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APRIL/MAY EVENTS

Libations of Spring – Kohler – April 13-14, 2018

Celebrate spring with an array of craft beer, cocktails and cuisine in Kohler. Destination Kohler chefs and drink specialists will guide you through a two-day adventure of beer and spirits tastings and seminars. It's the perfect spring adventure for seasoned connoisseurs and the uninitiated alike.

855-444-2838; www.destinationkohler.com

Central Wisconsin Concertina Festival – Merrill – April 20-22, 2018

In the mood for music? Head to central Wisconsin for a gathering of more than 100 concertina artists from around the state and beyond. Treat your ears to live music, and your taste buds to food and refreshment.

715-536-9474; www.merrillchamber.org

Midwest Horse Fair – Madison – April 20-22, 2018

The Midwest Horse Fair is one of the top 3-day horse fairs in America with over 300 clinics, seminars, and educational events for horse owners and aficionados. More than 500 commercial exhibitors offer shopping opportunities and hundreds of horses make it the equine event for everyone.

920-623-5515; www.midwesthorsefair.com

Between the Bluffs Beer, Wine and Cheese Festival – La Crosse – April 28, 2018

Head to La Crosse for the Between the Bluffs Beer, Wine and Cheese Festival. Choose from over 200 quality beers and 45 types of wine to sample, as well as food offerings including gourmet cheeses and pretzels. Taste the delicacies while enjoying live music and games.

800-658-9424; www.betweenthebluffsbeerfest.com

Taylor County Maple Festival – Medford – April 28, 2018

Satiate your sweet tooth with all things maple, in tribute to Wisconsin's state tree, the sugar maple. This deliciously sweet fest abounds with maple delicacies, including a pancake breakfast, maple syrup tastings, maple syrup food stands and maple cooking demonstrations. Top off the day with a maple-flavored root beer float.

715-748-4729;

www.taylorcountylionsmaplefest.org

Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championship – Dodgeville – April 28, 2018

Pass the cheese, please! Taste some of the best grilled cheese Wisconsin has to offer as over 150 competitors create unique, mouthwatering sandwiches. Each entry is judged on presentation, taste and style with divisions for professionals, amateurs and kids. Save room for Wisconsin cheese, beer and wine tastings.

608-935-9200;

www.grilledcheesewisconsin.com



Grilled cheese sandwiches at the Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championship. Photo courtesy of Travel Wisconsin.

Earth Arts Studio Tour – St. Croix Falls – May 4-6, 2018

Feed your creative side in St. Croix Falls. Earth Arts unites artists and artisans in the upper St. Croix valley to promote creativity and awareness of the arts. The members of Earth Arts will be opening their studios for their Spring Art Tour where art lovers can take a self-guided tour with 28 tour stops and over 45 artists.

715-483-3150; www.earthartswi.org

Rites of Spring: Fiber Frolic – New Holstein – May 4-6, 2018

From flock to fleece, the 4th annual Rites of Spring: Fiber Frolic offers opportunities to meet the animals (goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas) that supply the fibers for the wares you buy. Stock up on fine yarns, fiber, fleeces, goat milk body care products, felted creations, finely crafted garments and much more.

920-286-0971; www.ritesofspringfiberfrolic.com

Martinis in May – St. Germain – May 5, 2018

Visit the Whitetail Inn on May 5 for the 5th Annual Martinis in May competition. Bartenders from all over the Northwoods will compete for several titles. While the bartenders battle it out, enjoy live entertainment from Tony Ocean and hors d' oeuvres courtesy of Whitetail Inn.

715-477-2205; www.st-germain.com

Horicon Marsh Bird Festival – Horicon – May 10-14, 2018

It's a bird, it's a plane it's...the annual Horicon Marsh Bird Festival! Grab your binoculars for spectacular bird-spotting on the guided boat tour or during the day-long bird scavenger hunt. Bring the family and celebrate Mother's Day with the "Mom and Me, Birding Together" beginners guide class.

920-485-4663; www.horiconmarshbirdfestival.com

Motorsports Mayhem – Richland Center – May 12, 2018

Rev your engines for adrenaline-pumping fun for the whole family at Motorsports Mayhem. Get your heart racing with the Twisted Metal Demo Derby with over 100 different cars. There's also event classics like the truck and tractor pull and ATV, dirt bike and snowmobile drags. Stick around for the kids pedal pull and helicopter rides throughout the day.

608-604-5068; www.hybridredneck.com

Fishing Has No Boundaries – Hayward – May 18-19, 2018

This two day event brings anglers of all abilities together and hosts anywhere from 120-140 participants for the unique fishing experience. Through adaptive angling equipment, FHNB provides recreational fishing opportunities for all anglers regardless of their age, race, gender, or ability.

715-634-3185 ext. 4; www.haywardfhn.org

Syttende Mai Folk Festival – Stoughton – May 18-20, 2018

Tap into your Scandinavian heritage for Norwegian Constitution Day. Featuring two parades, folk dancing, ethnic food, an arts & crafts fair, and more, there's sure to be something for everyone. Don your authentic apparel and enjoy America's largest celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day.

608-873-7912; www.stoughtonwi.com

Wisconsin State Polka Festival – Milwaukee – May 18-20, 2018

Put on your polka pants for the official state dance of Wisconsin. Featuring eleven big bands featuring Dutchmen, Polish, Czech, Slovenian, and German style polka music. Fun for the whole family includes dance lessons, food, prizes, and crowning the Wisconsin State Polka Queen.

262-894-6998; www.wisconsinpolkaboosters.com

Automotion – Wisconsin Dells – May 19-20, 2018

Roll in to the hottest car show of the year. It's a fun-filled weekend on wheels where over 1,200 classic cars will be on display. Featuring rare antiques, vintage classics, a car corral for selling cars, swap meet and much more. Live entertainment and scrumptious food put the finishing touch on this classic show.

800-223-3557; www.wisdells.com

Morel Mushroom Festival – Muscoda – May 19-20, 2018

Take the Lower Wisconsin River Road to Muscoda – “Wisconsin’s Morel Capital.” Participate in this fest where visitors can munch on fried mushrooms, try a mushroom brat or just buy some to take home. Saturday night offers a fireman's annual steak feed followed by fireworks. Grab a Morel Microbrew and stroll through the flea market and car show. Wrap up the weekend with the parade down Wisconsin Avenue.

608-739-3182; www.muscoda.com

Starlight Festival 2018 – Williams Bay – May 26-27, 2018

Reach for the stars and let your kids get hands-on with science and astronomy at this amazing STEM event. This fun learning opportunity provides music, art, science, and interaction with scientists. Celebrate George Ellery Hale's 150th Birthday Bash and take a look through the world's largest refracting telescope.

262-245-5555; starlightfestival.com



Brats on the grill. Photo Courtesy of the World's largest Brat Fest

World's Largest Brat Fest – Madison – May 25-28, 2018

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend with a whole lotta fun (and brats) at the World's Largest Brat Fest in downtown Madison. Brat Fest brings the community together each Memorial Day weekend for four days of free music, fantastic food and family-friendly fun to help kick off the start of summer. Take part in the Brat Fest Bun Run, Brat Fest Memorial Bike Ride or play a little “Bratneyball,” the fest version of volleyball. Don't forget to pick up a brat, or two or three, and relax under the stars at the fireworks show on Sunday

608-236-2031; www.bratfest.com

Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks by artist Sean Kenney – Green Bay – May 25-Aug. 19, 2018

Connect with nature in a whole new way as you marvel at Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks exhibit by artist Sean Kenney. Visitors will encounter 12 larger-than-life sculptures inspired by nature and made from half a million LEGO bricks set within the Garden's lush

landscapes. In addition to the sculpture display, special events include: a Build-tanical Challenge, a LEGO Movie Block Party and LEGO Robotics. 920-490-9457; www.gbbg.org

Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day – Spooner – May 26, 2018

Paddle on over to the Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum for the canoe and wooden boat show, where exhibitors display all shapes, sizes and styles of canoes and boats. Get a tour of the museum, learn about the history and heritage of canoe building and check out the museum's 2018 exhibits.

715-635-2479; www.wisconsincanoeheritagemuseum.org

Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-Wow – Black River Falls – May 26-28, September 1-3, 2018

Head to Black River Falls for this celebration of community and thanks as the Ho-Chunk Nation welcomes visitors to its annual Memorial Day and Labor Day pow-wow weekends. Enjoy colorful displays of traditional dancing, drumming and hand-made crafts.

715-284-9343; www.ho-chunknation.com

JUNE EVENTS

Dairyfest – Marshfield – June 1-3, 2018

Say cheese and salute the dairy industry during three delectable days of dairy festivity. The annual Dairyfest includes the Cheese Chase 2K and 5K runs, the Mayor's Dairyfest Breakfast, arts & crafts vendors, a downtown Dairyfest parade and an old-fashioned picnic and movie in the park.

715-384-3454; www.marshfieldchamber.com

Spring Art Tour – Mount Horeb, Verona, Mazomanie, Black Earth, Cross Plains, Blue Mounds – June 1-3, 2018

Ride through the breathtaking driftless area on this self-guided tour. Tour art studios located in the countryside that are rarely open to the public. Spark your creativity by watching artists demonstrate and exhibit paintings, pottery, sculptures and more.

608-437-5914; www.mhaaa.org

Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Exhibition – Appleton – June 1, 2018- Jan. 6, 2019

Celebrate your favorite football teams at the 6,000 square-foot Gridiron Glory exhibit. Featuring hundreds of artifacts from the Hall of Fame's collection, this interactive multimedia experience includes new material from NFL Films, immersive fan experiences and a specially-designed "Hometown Tribute" section to spotlight the local team.

920-735-9370; myhistorymuseum.org

Wright and Like 2018 – Spring Green – June 2, 2018

This Frank Lloyd Wright Wisconsin event features guided interior tours of private homes and public buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright and his contemporaries. Tour stops include the A.D. German Warehouse and the Wyoming Valley School as well as private homes designed by Herb Fritz Jr., Charles Montooth, James Pefferkorn, William Wesley Peters and Arthur Dyson.

608-287-0339; www.wrightinwisconsin.org

Carp Fest – Two Rivers – June 2-3, 2018

It's good old-fashioned fishing fun at Carp Fest in Two Rivers, with world-class anglers competing for the title of Wisconsin State Carp Champion and for a position on Team USA at the World Carp Championship. Enjoy the live music, food and refreshments throughout the weekend. New for 2018, a cornhole tournament.

920-973-0761; www.trba.info

Outta Sight Kite Flight – Kenosha – June 2-3, 2018

Colorful kites will fill the sky above Kennedy Park for this annual event. This year, this free family event will feature a giant whale kite more than 100 feet long. Presented by the City of Kenosha, the Kite Society of Wisconsin & Illinois, Gift of Wings, and more.

414-305-3145; www.giftofwings.com

State Parks 4-Pack of Fun – Statewide – June 2-3, 2018

This is the perfect weekend to try new outdoor activities or return to one you haven't done in a long time. All Wisconsin state parks offer free admission and anglers can enjoy free fishing statewide without a trout stamp or license. Hit one of Wisconsin's 42 breathtaking trails for free hiking and ATV access.

888-936-7463; dnr.wi.gov

Door County Lighthouse Festival – Sturgeon Bay – June 8-10, 2018

The Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival includes boat excursions and guided land-based tours to all 11 historic Door County lighthouses. This much-anticipated festival gives visitors access to lighthouses that aren't typically open to the public, including Chambers Island, Plum Island and Sherwood Point lighthouses.

920-743-5958; www.dcomm.org

PrideFest – Milwaukee – June 8-10, 2018

Celebrate diversity at one of the largest LGBT+ festivals in the nation, with over 37,000 guests and a dynamic line up of local and national music and entertainment acts, including comedian Fortune Feimster. The fest wraps up with the Milwaukee Pride Parade.

414-272-3378; www.pridefest.com

Walleye Weekend – Fond du Lac – June 8-10, 2018

Each year Walleye Weekend reels in over 70,000 visitors for three days of fishing tournaments, music and fun. Check out all the angler action at the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament. Enjoy tons of family-friendly activities, live music and the exciting Pier Pups Canine Dock Jumping Competition.

920-923-6555; www.walleyeweekend.com

Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo – Merrill – June 8-10, 2018

With a variety of events including bareback riding, steer wrestling, women's barrel racing and bull riding, it's easy to see why the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo has been voted the Best Medium Size Rodeo several times over. Other events include a children's boot scramble, an antique tractor pull, live music and dances following the Friday and Saturday performances.

715.536.9474; www.wrpr.rodeo



Hiking in Wyalusing State Park. Photo Courtesy of Travel Wisconsin.

Beer, Bacon, Cheese – New Glarus – June 9, 2018

This Wisconsin trifecta is sure to tempt your taste buds. Stroll through the streets of New Glarus for samples of craft beer from local breweries as well as specialty meats and artisan cheeses with some of the greatest flavors known to man.

800-527-6838; www.swisstown.com

Roofing of the Goats Parade – Sister Bay – June 9, 2018

At this uniquely Door County parade, all goats are invited to participate! Goat costumes, goatees, Viking hats, and other creative endeavors are encouraged. The parade will finish with the first 'Roofing of the Goats' of the season at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant. Stay for the Swedish pancake eating contest, live music, and games and crafts for kids.

920-854-2812; www.cometosisterbay.com

Blue Ox Music Festival – Eau Claire – June 14-16, 2018

Put on your dancing shoes and head to Eau Claire! The Blue Ox Music Festival features a lineup of the finest acoustic groups touring the nation, and offers a weekend of entertainment appealing to both family concert goers and festival fans. With household names of both traditional bluegrass acts and the top modern string band music, the whole weekend will be an event to remember.

715-839-7500; www.blueoxmusicfestival.com

Monroe Balloon and Blues Fest – Monroe – June 15-16, 2018

The Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival is a great way to watch air balloons floating across the gorgeous green landscape of Green County Wisconsin. Watch air balloon launches and enjoy outstanding food, beer, and shopping opportunities all while listening to some of the best Blues bands around.

608-214-3852; www.monroeballoonrally.com

The Energy Fair – Custer – June 15-17, 2018

Presented by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, this fair is the nation's longest running renewable energy event. Be one of more than 13,000 attendees to learn about clean energy and sustainability through workshops, exhibitors and inspirational keynote speakers.

715-592-6595; www.theenergyfair.org

Lakefront Festival of the Arts – Milwaukee – June 15-17, 2018

Welcome the return of summer at the ever-popular Lakefront Festival of Art (LFOA) event. Visit one-on-one with more than 170 jury-selected artists as they sell their jewelry, paintings, ceramics, metalwork, photography, and more. With fun-filled interactive activities in the Children's Area, live music, wine garden and beer garden, a silent art auction, the sculpture garden, and a variety of food offerings, there is something for everyone.

414-224-3200; www.lfoa.mam.org

Brews and Blues – Lancaster – June 16, 2018

Get ready for good beats and eats on US Highway 61, the Blues Highway. Sip microbrews, local wines and listen to original blues music from the Madtown Mannish Boys and the main show, The Chris O'Leary Band.

608-723-2820; www.brewsandblueswi.com

Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck & Tractor Pull – Tomah – June 21-23, 2018

It's rip, roarin' fun at this competition featuring some of the largest, high-octane truck and tractors you've ever seen! Check out one of the five fabulous shows on one of two pull tracks.

Don't forget to stop by the flea market, arts and crafts show, and the commercial vendor exhibits.

608-372-2081; www.tomahtractorpull.com



Cheese curds

Photo Courtesy of Ellsworth Cheese Festival

Ellsworth Cheese Curd Festival – Ellsworth – June 22-23, 2017

Head to the “Cheese Curd Capital of Wisconsin” for deep fried cheese curds, cheese curd-influenced dishes, the hilarious cheese curd eating contest, live music and a classic car show. Work off all that cheese with the Cheese Curd 10K and 5K Run or stay later for the beer, wine and cider tasting.

715-273-6442; <http://www.cheesecurdfestival.com/>

Greek Fest – West Allis – June 22-24, 2018

Opa! Come celebrate the best of Greece with a weekend full of Greek-style fun. Munch on a wide variety of authentic foods, like Greek chicken, baklava and the crowd-pleasing gyros. Shop for imported gifts at the Greek Market or take a break and see live Greek music and dancing.

414-461-9400; www.annunciationwi.org

Musky Festival – Hayward – June 22-24, 2018

Visit Wisconsin's Northwoods for this community-driven fishing tradition. Hayward's largest festival starts off with the Musky Run/Walk or the Minnow Run for children under 12-years-old. Take part in the catch and release fishing contest, sidewalk sales and live music. Wrap up the weekend with the grand parade featuring the Musky Festival Queen.

715-634-8662; www.muskyfest.com

PGA Champions Tour: American Family Insurance Championship – Madison – June 22-24, 2018

Last year's event brought out more than 65,000 golf fans. This year, Wisconsin-native Steve Stricker returns to host. Featuring an 81-player field competing for a \$2 million purse, all proceeds will go to the Steve Stricker American Family Insurance Foundation and American Family Hospital.

608-242-4100 ex. 21755; www.amfamchampionship.com

Uncork Summer – Ellison Bay – June 23, 2018

Kickoff summer with great food, wine, music and lots of fun at the fifth annual Door County season opener. Sample Door County's best eats and get your groove on with Door County's finest mid-century jazz musicians.

920-854-3305; www.uncorksummer.com

Summerfest – Milwaukee – June 27-July 1 and July 3-8, 2018

The World's Largest Music Festival is back with a musical line-up that's bigger and better than ever. This year's fest welcomes over 1,000 musical acts, including Imagine Dragons, Dave Matthews Band, Blake Shelton and more.

414-273-2680; www.summerfest.com

Oneida Pow-Wow – Oneida – June 29-July 1, 2018

The Oneida tribe's annual Fourth of July weekend pow-wow boasts an impressive grand entry of more than 400 dancers. Experience the Native American art, traditions and culture with hand-made crafts and authentic foods. 920-713-0608; www.exploreoneida.com

JULY EVENTS

National Women's Music Festival – Madison – July 5-8, 2018

Grab your girls for this four-day festival celebrating all things women. More than a music festival, there are plenty of activities to enjoy. Listen to speakers discuss spirituality and other cultural topics during the workshops. Comedy acts and theatre presentations will keep you entertained. Creativity flows through this fest with the marketplace, newly released film showings and a writer's series.

317-395-3809; www.nwmf.info

Eaux Claires Music and Arts Festival – Eau Claire – July 6-7, 2018

Creative energy is flowing throughout this two-day festival. Watch live music and performance art spread over multi-stages and 60-acres of beautiful landscape. More than just a music festival, this is an artistic experience.

617-371-3955; <http://eauxclaires.com>

Red Cliff Pow-Wow – Red Cliff – July 6-8, 2018

Enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Superior and the Apostle Islands at this annual pow-wow. Experience the traditional Chippewa customs and hospitality with lively dancing, drumming and a variety of Native American vendors.

715-779-3700; www.redcliff-nsn.gov

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days – Marshfield – July 10-12, 2018

Ag enthusiasts unite for Wisconsin's largest agricultural show. More than 600 exhibitors will showcase the latest technology in production agriculture. Engage the whole family in the youth area and during field product demonstrations. Fuel up with farm-to-table food and stroll by the machinery display.

920-988-4313; www.wifarmtechnologydays.com

Wisconsin Maritime Museum's Subfest – Manitowoc – July 13-15, 2018

Find your sea legs and get onboard for everything submarines. The three-day festival is celebrating the 75th birthday of its restored World War II submarine, the USS Cobia. Music, good eats and family activities make this festival a party. Get a look at the vessel on a self-guided tour and view other boats during the lighted boat parade. Don't miss fireworks over the Manitowoc River.

920-684-0218; www.wisconsinmaritime.org

Bear River Pow-Wow – Lac du Flambeau – July 13-15, 2018

Be immersed in traditional Native American culture at this annual pow-wow. Tribes from all over the United States come together to celebrate. Feast, sing and dance with the community. Purchase Native American arts and crafts as a reminder of the historic culture.

715-588-3333; lacduflambeauchamber.com

60th Annual Art Fair on the Square – Madison – July 14-15, 2018

Calling all art connoisseurs for this massive art fair featuring over 500 artist exhibits. Nearly 200,000 people fill up Capitol Square to view art and entertainment of all kinds. Enjoy music

while dining outdoors and stroll past booths to see sculptures, handmade clothing and accessories, paintings and much more.

608-257-0158; www.mmoca.org

Three Rivers Roleo Log Rolling Tournament – Onalaska – July 14-15, 2018

Pack lawn chairs and a cooler to watch professional and amateur log rollers make a splash on the Black River. Log rollers featured on ESPN and locals will both compete for the win. For the fourth year in a row, the tournament will be broadcasted on FOX Sports North and Fox Sports.

608-769-3583; www.threeriversroleo.com

Lumberjack World Championships – Hayward – July 19-21, 2018

These lumberjacks won't be wearing flannel as they chop, saw, climb and log roll their way to gold. Over 100 competitors from around the world unite in Hayward to vie for world records and prize money. Check out over 21 events throughout the three days of exciting activities.

715-634-2484;

www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com



Lumberjack World Championships. Photo courtesy of Travel Wisconsin.

Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championship – Wisconsin Rapids – July 19-22, 2018

Stay nice and dry on Red Sand Beach as you watch the largest water ski show tournament in the world. Wisconsin water ski teams gather to perform jaw dropping routines to win the top title. View new ski equipment, boats and motors and munch on food from the concessions.

715-459-6117; www.aquaskiers.org

Pulaski Polka Days – Pulaski – July 19-22, 2018

Put your dancing shoes on for a weekend of Polish traditions and polka dancing. Polka pros can enter the dance contest and lessons are offered for newbies. Check out the arts and crafts fair and try traditional Polish food. Register for the Polka Trot 5K or enter your kiddos in the Ms. Pulaski Polka Days Pageant. Close the weekend out with Polish style Lutheran and Catholic masses. 920-822-3869; www.pulaskipolkadays.com

Honor the Earth Pow-Wow – Hayward – July 20-22, 2018

Experience an authentic tribal pow-wow in the Northwoods. Lac Courte Oreilles and Ojibwe traditions are celebrated with Native American dress, dancing and music. Learn about the tribe's heritage and culture at this traditional event.

715-634-8934; www.lco-nsn.gov

Festa Italiana – Milwaukee – July 20-22, 2018

This is the country's largest Italian-American festival with more than 100,000 visitors heading to Milwaukee's lakefront for a weekend of Italian culture and tradition. Enjoy authentic foods, wine tastings, cooking demos and the hilarious cannoli-eating contest. Don't miss the Italian flag-throwers, fireworks and traditional mass on Sunday morning.

414-223-2808; www.festaitaliana.com

Big Top Parade and Circus Celebration – Baraboo – July 21, 2018

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, celebrate the Circus City and the home of the Ringling Bros. with this impressive two-day event. The parade has over 75 fun, wacky circus-themed entries, including this year's grand marshals: the former artists and employees of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

608-356-8333; www.bigtopparade.com

Fish Day – Port Washington – July 21, 2018

Reel in your family for a full day packed with activities. Kick off the day with the 8K run or the two-mile run/walk. After, don't miss the gigantic parade through downtown Port Washington. Take a spin on thrilling carnival rides and get a bird's eye view of Upper Lake Park on a helicopter ride. Walk through the classic car and arts and crafts shows. Finish the day with a spectacular firework display over the harbor.

262-284-0900; www.portfishday.com

EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh – July 23-29, 2018

It's "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" at AirVenture in Oshkosh, bringing together over 50,000 spectators to honor the past, present and future of flight. This event offers daily air shows, workshops and seminars, including industry vendors and over 10,000 airplanes.

920-426-4800; www.airventure.org



EAA AirVenture. Photo Courtesy of Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

German Fest – Milwaukee – July 27-29, 2018

Don your favorite lederhosen and say "prost" to the nation's largest German festival. This fest serves more than 10,000 pounds of sauerkraut and brats – which is equal to the length of eight Empire State Buildings. Stay for traditional German beer, entertainment and a cultural village.

414-464-9444; www.germanfest.com

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Reebok CrossFit Games – Madison – Aug. 1-5, 2018

Find out who's the Fittest Man and Woman on Earth during this grueling competition reflecting the best aspects of gymnastics, weightlifting, running, rowing and more. Athletes from around the world will compete in a true test of athletic ability going head to head in events featuring constantly varied functional movements performed at high intensity. Spectators will get a thrilling show as competitors endure their way through the CrossFit Games.

608-255-2537; www.visitmadison.com

Mile of Music – Appleton – Aug. 2-5, 2018

Stroll down College Ave. to hear original music performed by singer-songwriters and bands. Every genre will be showcased including: indie rock, country, gospel, R&B, jazz, folk and everything in between. Stop in the local shops, restaurants and bars for a taste of local flavor.

920-750-5029; www.mileofmusic.com

Wisconsin State Fair – West Allis – August 2-12, 2018

It isn't summer without a trip to the Wisconsin State Fair. Experience agricultural life with a trip through the numerous animal barns. Hop on a ride in the amusement park and game area. Try new fair foods like deep-fried maple bacon cookie dough, Caribbean crepes or the classic Wisconsin cream puff. Thirty stages offer tons of live music, and this year includes Montgomery Gentry, Casting Crowns and Reba McEntire. 414-266-7000; www.wistatefair.com

Pig in the Pines – St. Germain – Aug. 3-4, 2018

Don't forget to grab napkins before you dig into the pig. Fill up on pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ, succulent ribs, pork kabobs, bacon wrapped appetizers and gourmet ham sandwiches. Listen to live bands and dance away your full belly. Children will enjoy outdoor rides and games. 715-477-2205; www.piginthepines.com

Menominee Nation Contest Pow-Wow – Keshena – August 3-5, 2018

Embrace the Native American spirit with this eclectic pow-wow, featuring singing and dancing competitions, delicious traditional cuisine and a collection of handmade beadwork and apparel. 715-524-2139

Soil Sisters – Monroe – Aug. 3-5, 2018

Put on your farmboots and get ready to get dirty at this celebration of Wisconsin farms and rural life. Numerous woman-owned farms are hosting dinners and culinary workshops in Green County. New this year, workshops will be held every day so you can learn more about incorporating farm fresh ingredients in meals. 608-329-7056; <http://soilsisters.wixsite.com/soilsisters>

Venetian Festival – Lake Geneva – Aug. 15-19, 2018

Plenty of lakeside fun is to be had at this five day festival. The kiddos will love playing games at the carnival and adults will enjoy strolling through the craft fair. Watch the jaw-dropping water ski show and stay near the water for the venetian lighted boat parade; this year's theme is Viva Las Vegas. Local cuisine and entertainment will keep you full and entertained. The fest closes with fireworks over the lake. 262-215-9112; www.lakegenevajaycees.org

Irish Fest – Milwaukee – August 16-19, 2018

The luck of the Irish is in Milwaukee for the world's largest celebration of Celtic music and culture. This four-day fest features a bevy of fun with an Irish Soda Bread baking contest, and the Celtic Kitchen, featuring a modern take on traditional Irish food. There's also the cultural village and more than 100 entertainers, including emerging international artists. Save room for lots of traditional fare like bridies, bangers and mash, and an Irish twist on the Wisconsin cream puff. 414-476-3378; www.irishfest.com

Mexican Fiesta – Milwaukee – August 24-26, 2018

It's three days of Mexican fun, food and culture at Milwaukee's lakefront. Enjoy international dancing and music at the Cultural Pavilion or stroll through the marketplace for handmade crafts and yummy food. Save room for the Mexican bread "pan de feria," baked by authentic Mexican bakers. 414-383-7066; www.mexicanfiesta.org

Harley-Davidson 115th Anniversary Celebration – Milwaukee – Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2018

Celebrate the iconic motorcycle manufacturer's milestone anniversary during Labor Day weekend. Get your adrenaline pumping at the moto-carnival during the high wire motorcycle show and the thrilling Wall of Death. For the first time in over 100 years, watch bikes race along the shoreline of Lake Michigan during beach races. Get a taste of local food and music at neighborhood street parties. Don't miss the ultimate H-D biker games as trained police officers and civilian riders test their riding skills.

414-287-2789; www.harley-davidson.com

Wisconsin Highland Games – Waukesha – Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018

Showcase your Celtic spirit during a weekend full of the British Isles culture. View athletes compete in Scottish and Irish games. Watch bag pipers and graceful dancers perform. Explore your family history and browse through the kilt sale. Live music and traditional pub fare will keep the whole family occupied.

262-548-7200; www.wisconsinscottish.org

World Championship Off-Road Races – Crandon – Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018

Get ready to rev your engine at the home of the largest permanent off-road racing facility in the world. Join the more than 50,000 people who attend to see racers get down and dirty. Don't miss the new BFGoodrich Unlimited Off-Road and King of the Hammer's Ultra4 races. Set up a campsite with your friends and family, sit back and listen to rockin' live music.

715-478-2222; www.crandonoffroad.com

Vino Fest – Tomah – Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018

Raise your glass for Wisconsin-grown wine and spend a weekend relaxing along the shores of Lake Tomah. Enjoy sampling wine and browse the artisans' craft tents and farmers market. Join short fitness classes and refresh with a mimosa. Spilled wine isn't a catastrophe at the Spiller Fashion Show, but a one-of-a kind design showcased on the runway. Watch the hilarious Vinolympics competition, where athletic ability is not required, and more events wine lovers will enjoy.

608-372-2166; www.vinofest.org

Los Dells Festival – Wisconsin Dells – Sept. 1-2, 2018

The first major Latin music and arts fest in the Midwest returns for more family friendly multicultural entertainment. Music fanatics will love the packed lineup and creative energy. Foodies will enjoy the culinary programs and good eats. Set up camp to take advantage of the last summer weather.

608-847-4275; www.losdells.com



*Indian Summer Festival.
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Indian Summer Festival – Milwaukee – Sept. 7-9, 2018

Milwaukee's lakefront is home to North America's largest American Indian festival. This year's theme, "Language is Culture," celebrates the diverse languages that make up this festival. Come for the popular competition pow-wow with impressive grand entry dancers, and stay for lacrosse demonstrations, the Native American marketplace, contemporary music and lots of traditional foods.

414-604-1000; www.indiansummer.org

Dog Days of Stockholm – Stockholm – Sept. 22, 2018

Dog lovers unite to celebrate their pups on the Lake Pepin waterfront. Meet rescue dogs for adoption to find your new best friend. Practice down dog with canine friends in Doggy Yoga and fix your dog's ailments with dog acupuncture. Learn about dogs in show business and play with tons of pups.

715-442-2237; www.dogdaysofstockholm.org

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