://www.ncpedia.org/symbol/collard-festival>

Coloring pages: <https://www.supercoloring.com/pages/collard-greens-leaf> and
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