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Sampler



In Wisconsin, when the weather warms up, so do the events. It's time to get out and go. Here's a sampling of some of the many fun and exciting events you'll find in Wisconsin. For even more great events, vacation ideas, travel planning tools, packages and deals and much more, visit travelwisconsin.com.



Bastille Days PHOTO BY JANET MCMILLAN

April

MAR 30-APR 3

MADISON

Wisconsin Film Festival: A four-day exploration of 200 new American independent dramatic and documentary films, animation, experimental restorations and revivals, held in nine theaters in the heart of the city. 608/262-9009, wifilmfest.org.

APR 1-3

MADISON

Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo: 590 booths with exhibits, factory reps, guides and outfitters, new products, rifle, black powder and bow hunting gear, accessories and free seminars. Alliant Energy Center. Fri 2-9pm, Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 9am-4pm. 608/267-3976, deerinfo.com.

APR 2

TOMAH

Tomah Antique Toy Farm Show: Scale replicas of farm tractors & trucks, antique combines & threshers, plus any farm-related equipment, past or present. Tomah Rec Building. 9am-3pm; toy auction, 4pm. 608/372-6907.

APR 7-10

WEST ALLIS

Wheel & Sprocket Bike Expo: Bike show and sale featuring factory reps and experts, clinics, seminars, clothing, accessories, 1000s of bike parts and 1500 fully-assembled bikes ready for sale. Wisconsin Expo Center at State Fair Park. 414/529-6600, wheelandsprocket.com.

APR 15-17

MADISON

Midwest Horse Fair: Top-notch family show with nearly 50,000 attendees, 1,500 horses, and 500 top vendors from across the country. Equine clinics, demonstrations, education, rodeo, Kid's Korral, and shopping for horse owners and enthusiasts. 608/267-3975, midwesthorsefair.com.



Midwest Horse Fair MIDWEST HORSE FAIR PHOTO

NEW LONDON

Big Whopper Weekend Fishing Contest: Fish the Wolf River during the legendary spring Walleye run. Contest prizes in many fish categories, buffalo burgers, concessions, music and a huge raffle. Riverside Park. 920/779-6346, newlondonontourism.com.

APR 29-MAY 1

JEFFERSON

Spring Jefferson Car Show: Swap meet, car corral and car show for classics, collectibles, street rods and trucks. More than 3,000 vendor sites with 1,200 cars for sale. Car Show Sunday only – with more than 2,000 show cars. 608/244-8416, madisonclassics.com.

MERRILL

Central Wisconsin Concertina Festival: More than 100 concertina artists from around the state and beyond play and enjoy their fellow musicians. Food and refreshments, free parking, concertina display. Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. 715/536-9405.

WEST ALLIS

International Gem and Jewelry Show: Exhibitors from around the world offer a huge selection of quality jewelry including loose colored gemstones, fine finished jewelry, fashion jewelry, beads and more. 414/727-8840, wiexpoenter.com.

APR 30-MAY 1

GREEN BAY

TitleTown Train Show: Northeastern Wisconsin's premier train show with 40,000 sq. ft. of model trains, operating layouts and exhibits. Enjoy clinics, vendors, door prizes, and a model judging contest. Brown County Arena. 920/494-7834, ttsgblcc.com.

May

MAY 6-8

GAYS MILLS

Gays Mills Spring Festival: Tour one of Wisconsin's prime apple growing areas including orchards in bloom. Includes a flea market, food stands, May Day celebration, Little Britches Rodeo, and the annual Festival of Folk Music and Dance. 608/735-4810, gaysmills.org.

NELSON TO BAY CITY

Mississippi Valley Partners 100-mile Garage Sale: Bargains on both sides of the Mississippi from Alma north along Hwy. 35 through Nelson, Pepin, Stockholm, and

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Maiden Rock to Bay City. 8am-5pm all three days. Held rain or shine! Mississippi-river.org/calendar/garagesale.html

MAY 6-9

HORICON

Horicon Marsh Bird Festival – Horicon: Experience the peak of the spring bird migration on this 32,000-acre refuge. Enjoy guided bird hikes, bird banding demonstrations, pontoon boat birding adventures, night sounds bus tour, twilight birding by boat and much more. 920/485-4663, horiconmarshbirdfestival.com.

MAY 7-8

MANITOWOC

Horse-A-Rama: Horses that dance, prance, perform tricks, and even paint pictures. Parade of Breeds, seminars, 250 vendors, free pony and wagon rides, Kid's Corral, and lots of good food. Manitowoc County Expo Center. 920/682-9669, horse-a-rama.org.

WOODFORD

Bloody Lake Rendezvous: Visit a pre-1840's reenactment camp. Hear the story of The Battle of Bloody Lake. See knife & tomahawk throwing, as well as primitive shooting competitions. Taste foods of the fur trade era. Black Hawk Park. 608/325-9890, yfc-bloodylake.com.

MAY 13-15

ELKHART LAKE

SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend: The Sportscar Vintage Racing Association offers tightly regulated, wheel-to-wheel racing for owners of vintage and historic cars. 400 participants in ten race groups. Road America. 800/365-7223, roadamerica.com.

STOCKHOLM

Spring Fresh Art Tour: Enjoy a self-guided tour of 12 galleries & studios as well as the splendor of spring in the scenic Lake Pepin area of Western Wisconsin. Discover quaint river towns and meet some fabulous artists. 715/672-8188, freshart.org.

STOUGHTON

Syttende Mai Folk Festival: America's largest celebration of Norwegian "Constitution Day." Two parades, folk dancing, rose-maling, hardanger and quilt exhibits, ethnic food, arts & crafts fair, canoe race, and the annual 20-mile run/walk. 608/873-7912, stoughtonwi.com.

SULLIVAN

Wisconsin State Polka Festival: Nine big bands featuring Dutch, Polish, Czech, Slovenian, and German-style polkas. Two huge wooden dance floors with a dance exhibition Sat night. Fri – Fish Bake and Polka Jam; Sun – Polka Mass. Concord House. 920/474-4545.

MAY 14-15

MUSCODA
Morel Mushroom Festival: Craft fair, flea market, carnival, heavenly fried morels, or you can purchase some to take home. Sat night fireman's annual steak feed followed by fireworks; Sun parade at 2pm. 608/739-3182, muscoda.com.



Syttende Mai Folk Festival PHOTO BY MARY LANGENFELD

MAY 20-22

ASHLAND
Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Fest: A weekend of birding and nature programs at the peak of the spring migration. More than 140 activities to choose from, each guided by knowledgeable local and regional experts. Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. 800/284-9484, birdandnaturefest.com.

GERMANTOWN

Mai Fest: An annual German Spring Festival featuring German cuisine, beer and music and dance. Sponsored by the Deutschstadt Heritage Foundation. 262/251-2853, germantownchamber.org.

MAY 21-22

WISCONSIN DELLS
Automotion: Spring brings antique and collector vehicles to the Dells with more than 900 show cars on display, a car corral with cars for sale, a swap meet, live entertainment and great food. 800/223-3557, wisdells.com.

MAY 27-29

ARCADIA
Arcadia Broiler Days: Activities include a 30-team softball tournament, bicycle tour, 2-mile and a 10km run, talent show, Grand parade on Sun, tractor pull, live

music, and tasty BBQ chicken. Memorial Park. 608/323-3645, arcadiawi.org.

MAY 27-30

BURLINGTON
Chocolate Festival: Midway thrill, musical entertainment, chocolate creations, chocolate Olympics, petting zoo, parade, chocolate eating contest, arts & crafts show, and more. 262/763-3300, chocolatefest.com.

MAY 28-30

BLACK RIVER FALLS
Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-wow: The nation honors its warriors with 450 colorful dancers and 25 singing groups. As a celebration of thanks, the Ho-Chunk nation welcomes all friends and neighbors. Enjoy traditional foods, and a variety of fine Native art and crafts. 715/284-9343, ho-chunknation.com.

MAY 29

MILWAUKEE
Cinco de Mayo Springfest: Two stages of Mexican music and entertainment, Mexican food, carnival rides, children's piñatas and face painting, El Mercadito with merchandise vendors and more. UMOs Headquarters. 414/389-6007, umos.org.

June

JUNE 3-5

LITTLE CHUTE
Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival: Family festival with live music, concessions, parades, carnival rides, and all things cheese. Fri 5pm-mid, Sat 11am-mid, Sun 11am-5pm. 920/788-7390, littlechutewi.org.

LONE ROCK

Country in the Country Music Festival: Regional country music from 26 bands. Chicken BBQ Sat at noon, raffle, on-site camping. Concessions and vendors. Bear Valley Park. 608/647-6655, countryinthecountry.net.

MARSHFIELD

Dairyfest: A June Dairy Month salute including a dairy breakfast (Fri 5-10am), picnic in the park (Fri 5:30-8:30pm), 125 art & craft vendors, gigantic parade, and live entertainment. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 715/384-3454, marshfieldchamber.com.

JUNE 4-5

MANITOWOC

Thunder on the Lakeshore Airshow: One of the best air shows in the Midwest featuring old-time barnstormers, military aircraft, hot air balloons, sea-planes, helicopters, food and plane rides. 920/482-1650, manitowocairshow.com.

JUNE 9-11

LADYSMITH

Northwoods Bluegrass Festival: Bluegrass bands from throughout the Midwest play at the Fairgrounds. Concessions. Thurs & Fri 6-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm. 800/535-7875, ladysmithchamber.com.

STEVENS POINT

Wisconsin Special Olympics Summer Games: 1,600 special athletes compete in swimming, track & field, soccer and power lifting. UW-Stevens Point campus. 800/552-1324, specialolympicswisconsin.org.



Thunder on the Lakeshore Airshow PHOTO BY DON ABRAMS

JUNE 9-12

DARLINGTON

Darlington Canoe Fest: Events include stockcar races, duck races, steak feed, talent show, fireworks, art & craft fair, chicken BBQ, carnival, a parade, an ATV pull, and of course the canoe race. Festival Grounds. 608/776-3067, darlingtoncanoeifest.com.

JUNE 10-12

FOND DU LAC

Walleye Weekend: One of Midwest's largest and most prestigious fishing tournaments. Includes a huge family festival with musical acts, sports tournaments, midway thrills, lots of food and fun. Lakeside Park. 920/923-6555, fdlfest.com.

GREEN BAY

International Bayfest: Northeastern Wisconsin's largest food and music festival with continuous entertainment on four stages, a carnival, food, a world market, boat parade and fireworks. 920/435-5220, artseventinc.com/bayfest.

MERRILL

Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo: Bareback riding, steer wrestling, tie down roping, saddle bronc riding, team roping, women's barrel racing and America's favorite – bull riding. Dances following the Fri & Sat performances. Fairgrounds. 877/907-2757, wisconsinriverprorodeo.com.

MILWAUKEE

Bead and Button Show: Shop the largest consumer bead show in the world with 350+ vendors selling pearls, gems, art glass, seed beads and more. Midwest Airlines Center. 800/554-1448, beadandbuttonshow.com.

MILWAUKEE

Pridefest: The most dynamic pride festival featuring the largest LGBT music showcase in North America. Top national entertainers, commitment ceremony, food and fun. 414/272-3378, pridefest.com.



Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-wow RI & LINDA MILLER

JUNE 11**APPLETON**

Flag Day Parade: The country's largest Flag Day Parade with more than 120 bands and units honoring the flag and those who served to preserve our freedoms. Downtown. 2-4pm. 920/954-9112, appletondowntown.org.

RHINELANDER**Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn:**

Original artwork from more than 150 Midwestern artisans. Held in conjunction with the Headwaters Corvette Club Car Show. Food vendors and music. 9am-3pm, rain or shine. 800/236-4386, rhinelanderchamber.com.

ST. GERMAIN**Walk in the Woods Art Fair:**

Fine art fair featuring pottery, paintings, photography, handmade jewelry and furniture. Wine tasting with fine cheeses and live music. City Park. 10am-4pm. 800/727-7203, st-germain.com.

JUNE 11-12**CAMBRIDGE****Cambridge Pottery Festival & US Pottery Games:**

An all-clay art fair. Potters from all over the country meet to exhibit, sell & participate in the US Pottery Games. Food, pottery auction, entertainment. 608/423-3780, cambridgepotteryfestival.org.

HILLSBORO**Cesky Den Czech Festival:**

Ethnic festival featuring two days of Czech food, polka music, dancing, arts and crafts fair, bake sale (Sat), Czech story teller, flea market, and a car show. Fireman's Park. 608/444-0106, ceskyden.com.

NEENAH**Neenah StreetBall Challenge:**

Hundreds of 3-man & 3-woman basketball teams compete in this annual 3-on-3 tournament. Max competition, good food, live music and great spectator sport. 920/725-8326, streetball3on3.org.

JUNE 11-19**MARINETTE****Porterfield Country Music Festival:**

Nine days of top country music from top country stars. VIP area, concessions, camping. Green's Green Acres. 715/7892-130, countrymusicfestival.com.

JUNE 16-19**ELKHART LAKE****SCCA June Sprints:**

More than 400 amateur competitors race in 24 classes during this event, one of the Sports Car Club of America's largest races and the first in the Triple Crown of Racing. Road America. 800/365-7223, roadamerica.com.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN**Prairie Villa Rendezvous:**

Largest buckskinner and fur trade reenactment in the Midwest. The annual Rendezvous includes a black powder shoot, primitive bow shoot, primitive cooking contest and more. Held at Villa Louis. 800/732-1673, prairieduchien.org.



Monroe Balloon Rally PHOTO BY RJ & LINDA MILLER

RICHLAND CENTER**Wisconsin High School Rodeo Finals:**

Competition in 13 events: bareback & saddle bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing, pole bending, cutting, calf roping, breakaway roping, and more. Fairgrounds. Performances Fri & Sat at 1:30 & 7pm, Sun 1pm. 608/604-3879, cowboycalendar.com/wihsra.

JUNE 17-18**MONROE**

Monroe Balloon Rally: Mass launches at the fairgrounds both days. Enjoy Swiss Colony's Taste of Monroe, an arts & crafts show, car show and more; all downtown on the city's historic courthouse square. 608/325-7648, monroeballoonrally.com.

JUNE 17-19**COLUMBUS****Columbus Carriage Classic:**

Graceful horses, authentic carriages, and drivers in period attire. Includes pleasure driving, obstacle course, and a peoples' choice award. Concessions. Fireman's Park. 920/623-5325, columbuscarriageclassic.com.

CUSTER**Renewable Energy & Sustainable Fair:**

Learn about green living. The largest event of its kind in the world, the fair features more than 200 workshops, 275 exhibits, tours and demonstrations, plus entertainment. 715/592-6595, the-mrea.org.

MACKVILLE**Mackville Nationals Truck & Tractor Pull:**

Souped-up trucks and tractors in pulls Fri & Sat. Sun is Family Day (free admission) with a farm pull at noon, chicken dinner, pedal pull & live entertainment. 920/739-0398, mackvillenationals.com.

MERRILL**Central Wisconsin Polka Festival:**

Festival brings top Wisconsin bands to play. Polka church service Sun at 10:30am. Food and beverages, camping (for a small fee), and parking. 877/907-2757, merrillchamber.com.

MILWAUKEE**Lakefront Festival of the Arts:**

One of the country's finest juried art shows featuring 181 national artists. Sculpture garden, wine garden, entertainment, and concessions. Milwaukee Art Museum. 414/224-3200, mam.org.

Polish Fest:

Largest Polish festival in the U.S. with folk dancing, polka music, a cultural village, the Chopin Youth Piano Competition, marketplace, and plenty of wonderful Polish food. 414/529-2140, polishfest.org.

PHILLIPS**Czech-Slovak Festival:**

Arts & crafts fair (Sat & Sun), live music, Squeeze Box Jamboree, Polka Mass (Sat), Kolache contest, pork & sauerkraut dinner (Sun 11am), and antique farm equipment. Phillips High School. 888/408-4800, czech-slovak.tripod.com.

JUNE 18**MENOMONIE****Nature Valley Bicycle Festival:**

Top men and women riders compete in one of the final stages of the Nature Valley Grand Prix. 95-mile road race finishes with thrilling laps in the city. Bike expo, stunt riders and family fun. 715/235-9087, naturevalleybicyclefestival.com

JUNE 18-19**CRANDON****Brush Run Off-Road Races:**

The Midwest's largest off road vehicle rally with racing in 19 classes including pick up trucks and buggies. Concert, fireworks, and 40,000 spectators. 715/478-2222, crandonoffroad.com.

MILWAUKEE**IZOD Indy Car Series:**

Open-wheel racing returns to the Milwaukee Mile for the Father's Day weekend. Top drivers compete in the 225-mile feature at the country's oldest continually-operated motor speedway. 800/722-3840, milwaukeemile2011.com.

RACINE**Spike 'n Splash Festival:**

Includes the EVP Men's & Women's Pro Beach Volleyball Championships on Sat, as well as the U.S. Grand Prix of Watercross (jet ski racing) Sat and Sun. North Beach. 800/272-2463, racine.org.

JUNE 19**CHIPPEWA FALLS****FATFAR – Frenchtown Annual Tube Float and Regatta:**

The world's largest tubing and float event. More than 5,000 people will float down the scenic Chippewa River. Activities, food, entertainment and tubes for rent. Loopy's Grill & Saloon, starts at noon. 715/723-5667, 723loop.com.

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SCCA June Sprints ROAD AMERICA PHOTO

JUNE 21-25**OSHKOSH**

Country USA: Country music festival with some of the hottest stars in Nashville. Special VIP and reserved seating, camping, marketplace & concessions. Ford Festival Park. 800/326-7469, countryusaoshkosh.com.

JUNE 23-25**DARBOY**

Chickenfest: Features carnival rides, live music and stage shows, a craft show, pedal tractor pull for the kids, chicken dance competition, parade, fireworks, and tasty fried chicken. Darboy Community Park. 920/996-1153, darboyleft.org.

ELKHART LAKE

Bucyrus 200 NASCAR Nationwide Series: Exciting NASCAR racing on Sat, with the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series and Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge. Road America. 800/365-7223, roadamerica.com.

RICHLAND CENTER

Star Spangled Celebration : Country music festival featuring top Nashville artists. Camping, concessions, VIP passes, general admission and souvenirs. Krouskop Park. 800/375-0876, starspangled.com.

JUNE 23-26**CADOTT**

Country Fest: The top country music stars, plus a natural amphitheater, superb sound system, jumbo screens, great food, 8,000 spacious campsites, show-ers, security, medical, and convenient stores. 800/326-3378, countryfest.com.

HAYWARD

Musky Festival: The city's largest celebration with more than 100 art & craft booths, sidewalk sales, live music, street dances (Fri & Sat nights), huge parade (Sun 1:30pm), food, carnival, and fishing expo. 715/634-8662, muskyfestival.com.



Badger State Summer Games WISCONSIN SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PHOTO

TOMAH

Super National Truck & Tractor Pull: The top pullers from across the US and Canada compete in 6 shows on 2 tracks. Craft & flea market all four days, plus food and fun. 608/372-2081, tomahtractorpull.com.

JUNE 24-26**APPLETON**

Badger State Summer Games: Annual Olympic-style games for Wisconsin amateur athletes of all ages and abilities. Competition in 27 summer sports at sites around the city. 608/226-4780, badgerstategames.org.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Cheese Curd Festival: Enjoy music, a horse show, parades, Star Search, fireworks, truck & ATV pulls, an arts & crafts show (Sat & Sun 10am-5pm) and lots of delicious cheese curds. 715/273-6442, ellsworthchamber.com.

NEW GLARUS

Heidi Festival: Arts and crafts, flea market, entertainment and food in the city park on Sat & Sun 9:30am-5pm. "Heidi" drama performed at the high school Fri 7:30pm, Sat 10am & 1:30pm, Sun 1:30pm. 608/527-2095, swisstown.com.

JUNE 25-26**CEDARBURG**

Cedarburg Strawberry Festival: A strawberry and arts weekend featuring "Arts On The Avenue," a painting competition, fresh strawberries, strawberry desserts & pancakes, food courts, live music, and hayrides. 888/894-4001, cedarburgfestivals.org.

SPRING GREEN

Spring Green Arts & Crafts Fair: Annual juried show featuring more than 200 national artists. Concessions. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm. 608/588-7082, springgreenartfair.com.

JUNE 29-JULY 10**MILWAUKEE**

Summerfest: The world's largest music festival. This 11-day music marathon offers top-notch entertainment on 11 stages. Enjoy 800 bands, good food, comedians, demonstrations, and the sky tram. Closed on Monday, July 4th. 414/273-2680, summerfest.com.

JUNE 26**ELKHORN**

Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: One of the largest antique and collectible shows in the Midwest with more than 500 dealers. Concessions, free parking, booths inside and out. 414/525-0820, nlpromotionsllc.com.

JUNE 30-JULY 3**MADISON**

National Women's Music Festival: A four-day musical and cultural event with workshops, concerts, comedy, theatre presentations, and marketplace. A celebration of the art of womanhood. 608/267-3976, wiaonline.org.

JUNE 30-JULY 4**HUDSON**

Hudson Booster Days: Midway thrills, live entertainment, parade & fireworks (Sat), car show (Sun), fabulous concessions and fun for the youngsters. 800/657-6775, hudsonboosters.net.

LA CROSSE

Riverfest: Top name entertainment and family fun. Fireworks, food fair, arts & crafts, river cruises, live music, and dance. Riverside Park. 608/782-6000, riverfestlacrosse.com.

OSHKOSH

Sawdust Days: Stroll through the early Wisconsin Living History Village (1750-1860) with more than 400 reenactors. Enjoy mid-way thrills, musical entertainment, flea market, parade and fireworks. Menominee Park. 920/235-5584, sawdustdays.com.

July**JULY 1-3****MANAWA**

Mid-Western Rodeo: PRCA-sanctioned rodeo with a rodeo parade on Sat (10:30am), dance each evening, and a chicken BBQ each day. Performances Fri at 7:30pm, Sat at 2 & 7:30pm, and Sun at 2pm. 800/747-6336, manawarodeo.org.

ONEIDA

Oneida Pow-wow: Experience traditional Native American foods, arts and crafts, music, dance and culture. Spectacular Grand Entry as more than 400 dancers enter the Norbert Hill Center Pow-wow Grounds. 920/496-5020, oneidation.org.

RED CLIFF

Annual Red Cliff Traditional Pow-wow: Experience Chippewa hospitality and culture at this colorful event overlooking Lake Superior. Fri – open drumming; Sat – grand entries at 1 & 7pm, Sun at 1pm. 715/779-3700, redcliff-nsn.gov/default.htm.

JULY 1-4**STEVENS POINT**

Riverfront Rendezvous: Four stages of musical entertainment, comedy/magic shows, downtown parade, lighted boat parade, food & beverage tents, fireworks. Pfiffner Park. 715/346-1531, stevenspoint.com.

JULY 2**MADISON**

Rhythm & Booms: The Midwest's largest fireworks display set to music. Festivities include midway thrills, entertainment, live bands and a food court. Warner Park. 608/833-6717, rhythmandbooms.com.

JULY 7-9**SPOONER**

Heart of the North Rodeo: One of the most popular professional rodeos in the Midwest with three performances, live music, clowns, vendors, a huge parade (Sat at 1:30pm), and a Sunday barbecue. 800/367-3306, spoonerrodeo.com

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Summerfest PHOTO BY ROBB FISCHER

JULY 7-10

BELOIT

Riverfest: Three stages of non-stop music featuring rock, metal, country, reggae, R&B, hip hop, jazz, blues, and gospel. Entertainment, carnival for the kids, concessions and merchandise. Riverside Park. 800/423-5648, beloitriverfest.com.

IOLA

Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet: The largest automotive festival in the Midwest with 2,500 collector show cars, 4,500 sites for parts vendors, 1,000 collectible cars for sale, 1,600 campsites and 120,000 spectators. Concessions from breakfast to 4-course chicken dinners. 715/445-4000, iolaoldcarshow.com.

RHINELANDER

Hodag Country Music Festival: Top country music stars perform in a natural outdoor amphitheater. Camping on the grounds, food, beverages and concessions. 715/369-1300, hodag.com.

JULY 8-10

TREMPEALEAU

Catfish Days: Great musical entertainment, a bike race, walk-run, fishing tournament, midway thrills, craft show, Sunday parade (2pm) and fireworks (10pm), and Catfish sandwiches. 608/534-6335, trempealeau.net.

JULY 9-10

MADISON

Art Fair on the Square: A spectacular cultural event with 200,000 art lovers buying ceramics, fiber, glasswork, jewelry, leather, wood, painting, photography, and sculpture from 450 national juried artisans showing on the Capitol Square. Enjoy live music and great food. 608/257-0158, mmoca.org.

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PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Villa Louis War of 1812 in Wisconsin: Wisconsin's only battle from the War of 1812 is recreated. Living history camp, narrated battle each day, fur trade encampment, fireworks on Sat night. 608/326-2721, villalouis.org.

JULY 10-17

MILWAUKEE

Native American Indigenous Games: Eight days of sporting competition among 6,000 young athletes (13 and up) from across Canada and the US. Competition in 15 sports including baseball, basketball, soccer, field lacrosse, and archery. 920/217-0309, milwaukee2011.com.

JULY 14-17

CADOTT

Rock Fest: This four-day blowout brings the best of rock music to the Chippewa Valley. Enjoy great food and music while camping in one of the 8,000 campsites, all within walking distance of the concert area. 800/326-3378, rock-fest.com.

ELKHART LAKE

Kohler International Challenge with Brian Redman: One of the largest gatherings of vintage racers in the US with 30 classes of

cars in ten race groups. Onsite camping, auto concourse Fri & Sat nights. Road America. 800/365-7223, roadamerica.com.

MILWAUKEE

Bastille Days: The streets of Milwaukee are transformed into a mini French city complete with an Eiffel Tower. Enjoy street entertainers, a marketplace, more than 25 sidewalk cafes and the annual Storm the Bastille 5K fun run/walk. 414/271-1416, easttown.com.

JULY 15-16

RACINE

Great Midwest Dragon Boat Festival: 70 teams of 25 people paddle beautifully decorated dragon boats for great prizes. Enjoy food, drink and the lake-front. Samuel Myers Park. 262/632-0530, midwestdragonboatfestival.com.

JULY 15-17

GRANTSBURG

World Championship Snowmobile Watercross: Oval and drag racing snowmobiles on the open water of Memory Lake. Vintage snowmobile show, fireworks, two bands and more. 715/463-4269, grantsburgwatercross.com.



World Championship Snowmobile Watercross PHOTO BY RJ & LINDA MILLER

JULY 16

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Karner Blue Butterfly Festival: Visit the "Butterfly Learning Center" downtown and the butterfly's nearby habitat sites. Also includes a 5K-10K-Half-Marathon run, a grand parade, artists and crafters, historical museum tours and more. 715/284-5850, downtownblackriverfalls.com.

EAGLE RIVER

Artarama: Juried art show with 125 artisans. Live music, concessions, "Young at Art" tent. Riverside Park. 9am-3pm rain or shine. 800/359-6315, artarama-er.com.

PORT WASHINGTON

Fish Day: "The World's Largest Outdoor One-Day Fish Fry." Includes a huge parade, live music on five stages, arts and crafts show, car show and fireworks. 800/719-4881, portfishday.com.

JULY 16-17

MOUNT HOREB

Art Fair: Annual fair features more than 125 artists showing and selling along the "Trollway" (Main Street). Food and concessions. Downtown. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 888/765-5929, trollway.com.



Villa Louis War of 1812 in Wisconsin RJ & LINDA MILLER

Wisconsin County Fairs

Ashland County Fair, Marengo.....	Sept 1-5
Barron County Fair, Rice Lake.....	July 13-17
Bayfield County Fair, Iron River.....	Aug 25-28
Brown County Fair, DePere.....	Aug 17-21
Buffalo County Fair, Mondovi.....	Aug 4-7
Burnett County Fair, Grantsburg.....	Aug 18-21
Calumet County Fair, Chilton.....	Sept 2-5
Central Wisconsin State Fair, Marshfield.....	Aug 31-Sept 5
Columbia County Fair, Portage.....	July 20-24
Dane County Fair, Madison.....	July 20-24
Dodge County Fair, Beaver Dam.....	Aug 17-21
Door County Fair, Sturgeon Bay.....	Aug 3-7
Dunn County Fair, Menomonie.....	July 27-31
Eau Claire County Fair, Eau Claire.....	July 27-31
Florence County Fair, Florence.....	Aug 26-28
Fond du Lac County Fair, Fond du Lac.....	July 19-24
Grant County Fair, Lancaster.....	Aug 14-21
Green County Fair, Monroe.....	July 20-24
Head of the Lakes Fair, Superior.....	July 19-24
Iowa County Fair, Mineral Point.....	Sept 1-5
Jackson County Fair, Black River Falls.....	Aug 3-7
Jefferson County Fair, Jefferson.....	July 6-10
Juneau County Fair, Mauston.....	Aug 17-21
Kewaunee County Fair, Luxemburg.....	July 21-24
La Crosse Interstate Fair, West Salem.....	July 13-17
Lafayette County Fair, Darlington.....	July 13-17
Langlade County Fair, Antigo.....	July 27-31
Lincoln County Fair, Merrill.....	July 20-24
Manitowoc County Fair, Manitowoc.....	Aug 23-28
Marinette County Fair, Wausaukee.....	Aug 25-28
Marquette County Fair, Westfield.....	July 7-11
Monroe County Fair, Tomah.....	July 27-31
Northern Wisconsin State Fair, Chippewa Falls.....	July 13-17
Oconto County Fair, Gillett.....	Aug 25-28
Oneida County Fair, Rhineland.....	Aug 4-7
Outagamie County Fair, Seymour.....	July 26-31
Ozaukee County Fair, Cedarburg.....	Aug 3-7
Pierce County Fair, Ellsworth.....	Aug 11-14
Polk County Fair, St. Croix Falls.....	July 28-31
Portage County Fair, Rosholt.....	Sept 2-5
Racine County Fair, Union Grove.....	July 27-31
Richland County Fair, Richland Center.....	Sept 7-11
Rock County Fair, Janesville.....	July 26-31
Rusk County Fair, Ladysmith.....	Aug 10-14
Sauk County Fair, Baraboo.....	July 12-17
Sawyer County Fair, Hayward.....	Aug 18-21
Shawano County Fair, Shawano.....	Aug 31-Sept 5
Sheboygan County Fair, Plymouth.....	Sept 1-5
St. Croix County Fair, Glenwood City.....	July 21-24
Taylor County Fair, Medford.....	July 28-31
Trempealeau County Fair, Galesville.....	July 21-24
Vernon County Fair, Viroqua.....	Sept 14-18
Vilas County Fair, Eagle River.....	Aug 11-14
Walworth County Fair, Elkhorn.....	Aug 31-Sept 5
Washburn County Fair, Spooner.....	July 28-31
Washington County Fair, West Bend.....	July 26-31
Waukesha County Fair, Waukesha.....	July 20-24
Waupaca County Fair, Weyauwega.....	Aug 24-28
Wausara County Fair, Wautoma.....	Aug 18-21
Winnebago County Fair, Oshkosh.....	Aug 9-14
Wisconsin Valley Fair, Wausau.....	Aug 2-7

JULY 17**APPLETON**

Appleton Old Car Show & Swap Meet: Open to collector cars 1980 and older. Dash plaques to first 1000 cars, trophies in over 32 classes, over 1200 cars expected, free admission, no registration fee, large swap meet, car corral, food and fun. 920/954-9112, appletonoldcarshow.com.

JULY 21-23**EAU CLAIRE**

Country Jam USA: Three solid days of country music's top entertainers, tons of vendors, great food and a fantastic venue with on-site camping. 800/780-0526, countryjam.com.

JULY 21-24**TWIN LAKES**

Country Thunder: One of the finest outdoor country music festivals in the nation. The 2011 headliner will be Rascal Flatts. 45+ bands, VIP packages, camping on-site, concessions. 866/802-6418, countrythunder.com.



Germanfest in Milwaukee PHOTO BY MARY LANGENFELD

JULY 21-24**MILWAUKEE**

Festa Italiana: America's largest Italian cultural event with nine stages of entertainment. Enjoy the Sicilian brass marching band, the cultural exhibits, nightly fireworks, fantastic food, music, dance, and the colorful procession following Sunday Mass. 414/223-2808, festaitaliana.com.

PULASKI

Pulaski Polka Days: One of the largest annual Polish and polka fests in the Midwest. Art & craft

show, Polka Mass, parade, camping, fireworks, firemen's water fights, food, fun, and dancing to some of the best polka bands in the world. 920/822-3869, pulaskipolkadays.com.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Tournament: The largest water ski show tournament in the world held on lovely Lake Wazeecha. The winning team qualifies for the national tournament. 715/323-3875, aquaskiers.org.

JULY 25-31**OSHKOSH**

EAA AirVenture: The world's largest gathering for recreational pilots and aviation enthusiasts features more than 10,000 airplanes and 750,000 spectators, with 500 forums, seminars and workshops, 700 product exhibitors, and concessions. Air shows daily at 3pm. EAA Headquarters. 920/426-4818, airventure.org.

JULY 28-31**WISCONSIN RAPIDS**

Betty Boop Festival: Animator Grim Natwick was a Rapids native son. Enjoy an animation exhibit, an animated film festival, visual art gallery, animation art collectors show, a dance, and Betty look-alikes. 800/554-4484, bettyboopfestivalwi.com.

MILWAUKEE

German Fest: North America's largest annual German festival. Enjoy tasty German cuisine, watch craftsmen demonstrate old-world artistry, enjoy a colorful brass band, or stroll the Marketplace for unique gifts. 414/464-9444, germanfest.com.

JULY 29-30**PRAIRIE DU CHIEN**

Prairie Dog Blues Festival: Two big days of legendary blues bands. Camping, waterski shows, concessions and fun. Motel shuttle and camping on site. 888/567-1567, prairiedogblues.com.

JULY 29-31**HAYWARD**

Lumberjack World Championships: 21 events including men's and women's logrolling, sawing, chopping, pole climbing, and boom running. More than 100 competitors vie for \$50,000 in prize money. 715/634-2484, lumberjackworldchampionships.com.

KENOSHA

Taste of Wisconsin: Fifty specialty food and beverage vendors, three stages of live music, culinary

demonstrations, nutrition seminars, special exhibits and fun children's activities. Free admission. 800/654-7309, tasteofwi.com.

SYMCO

National Antique Tractor Pull & Threshere: Tractor pull, antique tractor display, country music concert, food and fun. A big event in a tiny town. Threshere Grounds. 920/596-2446.

JULY 30-31**BARABOO**

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show: This wild & wooly re-enactment features cowboys doing trick riding, roping and shooting, sharpshooter Annie Oakley, a stagecoach hold-up and a territorial bank robbers. Circus World Museum. 866/693-1500, circusworldmuseum.com.

BAYFIELD

Bayfield Festival of the Arts: More than 90 artists from nine states gather for one of Wisconsin's largest juried art shows. In addition to exhibitors in the park, Bayfield artists will open their studios and galleries for tours. 715/779-3335, bayfield.org.

August

AUG 4-6**SHEBOYGAN**

Brat Days: The city's top summer festival offers the opportunity to sample brat tacos, brat pizza, brat gyros, NY-style brats, and the festival's kingpin – the double brat. Free entertainment on three stages, the Brat Trot run, and a huge parade on Saturday morning. 920/912-6172, bratdays.org.

ST. GERMAIN

Pig in the Pines Rib Fest: Professional rib vendors cook ribs every day; try a sampler or a meal. Live bands and lumberjack shows daily, midway thrills and plenty of fun. 800/727-7203, piginthepines.com.

AUG 4-7**LA CROSSE**

Great River Festival of Jazz: Continuous jazz all weekend featuring nationally known jazz artists, a Marti Gras parade, jazz liturgies, after hours jam sessions and more. Oktoberfest Grounds. 608/791-1190, lacrossejazz.com.

PARK FALLS

Flambeau Rama: Live music, a food court, midway thrills, an arts & crafts fair (Sat & Sun), car show, run/walk, parade, frog jumping contest, flea market and sidewalk sales. 877/762-2703, parkfalls.com.

SPOONER

Jack Pine Savage Days: Arts & crafts fair, food booths, car show, fun run, live music Thur-Sat nights, outdoor sports show, pancake breakfast on Sun. Downtown. 800/367-3306, jackpinesavage.com.

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EAA Airventure PHOTO BY ROBB FISCHER



Lumberjack World Championships PHOTO BY ROBB FISCHER

AUG 4-14

MILWAUKEE/WEST ALLIS Wisconsin State Fair: The state's largest annual event blends Wisconsin agricultural traditions with the excitement of a contemporary, urban event. International Bazaar, midway thrills, blue ribbon livestock, 30 stages of top-name entertainment, and world-famous cream puffs. 800/884-3247, wistatefair.com.

AUG 5-7

BOSCOBEL Muskets & Memories Civil War Weekend: One of the largest reenactments in the upper Midwest with 1,000 participants. Enjoy guided tours of the camps, military drills, and battle reenactments. 608/872-2274, musket-sandmemories.net

AUG 6

RIPON Cookie Daze: CookieTown USA comes alive with entertainment, food, prizes, the Cookie Blaster Rocket Shop, the cookie Bake &

Taste competition, horse drawn wagon rides, and Cookie Drops. Barlow Park. 920/748-6764, rison-wi.com.

AUG 7

CHIPPEWA FALLS Indianhead Car Show and Swap Meet: Features more than 700 collectible show cars, parts vendors, food and fun. Fairgrounds; gates open at 7am. 715/832-0552, indianheadcarshow.com.

AUG 12-13

West Bend \$1,000 Cache Ba\$h: A free, family-oriented get-together for geocachers. More than 500 caches within a 7-mile radius – and a \$1,000 top prize. Regner Park. 262/338-2666, wbachamber.org.

AUG 12-14

ALGOMA Shanty Days Celebration of the Lake: Includes ethnic foods, a parade, fireworks, 5k walk/run, entertainment, arts & craft fair, street market, and more. 800/298-4888, Algoma.org.

LA CROSSE

Irishfest: Irish music and dance, Irish Market, cultural tent, wee folks area, tea garden, horse-drawn cart rides, plus food vendors with Irish stew, Irish potatoes, corned beef and more. Southside Fest Grounds. 800/658-9424, irishfestlax.org.

MOSINEE

Little Bull Falls Logjam Festival: Historical exhibits, a fur-trade rendezvous, food, entertainment, logging competitions and demonstrations. River Park. 715/693-4336, logjamfestival.org.

AUG 13-14

GREEN LAKE Fine Arts Show: Beside the village mill pond and dam, more than 100 Midwestern artists exhibit their original works. Live music, food and refreshments. Playground Park. 10am-5pm. 920/294-6950, greenlakeartshow.com.



Holmen Kornfest PHOTO BY RJ & LINDA MILLER

IOLA

Iola Vintage Military Show: Military vehicles & equipment, WWII and Vietnam battle reenactments with pyrotechnics, living history encampments, swap meet, camping, USO-type shows and parades. 715/445-4005, iolavms.com.

LAKE GENEVA

Art in the Park: Outdoor, juried, fine art fair on beautiful Geneva Lake. 100 artists exhibit pottery, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, photography, painting, sculpture and wood. Library Park. Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 800/345-1020, lakegenevawi.com.

AUG 14

ELKHORN Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: One of the largest antique and collectible shows in the Midwest with more than 500 dealers. Concessions, free parking, booths inside and out. 414/525-0820, nlpromotionsllc.com.

AUG 17-21

LAKE GENEVA Venetian Festival: Arts & craft fair (Sat 10am-6pm & Sun 10am-5pm), carnival rides, lighted boat parade, great food, live entertainment, and fireworks at dusk on Sun. 262/248-4416, lakegenevajaycees.org.

AUG 18-21

MILWAUKEE Irish Fest: The nation's largest Irish festival celebrates Irish music, dance, culture, sports and cuisine. More than 300 entertainers on 17 stages, Celtic canines, and Irish wares delight the Irish in everyone. Summerfest Grounds. 414/476-3378, irishfest.com.

SUN PRAIRIE

Sweet Corn Festival: Great stage shows, music, carnival thrills, games, a parade, craft show, petting zoo, food and all the sweet corn 100,000 hungry mouths can eat. Angell Park. 608/837-4547, sunprairiechamber.com.

AUG 19-20

WAUSAU Big Bull Falls Blues Festival: Held annually on Fern Island Park, an intimate and unique atmosphere for blues fans to enjoy national and local blues artists. Mingle in the beer garden and enjoy festival-style foods. 715/843-0748, wausauareaevents.org.

AUG 19-21

BARABOO Badger Steam and Gas Engine Show: Wisconsin's largest display of early American steam-powered and gas-powered equipment. Food, flea market, arts & crafts, and entertainment. 608/522-4905, badgersteamandgas.com.

HOLMEN

Holmen Kornfest: Fresh corn-on-the-cob, chicken BBQ, live music, carnival thrills, water fights, tractor pulls, Fri night fireworks, Sat parade (11am), car show on Sun. Halfway Creek Park. 608/792-6728, discoveralaska.com.

PORT WASHINGTON

Maritime Heritage Tall Ship Festival: Annual celebration of the city's rich Great Lakes' maritime culture. Showcases 4-6 tall ships with step-aboard tours, day sails, food, entertainment stages, artisans and family activities. 262/305-4220, portmaritimefestival.com.

AUG 22-28

ERIN US Men's Amateur Golf Championships: 300 of the sport's top amateur players vie for the title in the 111th annual championship tournament. Erin Hills Golf Course. 262/670-8600, erinhills.com

AUG 21

GREENBUSH Wade House Arts & Crafts Fair: Browse 100 booths displaying handmade wares and traditional craft creations ranging from dolls and baskets to woodcrafts and jewelry. Tour the Wade House for only \$3.50 (today only). 9am-5pm. 920/526-3271, wadehouse.org.

AUG 25-28

CUMBERLAND Rutabaga Festival: Since 1932, Cumberland has celebrated the humble rutabaga with the Rutabaga Olympics, carnival thrills, live music nightly, a run/walk, grand parade, craft show and family fun. 715/822-3378, cumberland-wisconsin.com.

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Wisconsin State Fair PHOTO BY ROBB FISCHER

AUG 26-27**SUPERIOR****Lake Superior Dragon Boat**

Festival: The largest dragon boat festival in the country with more than 100 international teams competing. Food and beverage vendors, arts and crafts fair, fireworks, and entertainment both days. 866/336-1107, lakesuperiordragons.com.

AUG 26-28**GREEN BAY**

Artstreet: This fine arts festival features more than 200 juried regional and national artists, performing arts on four stages, an edible arts area, kid's art area, demonstrations, literary arts area, and ethnic foods. 920/435-5220, artseventsinc.com/artstreet.

MILWAUKEE

Mexican Fiesta: Spice up your life with authentic Mexican food, rousing mariachi bands, the foot-stomping rhythms and colorful swirl of traditional dancers, and the handmade treasures of the marketplace. 414/383-7066, mexicanfiesta.org.

AUG 27-28**EAGLE RIVER**

Festival of Flavors: Fifty booths of Wisconsin products, including local culinary offerings, Wisconsin wineries and cheese producers, foodie seminars & demos, cheese carving, a bike tour and more. 715/477-0645, eaglerivermainstreet.org.

WAUSAU**IWA Snowmobile Watercross**

Racing: Snowmobiles racing on water; drag and oval racing with plenty of excitement and laughs. Held rain or shine - bring your lawn chairs. 715/536-9490, iwausa.org.

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Cap off a summer of fun with these great Labor Day weekend events...

SEP 2-3**PRAIRIE DU SAC****Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw:**

This fun event features flying cow pies, music, art & craft fair (Sat), parade and food. Two stages of entertainment on Sat. Marion Park. 608/643-5463, wiscowchip.com.

SEP 2-4**ALLENTON****Big Concertina Jamboree**

Festival: Continuous concertina jamming on three stages with all players welcome. Concertinas to play, trade, or sell. Dancing, Friday fish fry, food and camping. Veterans' Park. 888/974-8687, visitwashingtoncounty.com.

CRANDON**Borg Warner World****Championship Off-Road Races:**

Off-road racing at its most thrilling with 40,000 fans and top competitors. Televised on the ESPN Speed channel. 888/611-6092, crandonoffroad.com.

SHEBOYGAN**Dairyland Surf Classic:**

The largest freshwater surfing competition in the world includes surfing and paddling competitions. Surfboard show. Saturday night surf party and much more. Free to the public. Participation Fee. 920/254-1050, visitsheboygan.com.

SEP 2-5**EDGERTON**

Rock River Threshere: Train rides, steam calliope, gas tractors, a large flea market, blacksmith shop, vintage cars & trucks, big tractor parade each day at 3pm. Thresherman's park. 608/868-2814, threshere.org.

PORTAGE**WWSDA Sheep Dog Trial:**

See more than 100 talented border collies gather sheep at a 500-yard distance, drive a ¼-mile triangular course and pen them with only the aid of voice and whistle commands. Food on the grounds. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. McLeish Farm. 608/845-6996, wwsda.org.

SEP 3-4**MADISON**

Taste of Madison: More than 65 local restaurants, 20 beverage stands and four entertainment stages draw an estimated 150,000 attendees. Food items range from \$1 to \$4. Capitol Square. 608/226-4780, madisonfestivals.com.

NEW GLARUS**Wilhelm Tell Festival:**

Community performers present the "Tell Pageant" in English (Sat 2pm & Sun 1pm) and in German (Sat 10am). Also enjoy Swiss music, a yodeling contest, art fair and kid's lantern parade (Fri 8pm). 800/527-6838, wilhelmtell.org.

SEP 3-5**BLACK RIVER FALLS****Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-wow:**

The fall pow-wow is a celebration of thanks to the Nation's friends and neighbors. Enjoy drumming, colorful competition dancing, and a variety of Native crafts. Grand entries Sat & Sun at 3pm, Mon at 1pm. 715/284-9343, ho-chunknation.com.

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