



# Summer Events

June 2010 – August 2010

## Chicago

June 11 – 13

### **2010 Chicago Blues Festival**

Columbus Drive from Monroe to Balbo  
Chicago

The Chicago Blues Festival is the largest free blues festival in the world and remains the largest of Chicago's Music Festivals. During three days on six stages more than 640,000 blues fans prove that Chicago is the "Blues Capital of the World." For more information please call (312) 744-3370 or visit <http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html>

June 25 – July 4

### **Taste of Chicago 2010**

Grant Park  
Chicago

Taste of Chicago is the largest free-admission food and music festival in the U.S., this 10-day party provides everything from hot dogs to haute cuisine dished out by 70-plus area restaurants. The event features live music, cooking demonstrations, a wine garden and family fun. For more information please call (312) 744-3370 or visit <http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html>

June 25 - August 27

### **Family Adventure Days**

Chicago Cultural Center  
Chicago

Plan a family adventure to explore Chicago this summer! Family Adventure Days take place 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, rain or shine, every Friday (and Saturday August 28), and are recommended for families with children ages 6 and up. These action-packed, guided day trips are the perfect way to experience the kaleidoscope of sights, sounds and flavors that define Chicago's neighborhoods. Tickets are \$12 and include lunch and transportation from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street. To purchase tickets please call (312) 742-8497, or visit <http://www.explorechicago.org> for more information.

July 11

**Mercury's Canine Cruise**

Michigan Avenue & Wacker Drive  
Chicago

Take your dog for a boat ride on Mercury's Canine Cruise. Visitors and their dog will enjoy a 90-minute Urban Adventure Cruise featuring dog parks and dog friendly hotels. All leashed dogs welcome. See Chicago's River and Lakefront while spending quality time with your best friend. Reservations are not necessary. Enjoy lunch with your dog following the cruise at O'Brien Riverfront Café. For more information please call (312) 332-1368 or visit [www.mercuryskylinecruiseline.com](http://www.mercuryskylinecruiseline.com).

August 6 – 8

**Lollapalooza 2010**

Grant Park - From Balbo to Monroe  
Chicago

Lollapalooza offers a destination-based experience that celebrates the lush green park as much as the talent on stage. In addition to music the event includes a Chicago art exhibit, festival food and a family-friendly area called Kidzapalooza. For more information please call (888) 512-7469 or visit [www.lollapalooza.com](http://www.lollapalooza.com).

August 14 – 15

**Chicago Air and Water Show 2010**

North Avenue east of Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago

This summertime favorite brings approximately two million people to the lakefront each year to witness the many feats that will be attempted and performed both in water and air. Civilian and military aircrafts perform at soaring heights, while parachute teams and flying aerobatic acts entertain the audience below. Don't miss headliners the U.S. Army Golden Knight Parachute Team and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels as they demonstrate high-flying precision formations and awe-inspiring solo maneuvers. For more information please call (312) 744-3370 or visit [www.chicagoairandwatershow.us](http://www.chicagoairandwatershow.us).

August 24 – 29

**Tall Ships 2010**

Navy Pier  
Chicago

The American Sail Training Association has partnered with Great Lakes United to bring a fleet of international tall ships to the Great Lakes, as part of the Great Lakes United Tall Ships Challenge 2010 race series. Join us as the tall ships race through all five Great Lakes making port appearances in cities throughout the US and Canada. Two important initiatives sail along with the tall ships: water conservation education and youth sail training. For more information please call (312) 567-8500 or visit [www.navy pier.com/tallshipschicago](http://www.navy pier.com/tallshipschicago).

# Chicagoland

June 2 –6

## **Taste of Wheaton**

208 W. Union Ave. (Liberty and Main St.)  
Wheaton

This yearly festival is complete with food vendors, arts and crafts, carnival rides, games, entertainment, a beer garden, business expo, baggo tournament and more. For more information please call (630)665-4710 or [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com](http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com).

June 4

## **Straight No Chaser**

Genesee Theatre  
203 Genesee St.  
Waukegan

A 10-man a cappella group originally formed by college buddies at Indiana University more than a decade ago never imagined being featured on national TV or topping the charts. The group's now famous version of "The 12 Days of Christmas" peaked in the top 10 on the Christmas radio chart and reached the top 15 at Hot AC. For more information please call (847)782-2366 or visit [www.geneseetheatre.com](http://www.geneseetheatre.com).

June 5 – 6

## **8th Annual Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts**

Park Avenue and Deerfield Road

The Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts is a notable community event featuring artists from the area and across the country. All art media will be represented including: acrylic, oil and watercolor painting, glass, jewelry, ceramics, fiber, sculpture, mixed media, furniture, printmaking, photography, stone and wood. An internationally diverse food selection will be available to visitors in addition to live musical entertainment all weekend. For more information please call (847)945-5000 or visit [www.dwevents.org/deerfield.html](http://www.dwevents.org/deerfield.html).

June 6

## **Dandelion Wine & Fine Arts Festival**

Bowen Park  
1800 N. Sheridan Rd  
Waukegan

Join us for Waukegan's 11th Annual Ray Bradbury's Dandelion Wine Fine Arts Festival where artists, music, dance and drum circle "As Waukegan Grows" will delight visitors of all ages. Come and enjoy this one-of-a-kind festival. For more information please call (847) 360-4740 or visit [www.waukeganparks.org/events/events.htm](http://www.waukeganparks.org/events/events.htm).

June 6

**Naperville Park District's Frontier Kite Fly**

3380 Cedar Glade Drive  
Naperville

Join us for our fourth annual Frontier Kite Fly featuring 40-60 kites, exciting demonstrations and stunts by Chicago Kite, Sparling Kite Entertainment, Chromatic Kites and Holl Entertainment. This is a free event for the whole family. For more information please call (630) 848-5000 or visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org).

June 10 – 13

**Celebration of Summer at Lehmann Park**

Cedar Avenue between Route 83 and Grand Avenue  
Lake Villa

Come join us in celebrating summer. In addition to "A Play in the Park" and "Teen Night," activities include carnival rides, music, Kroozer' car show, boat races and fireworks at dusk. For more information please call (847) 356-6100 or visit [www.lakevilla.org/park\\_information.html](http://www.lakevilla.org/park_information.html).

June 11 – August 27

**Naperville Park District's Rollin' on the River: A Live Concert Series**

Jackson Avenue and Webster Street  
Naperville

Rollin' on the River is a live summer-long concert series that entertains Riverwalk patrons Friday evenings at the Riverwalk Pavilion. For more information please call (630) 848-5000 or visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org).

June 12

**Blues on the North Shore Festival**

SPACE  
1245 Chicago Ave.  
Evanston

The festival features over five generations of the Blues. Artists include Dennis Binder & the Blue, Four, John Primer, David "Honeyboy" Edwards and Big Jack Johnson & the Oilers. For more information please call (847) 452-6469 or visit [www.bluesontheshore.com](http://www.bluesontheshore.com).

June 12 – 13

**Island Rendezvous**

Isle a la Cache Museum  
Romeoville

The Island Rendezvous annual event, now in its 27th year, features re-enactors representing the 18th century fur trade. Enjoy hands-on opportunities, listen and dance to live period music and take part in demonstrations. The event is free of charge and open to all ages. Food and craft items will be available for sale. For more information please call (815)886-1467.

June 12 – 13

**The 13th Annual Lincolnshire Art Festival**

One Old Half Day Road  
Lincolnshire

Approximately 150 juried artists set up along the grounds of Lincolnshire's Village Green dining and shopping area. The free festival surrounds a serene fountain and a beautiful sculpture garden, bordered by pleasant walking paths and benches. There will also be live music entertainment, festive food, and free hands on art projects for children including a scavenger hunt. For more information please call (847) 883-8600 or visit [www.village.lincolnshire.il.us](http://www.village.lincolnshire.il.us).

June 13

**Just For Kids Fishing Derby**

Butterfield Road west of Winfield Road  
Warrenville

Bring your gear and join this annual friendly fishing competition that's just for kids 15 and under. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Free bait is available while supplies last. For more information please call (630) 933-7248 or visit [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org).

June 13 – August 29

**Settlement Sundays**

523 South Webster Street  
Naper Settlement

Each week the Settlement will feature unique and fun activities for all ages including hands-on activities, entertainment, games, stories, demonstrations and presentations by special guests. Make your own do-it-yourself ice cream sundae from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (with the exception of July 11). Free sundaes are included with admission. For more information please call (630) 420-6010 or visit [www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum).

June 16 – 19

**Seneca Shipyard Days Festival**

210 N. Main Street  
Seneca

The Seneca Shipyard Days celebrates the historical role in the building of the LST's for WWII. Events include CDAC carnival, taste of Seneca food booths, crafts, bake sale, 5K walk/run, bean bag tournament and more. For more information please call (815) 252-8127.

June 17 – 20

**2010 Libertyville Days Festival**

Downtown Area  
Libertyville

Come out with the family and enjoy live entertainment, carnival rides, food vendors, beer tent, craft show and much more. For more information please call (847) 918-8880 or visit [www.libciviccenter.org/](http://www.libciviccenter.org/).

June 18

**In Tune with Trees Concert Series: Dr. John**

Morton Arboretum  
4100 Illinois Route 53

Kicking off the summer concert series, is soul-soothing voice of Dr. John. Dr. John will dazzle audience members with his unique blend of voodoo, mysticism, funk, rhythm and blues, psychedelic, rock and Creole roots. For more information please call (630) 968-0074 or visit [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org).

June 18 – August 21

**Mercury's Wacky Pirate Cruise**

Michigan Ave. & Wacker Dr.  
Chicago

Join Buccaneer Bob on a 1-hour Lakefront voyage. Have fun learning how to tie a knot and recite the wacky pirate oath. Visitors also receive a pirate bandana and temporary tattoo. Enjoy lunch at O'Brien's Riverfront Cafe following the cruise; kids receive 1/2 off if accompanied by full priced adult. For more information please call (312) 332-1366 or visit [www.Wackypiratecruise.com](http://www.Wackypiratecruise.com).

June 19

**15th Annual Arts Festival**

Center Street  
Grayslake

The 15th Annual Grayslake Arts Festival features the work of over 70 juried artists. There will also be food vendors, entertainment throughout the day children's activities and a High School art exhibit. For more information please call (847) 223-6888 or visit [www.grayslakechamber.com/default2.asp](http://www.grayslakechamber.com/default2.asp).

June 19

**20th Annual Fish-O-Rama**

Gary Ave. & Prairie Ave  
Wheaton

Join the 20th Annual Fish-O-Rama offered in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club of Wheaton. Kids 15 and under with an adult are invited to participate in the open fishing contest. Registration is required for this free catch and release event. Concessions and bait are available for purchase. For more information please call (630) 871-4990 or visit [www.lincolnmarsh.org](http://www.lincolnmarsh.org).

June 19

**7th Annual Juneteenth Celebration**

Downtown Waukegan  
Waukegan

Juneteenth celebrates the ending of slavery. This cultural festival will salute African American contributions to art, education, music and dance. It will salute Lake County's contribution to the spirit of the abolition movement with a freedom walk, parade, food, information and merchandise vendors, main stage performances, children's activities, the CLC history tent and much more. For more information please call (847) 543-2300 or visit [www.clcillinois.edu](http://www.clcillinois.edu).

June 19 – 20

**Antioch's Summer Art and Crafts Faire**

Downtown Antioch

Antioch

Enjoy browsing through 150 booths of hand-crafted media at Antioch's Summer Art and Crafts Faire. For more information please call (847) 395-2233 or visit [www.antiochchamber.org](http://www.antiochchamber.org).

June 19 – 20

**Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts**

Custer St. & Washington St.

Evanston

Four hundred art and craft exhibitors and 30 restaurants attract more than 70,000 fair-goers to Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts. The jazz stage and the show stage provide continuous entertainment and the Theophilis Lemming Medicine Show features theatre puppets, juggling clowns and more. For more information please call (847) 328-2204 or visit [www.custerfair.com](http://www.custerfair.com).

June 19

**In Tune with Trees concert series: Art Garfunkel**

Morton Arboretum

4100 Illinois Route 53

Lisle

Five-time Grammy Award winner Art Garfunkel will immerse fans in his special folk style. Garfunkel is best known as half of the duo Simon and Garfunkel and has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. For more information please call (630) 968-0074 or visit [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org).

June 19

**In Tune with Trees Concert Series: Justin Roberts**

Morton Arboretum

4100 Illinois Route 53

Families will have a blast with Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players summer family concert at the Morton Arboretum. Roberts, a winner of the Parents Choice Gold award delivers music with clever lyrics that children and parents can enjoy along with sing-along fun. His performances have garnered rave reviews in the national media and Roberts has performed on NBC and the Today Show. For more information please call (630) 968-0074 or visit [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org).

June 19

**Wagner Farm Annual Dairy Breakfast and Farm Day**

Wagner Farm

1510 Wagner Rd.

Glenview

Bring the entire family to Wagner Farm's Award-winning Annual Dairy Breakfast. Enjoy a delicious farm style breakfast including a variety of dairy items. Enjoy farm tours, demonstrations, hay rides and plenty of hands-on activities throughout the morning. For more information please call (847) 657-1506 or visit [www.wagnerfarm.org](http://www.wagnerfarm.org).

June 20

**Strawberry Extravaganza**

Lynfred Winery  
15 S. Roselle Rd.  
Roselle

Come enjoy and taste all things strawberry; chocolate dipped strawberries, strawberry bread, strawberry romanoff and strawberry pie. Wine tasting will also be available. For more information please call (630) 529-9463 or visit [www.lynfredwinery.com](http://www.lynfredwinery.com).

June 24 – 26

**24th Annual Nostalgia Days**

Shiloh Blvd. and Sheridan Rd.  
Zion

Come out and enjoy the annual Nostalgia Days. The fun will include a carnival, live music, an antique car show and RV, boat and outdoor expo, outdoor movie, food booths and much more. For more information please call (847) 746-5500 or visit [www.nostalgadays.com](http://www.nostalgadays.com).

June 25 – 27

**Long Grove Annual Strawberry Festival**

307 Old McHenry Road  
Long Grove

Strawberry lovers of all ages flock to Long Grove's renowned fest to enjoy chocolate covered strawberries, fruit smoothies, and other strawberry drinks, ice creams, strawberry donuts, baked goods and, of course, the farm-fresh berries themselves. There is free live entertainment all three days at venues all over town and most of Long Grove's many shops, galleries, cafes, and restaurants offer variations of strawberry-themed foods, drinks, and merchandise. For more information please call (847) 634-0888 or email [longgrove@online.com](mailto:longgrove@online.com).

June 26 – 27

**Fountain Square Art Festival**

Downtown Evanston  
Evanston

This annual art exhibition features over 250 juried artists displaying and selling their unique wares and creations. Children are invited to create their own work at the family art tent. For more information please call (773) 868-3010 or visit [www.chicagoevents.com](http://www.chicagoevents.com).

June 26

**Glenview Summer Festival**

Glenview & Waukegan Rd.  
Glenview

The Glenview Summer Festival features an incredible display of vendors, food, entertainment and a car show. For more information please call (847) 724-5670 or visit [www.glenviewchamber.com](http://www.glenviewchamber.com).

June 27

**Open Lands of Orland Park Garden Walk**

14750 S. Rivinia  
Orland Park

Tour six to seven different gardens in Orland Park and enjoy free fair admission to view crafts and various vendors. Ticket price includes tour and light refreshments. For more information please call (708) 403-6140 or visit [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

June 27

**Yankee Picnic**

355 E. Parkside  
Lombard

Enjoy an old-time picnic at the Peck House at the Lombard Yankee Picnic. Traditional games for children and adults including horseshoes, sack races, hoops and bag toss. Ticket price includes food and entertainment. For more information please call (630) 629-1885 or visit [www.lombardhistory.org](http://www.lombardhistory.org).

June 30 – August 9

**Once on This Island**

Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire  
10 Marriott Dr.  
Lincolnshire

This highly original and theatrical Caribbean adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid features a Calypso-flavored score by the creators of Seussical and Ragtime. It's an enchanting tale for all ages. For more information please call (847) 634-0200 or visit [www.marriotttheatre.com](http://www.marriotttheatre.com).

July 1 - 4

**Beecher Fourth of July Celebration**

673 Penfield Street  
Beecher

The Beecher Fourth of July celebration includes a carnival, food, raffles, live music, beer tent and bingo. There will also be a parade on July 4th. For more information please call (708) 946-2261 or visit [www.villageofbeecher.org](http://www.villageofbeecher.org).

July 1 – 5

**Eyes to the Skies Balloon Festival**

Short Street off of Route 53  
Lisle

Fix your eyes on the skies as a field of hot air balloons are released to the sky at the Eyes to the Skies Balloon Festival. In addition to the beautiful balloons, spend the day with carnival rides, food, fireworks, entertainment, music and more. For more information please call (630) 541-6095 or visit [www.eyestotheskies.org](http://www.eyestotheskies.org).

July 3 – 4

**Celebrating the Fourth in the 1890s**

1N600 County Farm Rd.

West Chicago

Bring a picnic lunch and join us for an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration with games and fun for all at an 1890's living history farm. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a recreation of an 1890's 4th of July Ceremony including speeches, recitations and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Visitors can also enjoy the launch of a homemade, paper hot air balloon following the ceremony. For more information please call (630) 876-5900 or visit [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org).

July 3

**Taste of Grayslake**

Center Street

Grayslake

The event features plenty of food, all day entertainment including a live animal show, music and fireworks at dusk. For more information please call (847) 223-6888 or visit [www.grayslakechamber.com/default2.asp](http://www.grayslakechamber.com/default2.asp).

July 3

**Taste of Oak Brook**

700 Oak Brook Road

Oak Brook

The Annual Taste of Oak Brook, sponsored by McDonald's, features some of the finest restaurants in the area followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Several ticket booths will be available to purchase tickets which can be exchanged for food, beverage or children's activities. There will also be a fee for parking. For more event information please call (630) 682-5000 or visit [www.oak-brook.org](http://www.oak-brook.org).

July 4

**Downers Grove July 4th Parade & Fireworks**

Main Street & Warren Ave

Downers Grove

Come enjoy Downers Grove's patriotic Independence Day Parade. The parade kicks off at 12:45 p.m. from Main Street and Warren Avenue and heads north to Sherman Street. Stay in town for the day and join us for a dazzling firework show at 75th Street and Lemont Road beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. For more information please call (630) 434-5559 or visit <http://events.downers.us/>.

July 4

**Glenview Light Up the Sky on the 4th of July**

Glenview Rd. & Church St.

Glenview

Come enjoy a children's bike parade, followed by the 43rd Annual Parade through downtown. In the evening, listen to the Twilight patriotic concert and watch the fireworks display at approximately 9:00 p.m. For more information please call (847) 724-5670 or visit [www.glenviewparks.org](http://www.glenviewparks.org).

July 8 – 11

## **Railroad Days Festival**

129 W. National Street  
West Chicago

Grab friends and family and head to Reed Keppler Park in downtown West Chicago for one of the largest parades in DuPage County and exciting entertainment for everyone to enjoy. Other highlights include: four-day carnival, fine arts fiesta, fireworks, and a mud volleyball tournament. Plus listen to live national, regional and local entertainment. For more information please call (630) 231-3003 or visit [www.westchicagochamber.com](http://www.westchicagochamber.com).

July 9 – 11

## **Central Street Sidewalk Sale**

Central St., West of Greenbay Road  
Evanston

This annual Central Street Sidewalk Sale event features music, food, storytelling and a sidewalk sale. For more information please call (847) 869-0222 or visit [www.centralstreet-evanston.com](http://www.centralstreet-evanston.com).

July 10 – 11

## **Art in the Park: Northbrook Fine Arts Festival**

Shermer & Meadow Rds.  
Northbrook

Enjoy over 70 fine artists from across the U.S. representing all media including oil, acrylic, wood, glass, photography, watercolor and jewelry at the Art in the Park: Northbrook Fine Arts Festival. The event will feature live music, an upscale food festival, hands-on children's art activities, a community art project and junior artist festival. For more information please call (847) 726-8669 or visit [www.dwevents.org/northbrook.html](http://www.dwevents.org/northbrook.html).

July 10

## **20th Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival**

Stephen St., Canal St. & Front St.  
Lemont

Come enjoy food vendors, musical entertainment, children's activities and entertainment at the 20th Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival. For more information contact the Village Hall at (630)243-2700 or visit [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us).

July 10 – 11

## **Skokie Art Guild's Annual Art Fair**

Village Green  
5411 Oakton St.  
Skokie

Enjoy outstanding art at the Skokie Art Guild's Annual Art Fair from over 75 exhibitors plus live music, food and face-painting for the kids. For more information please call (847) 677-8163 or [www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org).

July 14 – 18

**Kane County Fair**

Kane County Fairgrounds  
60174 Main Street & Randall Road  
St. Charles

The Kane County Fair is an old time county fair featuring music and thrill shows. Fair goers can enjoy carnival rides, food, exhibits and commercial booths. For more information please call (630) 584-6926 or [www.visitstcharles.com](http://www.visitstcharles.com).

July 15 – 18

**Antioch's Taste of Summer**

Downtown Antioch  
Antioch

The Taste of Summer is comprised of four great attractions over four days. At the Taste you'll find restaurants and food vendors under big top tents; great entertainment at the nearby Band shell, wonderful shopping throughout the downtown sidewalk sales and a family friendly carnival. For more information please call (847) 395-2233 or visit [www.antiochchamber.org](http://www.antiochchamber.org).

July 15 – 18 [Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids]

**Antique Tractor and Steam Show**

Dollinger's Family Farm  
7420 E. Hansel Rd.  
Channahon

Come view and enjoy antique tractors and gas engines as well as steam engine at the Antique Tractor and Steam Show. This show will also feature farming demonstrations as well as non-sanctioned antique and kiddie tractor pulls, kiddie train rides, a flea market and festival food. For more information please call (815)467-6766 or visit [www.dollingerfarms.com](http://www.dollingerfarms.com).

July 15

**Vernon Hills Summer Celebration 2010**

520 Central Park Place  
Vernon Hills

Four days of rides, family activities, free concerts and the local cuisine can be enjoyed at the Vernon Hills Summer Celebration. Concerts will be announced when available please visit the website [www.vhparkdistrict.org/index.asp](http://www.vhparkdistrict.org/index.asp) or call (847) 367-3700 for more details.

July 16 – 18 [Monday – Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.]

**Plainfield Fest**

Downtown Plainfield  
Plainfield

Come celebrate the summer with our biggest fest of the season. Enjoy food, rides, games, beer tent, bands, crafts and family fun. For more information please call 815-436-5510 or visit [www.mainstreetplainfield.org](http://www.mainstreetplainfield.org).

July 18

**NorthShore University Healthsystems Grand Prix of Cycling**

Downtown Evanston

Evanston

Evanston is hosting one stage of the U.S.'s largest multi-category cycling event, the Point Premium Root Beer International Cycling Classic bicycle race. Come early and visit the local shops on the course which starts at Fountain Square. Choose from more than 30 restaurants and enjoy outdoor dining along the racecourse. Enjoy a live dance concert and bring the kids for their own race on Sunday afternoon before the pro series begins. For more information please call (847) 475-9672 or visit [www.northshoregrandprix.com](http://www.northshoregrandprix.com).

July 22 – 25

**RidgeFest 10**

Freedom Park Birmingham

Chicago Ridge

The RidgeFest annual festival includes national bands and acts, diverse ethnic food vendors, a huge carnival, arts and crafts and children's entertainment. For more information please call (708) 425-7700 or visit [www.chicagoridge.org](http://www.chicagoridge.org).

July 23 - 25

**Utica's Christmas in July & Campsite Decorating Contest**

124 Mill St.

Utica

Campers receive welcome bags at participating Utica campgrounds and downtown Utica merchants will feature specials all weekend. The winner of the Campsite Christmas decorating contest wins a \$50.00 gas card. For more information please call (815) 667-4321 or email [seasonsgoneby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seasonsgoneby@sbcglobal.net).

July 24 –25

**Civil War History Days**

The Grove

1421 Milwaukee Ave.

Glenview

Authentic Union and Confederate Encampments, Blue vs. Gray Skirmishes at 2:00 p.m. each day. Visit the field hospital play a vintage game of baseball and enjoy refreshments at the Camp Kitchen. Shop at the Suttler's for Civil War Era articles. For more information please call (847) 299-6096 or visit [www.glenviewparks.org](http://www.glenviewparks.org).

July 24 – 25

**Glenview Art Fair**

Lyons School

Waukegan Rd. & Lake Ave.

Glenview

One hundred-twenty-five artists will be exhibiting works in painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, jewelry and mixed media at the Glenview Art Fair. Fun for the whole family: face-painting for kids, food and entertainment will also be featured. For more information please call (847) 724-4007.

July 27 – August 1

**Lake County Fair**

Lake County Fairgrounds

1060 E. Peterson Rd.

Grayslake

Join us for the annual Lake County Fair featuring: motocross, pro rodeo, monster trucks, demo derby, carnival games, entertainment, queen pageants and lots of various foods. For more information please call (847) 223-2204 or visit [www.lakecountyfairassoc.com](http://www.lakecountyfairassoc.com).

July 28 – August 1

**Ottawa's Riverfest**

Downtown Ottawa and Washington Park

Ottawa

Ottawa's Riverfest celebrates summer with a bang. Events include carnival rides, art shows, flea markets, kid's activities, a parade, music concerts, fireworks and the Taste of Ottawa. For more information please call (815) 433-0161 or visit [www.ottawariverfest.com](http://www.ottawariverfest.com).

August 4 – 15

**Northbrook Days Festival**

Village Green

Shermer & Meadow Road

Northbrook

Enjoy five days at the Northbrook Days Festival of fun-filled family entertainment including carnival rides, food and music. For more information please call (847) 272-5050 or visit [www.northbrookdays.com](http://www.northbrookdays.com).

August 4 – 15

**State Wars Hockey Championships**

451 Plainfield Road

Darien

State Wars is the major roller hockey event of the year. This exciting championship takes place every summer with teams competing from U.S. states and Canadian provinces for the United States Roller Hockey Championship. Over 2,500 players representing about 250 teams attend. Spectators are welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information please call (971) 832-1279 or visit [www.statewarshockey.com](http://www.statewarshockey.com).

August 6 – 8

**Taste of Orland Park**

14700 Rivinia

Orland Park

Taste of Orland Park offers food, drinks, entertainment on two stages and several other carnival games throughout the weekend. For more information please call (708) 403-6140 or visit [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

August 7 – 8

**Art at the Glen Town Center**

The Glen

Patriot Blvd. between Lake Ave. and Willow Rd.

Glenview

Discover over 200 juried artists in the heart of this dynamic lifestyle center in Glenview an upscale collection of retail and restaurants located on the former site of the Glenview Naval Air Station. For all ages there is Art Fest Bingo where kids can search the art festival for images to match on their bingo card. Throughout the weekend live music entertains the crowds. For more information please call (847) 724-2025 or visit [www.amdurproductions.com](http://www.amdurproductions.com).

August 7

**Kidzfest**

Downtown Joliet

Joliet

Enjoy a free family festival that offers hands on interactive activities for kids and families. Event activities include DJ music, games, food vendors and more. For more information please call (815) 723-5201 or visit [www.jolietmuseum.org](http://www.jolietmuseum.org).

August 7 – 8

**Kite Festival at the Chicago Botanic Garden**

Chicago Botanic Garden

Glencoe

This weekend features soaring stunt kite-flying performances set to music by the Chicago Fire Kite Team and members of the Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois. There is even time to fly your own kite at the Garden. All ages can learn to make their own kites. For more information please call (847) 853-5440 or visit [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org).

August 8

**3rd Annual Vehicle Fair**

208 Midway Drive

Willowbrook

Unique vehicles will be on display for children and adults to enjoy at Willowbrook's third annual Vehicle Fair. For more information please call (630) 323-8215.

August 12 – 15

**63th Annual Sweet Corn Festival - Mendota**

Downtown Mendota

Mendota

Come to the 63rd annual Sweet Corn Festival enjoy a carnival, parade, queen pageant, food booths, beer garden and free entertainment. There will be tons of free hot buttered, delicious Del Monte sweet corn for every visitor. For more information please call (815) 539-6507 or visit [www.sweetcornfestival.com](http://www.sweetcornfestival.com).

August 14

**Family Day at Mayslake**

1717 W. 31st Street  
Oak Brook

Enjoy a day of activities for the whole family including archery, guided nature walks, arts and crafts explorations of historic Mayslake Hall and more. Witness restoration in progress at this nationally registered historic building by renowned architect B. Marshall. For more information please call (630) 206-9566 or visit [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org) www.dupageforest.org.

August 14 – 15

**Great Tastes Fine Arts Festival**

Long Grove Historic Village  
307 Old McHenry Road  
Long Grove

Artists have been flocking to Long Grove for more than 20 years for the annual juried Fine Arts Festival. Enjoy an amazing array of original artwork including watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, glass, photography and mixed media. Visitors will also enjoy food, drink and lively entertainment in a beautiful outdoor venue. For more information please call (847) 634-0888 or visit [www.longgroveonline.com](http://www.longgroveonline.com).

August 19

**Woofstock**

Lambs Farm  
14245 W. Rockland Road  
Libertyville

Pet enthusiasts are sure to love this event dedicated to “man’s best friend.” Exciting activities take place throughout and culminating in the Canine Couture Fashion Show. Shop unique pet product and service vendors and even make crafts with your pooch. To learn how to become a vendor or the benefits of becoming a sponsor and the sponsorship levels. For more information please call (847) 362-4636 or visit [www.lambsfarm.org](http://www.lambsfarm.org).

August 20 – 22

**Bolingbrook Jubilee**

375 W. Briarcliff Rd.  
Bolingbrook

Come enjoy entertainment, a carnival, food, vendor booths and more at the Bolingbrook Jubilee. For more information please call (630)226-8400 or visit [www.bolingbrook.com](http://www.bolingbrook.com).

August 20 – 21

**Grayslake Summer Days**

Municipal Parking Lot - Center & Seymour Avenue  
Grayslake

Come enjoy a family music festival that features music, carnival games, food vendors, a business booth area and the “Grayslake’s Got Talent” contest. In addition to the activities, there will also be a Bike and Pet Parade. For more information please call (847) 223-6888 or visit [www.grayslakechamber.com/default2.asp](http://www.grayslakechamber.com/default2.asp).

August 27 – 29

**Skokie Backlot Bash**

Downtown Skokie

Oakton St. and Lincoln Ave.

Skokie

A three-day summer tradition featuring continuous live music, an amusement park, a carnival, a classic auto show, a business expo, sidewalk sale, fun teen activities, food and a beer tent. The name “Backlot” pays tribute to downtown Skokie’s heritage as a major silent film industry back lot set between 1907 and 1915. For more information please call (847) 674-1500 or visit [www.skokieparkdistrict.org](http://www.skokieparkdistrict.org).

August 27- 29

**Taste of Highland Park**

Central Ave. between First and Second Street

Highland Park

This fun-filled weekend will kick off on Friday evening with Highland Park’s extraordinary restaurants & food establishments offering their tempting and delicious fare prepared to perfection. From grilled to gourmet sushi to sweets, the hottest of the hot to the coolest of the cool there will something for everyone. Wine, beer and specialty drinks will add to the menu. And there’s more - fabulous round-the-clock live music from the Taste Stage will highlight this festive event. For more information please call (847) 432-0800 or visit [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com).

August 28 – 29

**27th Annual Port Clinton Art Festival**

Central Ave. between First and Second Street

Highland Park

The acclaimed Port Clinton Art Festival marks its 26th season this year! Heralded by many as one of the best art festivals in the United States, this show is a must-see for art fair lovers. The city-wide event is walking distance to Lake Michigan in upscale downtown Highland Park. Throughout this free two-day festival, over 275,000 visitors fill plazas, sidewalks, parking lots and streets to purchase work from 260 world-class juried artists. Family-friendly fun abounds amongst shops, flowers, trees and fountains. For those who want to add more culture to their weekend, Chicago is just a thirty-minute train ride from the Highland Park station located adjacent to the festival. For more information please call (847) 432-0800 or visit [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com).

August 28 [\$1.00 admission]

**Summer’s Last Blast**

Bolingbrook Recreation and Aquatic Center

200 S. Lindsey Lane

Enjoy Summer’s Last Blast at the Pelican Harbor car show, fishing, derby, family challenge games, an outdoor concert and more. The celebration ends with a magnificent display of fireworks. For more information please call (630) 739-0272.

August 29

**Taste of the Towns**

Paulus Park  
200 S. Rand Road  
Lake Zurich

Come enjoy a food and beverage festival with continuous live entertainment and children's activities. Purchase a passport for \$25 and taste various food and beverages from area restaurants. A purchased passport can be shared by more than one individual during the event. For more information please call (847) 438-5572 or visit [www.lzacc.com](http://www.lzacc.com).

## Northern

June 4 – 6

**Harvard Milk Days**

300 Lawrence Rd.  
Harvard

2010 marks the 69th year of Illinois's longest running festival, Harvard Milk Days. Events include bed races, milk drinking contest, dairy cattle show/demonstrations, midway rides and games, entertainment, food and the annual parade down the "milky way." Harvard's downtown Ayers Street is painted white for the annual parade which delights dairy lovers year after year. For more information please call (815)943-4614 or visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.milkdays.com"](http://www.milkdays.com) [www.milkdays.com](http://www.milkdays.com).

June 5 [1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.]

**Take the Air at Taylor Kite Show**

Taylor Park  
900 East Stephenson Street  
Freeport

Take the Air at Taylor Kite Show is a fun family event to get outside and enjoy spring. Kids have the opportunity to assemble, decorate and fly kites with their parents. Families can also enjoy various kite and wind activities. The first 50 participants receive a free kite and after that the kites will be for sale for \$2.00. For more information please call (815) 235-6114 or visit [www.freeportparkdistrict.org](http://www.freeportparkdistrict.org)

June 6 [11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.]

**Annual Strawberry Jazz Festival**

801 S Eighth Ave.  
Kankakee

Enjoy the many talents of our local musicians, artists and crafters; plus the sweet strawberry desserts and strawberries that will be available. A new feature this year will be a Pet Parade with prizes for the best strawberry or jazz-related costume. For more information, please call (815)932-5279 or visit [http://www.communityartscouncil.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=2&Itemid=5](http://www.communityartscouncil.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=2&Itemid=5)

June 11 – 13 [Fri: 5:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Sat: 6:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Sun: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.]

**German Valley Days**

Ben Miller Park  
German Valley

This 37th annual hometown festival offers a car show, parade, pig scramble, entertainment pancake breakfast, pork chop barbecue, bingo, inflatable rides, pony rides, concessions, kiddie tractor pull contests, fireworks and more. For more information please call (815)362-3671 or visit <http://www.stephenson-county-il.org>.

June 12 – June 15 [7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.]

**The Sycamore Steam Show & Threshing Bee**

Taylor Marshall Farm  
27707 Lukens Road  
Sycamore

The annual Sycamore Steam Show & Threshing Bee show will have threshing, steam engines and gas tractors, miniature trains for kids to ride, plowing using steam engines and tractors in the field south of the grounds at Taylor Marshall Farm. Operators will be there to answer questions and so much more. For more information please call (815)895-9388 or visit [www.threshingbee.org](http://www.threshingbee.org).

June 17 [5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.]

**55th Annual Ice Cream Social**

1440 S. Carroll Ave.  
Freeport

Start your summer in traditional Freeport Style and enjoy pie and ice cream at the Stephenson County Historical Museum for their annual Ice Cream Social. Tour the historic arboretum while you enjoy the company of friends. For more information, please call (815)232-8419 or visit [www.stephcohs.org](http://www.stephcohs.org).

June 17 – 20

**PrairieFest**

US Route 71  
Oswego

Enjoy a genuine hometown celebration complete with main stage entertainment, craft and business expos, petting zoos, raft races, barbecues, Windy City Amusements, food vendors a drum and bugle corps show, a hometown parade and more. For more information please call (630)554-1010 or visit [www.prairiefest.com](http://www.prairiefest.com).

June 18 – 20 [Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Sunday 6:00 a.m.]

**9th Annual Great Galena Balloon Race**

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa  
444 Eagle Ridge Dr.

More than 20 hot air balloons, three races, a night glow extravaganza, car show, live music activities for the whole family and a Friday night Alefest can be seen at the annual Great Galena Balloon Race. For more information, please call (800)892-2269 or visit [www.greatgalenaballoonrace.com](http://www.greatgalenaballoonrace.com).

June 19 – 20 [11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.]

**1900 America Chautauqua**

6799 Guilford Rd  
Rockford

Come for non-stop live entertainment with an authentic 1900 twist at the award winning signature summer event, Midway Village's 1900 America Chautauqua. Offering two days of entertainment and learning opportunities for visitors of all ages featuring the events, popular entertainment, culture and famous people of the year 1900; a pivotal year of change in American life. For more information please call (815)397-9112 or visit [www.midwayvillage.com](http://www.midwayvillage.com).

June 19

**Dixie Daze & Drivin the Dixie**

Downtown and Island Park  
Momence

Momence hosts the Dixie Cruise as they come to town there will be the Taste of Momence, music, children's rides and games with other activities. Several groups come together to cruise the Dixie from Blue Island to Momence. Many cars are classics from Model A Fords to the present. For more information please call (815)472-3861 [www.momence.net](http://www.momence.net).

June 19 [Train departs once an hour from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.]

**Silver Creek and Stephenson Railroad Steam Train Rides**

2954 S. Walnut Road  
Freeport

All aboard the antique steam train as a 36 ton 1912 Heisler steam locomotive pulls three cabooses and two passenger flatcars for a four mile ride through farmlands and across a bridge 30 feet above Yellow Creek. Purchase your ticket at the Silver Creek Depot and browse for novelties in the Freight House. Visit the Silver Creek Museum which offers 25 rooms of early Americana. For more information please call (815)235-2198 or [www.thefreeportshow.com](http://www.thefreeportshow.com).

June 23

**Bourbonnais Friendship Festival 2010**

Goselin Park Rt. 102 (Main St.) and Latham Dr.  
Bourbonnais

During the five days of fun at the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival, visitors will enjoy rides, games, shows, beer garden, parades, Teen Idol, baby contest and more. For more information please call (815)935-7390 or visit [www.bourbonnaisfriendshipfestival.com](http://www.bourbonnaisfriendshipfestival.com).

June 25 – 26

**FHN's Pretzel City Festival**

Krape Park

1799 S. Park Boulevard

Freeport

The FHN Pretzel City Festival kicks off Friday, June 25 at 5:00 p.m. in Krape park with food and craft vendors entertainment and the Movie in the Park "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs " starting at dusk in Krape Park's Koenig Amphitheatre. The festival continues on Saturday with the 8th Annual Pretzel City 5K run/walk at 8:00 a.m. Entertainment this year consists of two uniquely gifted and funny jugglers/comedians, Andy Head and Circus Boy Bobby Hunt. Festival goers will also enjoy: zoo to you petting zoo, flush tank, pony rides, cardboard boat regatta, pretzel recipe contest, birdhouse building, free carousal rides, carnival, food and barbeque and so much more. For more information please call (815)235-6114 or visit [www.freeportparkdistrict.org](http://www.freeportparkdistrict.org).

June 26

**Cedarville Summer Celebration and Fireworks**

430 W. Washington

Cedarville

Free hot dogs, chips and pop provided by Village of Cedarville. Cake-n-roll, pillow bingo, games for kids, craft, flea market and fireworks at dusk. For more information please call (815)563-4302.

June 26

**Stephenson County Ag Breakfast**

Stephenson County Fair Grounds

2250 S Walnut

Freeport

A farm breakfast showcasing Stephenson County agriculture producers with a menu of orange juice, coffee cake, scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, beef bacon, cheese, milk , coffee and ice cream. Plus, visitors can enjoy entertainment, children's activities, a 4-H animal display and more. For more information please call (815)864-2561 or visit [www.stephenson-county-il.org](http://www.stephenson-county-il.org).

June 30 – July 4

**Grundy County Fair**

Grundy County Speedway

8890 N Route 47

Grundy

There is something for everyone at the Grundy County Fair. The Grundy County Agricultural District Fair is proud and honored to have provided good clean family fun and to have been a part of our great American history for the past 100 years and looks forward to the future with continued support to agriculture. For more information please call (815)942-0113 or visit [www.grundyfair.org](http://www.grundyfair.org).

July 2 – 4  
Thee Old Time Farm Show  
**Perry Farm Park**  
456 N. Kennedy Dr.  
Bradley

Learn about the early farm life through actual working tractors, threshers and steam engines from the past century at Thee Old Time Farm Show. Stroll down the rows of old tractors and equipment, visit the operating exhibits of old gas engines, steam engine, sawmill, threshing and corn shelling. Ask the operators to explain their exhibits and learn about the agricultural equipment that is “Part of America’s Heritage.” The event’s activities also include: contests, a petting zoo, food concessions and live entertainment. For more information please call (815)935-7390 or visit [www.visitkankakeecounty.com](http://www.visitkankakeecounty.com).

July 3 – 5  
**7th Annual “John Deere Days”**  
IL Highway 26 2 miles north of Orangeville  
Orangeville

The John Deere Days event features two cylinder and new generation tractors plus old time machinery, food, conversation and good fun. Come visit with the owners of these tractors and learn why they love these machines. For more information please call (815)281-4571.

July 3 – 4  
**Shenandoah Days Pro Rodeo**  
Shenandoah Riding Center  
200 N. Brodrecht Rd.  
Shenandoah

At the Shenandoah Days Pro Rodeo, visitors can enjoy two rough ridin’ rodeos feature dance and fireworks each night. For more information please call (815)777-2373 or visit [www.shenandoahridingcenter.com](http://www.shenandoahridingcenter.com).

July 4, 24-25 [Train departs once an hour from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.]  
**Silver Creek and Stephenson Railroad and Silvercreek Museum July 4th Celebration**  
Silver Creek and Stephenson Railroad  
2954 S. Walnut Road  
Freeport

All aboard the antique steam train as a 36-ton 1912 Heisler steam locomotive pulls three cabooses and two passenger flat cars for a four-mile ride through farmland and across a bridge 30 feet above Yellow Creek. Purchase your ticket at the Silver Creek Depot, a turn-of-the-century replica filled with railroad artifacts. Browse for novelties in the Freight House and visit the Silver Creek Museum which offers 25 rooms of early Americana, a display of antique machinery, Henney Motor Company vehicles, which were manufactured in Freeport, and the operating Cooper-Corliss engine - a giant 130-ton steam engine. For more information please call (815)235-2198 or visit [www.thefreeportshow.com](http://www.thefreeportshow.com).

July 13 – 18

**Stephenson County Fair**

Stephenson County Fair Grounds  
2250 S. Walnut Rd.  
Freeport

The Stephenson County Fair features food, carnival rides, animals, entertainment, tractor pulls, business displays, 4-H exhibits and more. For more information please call (815)235-2918 or visit [www.stephensoncofair.com](http://www.stephensoncofair.com).

July 16 – 18

**Oregon Trail Days**

Downtown Oregon & Lowden State Park  
Oregon

Come out to enjoy a celebration of the Native American and western heritage of Oregon, Ill. The Friday evening beer garden will delight with country music entertainment, including a Johnny Cash impersonator. Saturday events include Native American encampment, cowboy medicine show, horse parade, food vendors, kid's activities, lectures and more at Lowden State Park. Sunday events include an 8k run, canoe rally and breakfast. For more information please call (815)732-2100 or visit [www.oregonil.com](http://www.oregonil.com).

July 25

**Country Fest**

15390 W. Creek Valley Rd.  
East Dubuque

Enjoy music, games, country store, silent auction, bingo, raffle and dancing in the street at the County Fest in East Dubuque. Far Fry chicken dinner will be available for sale. For more information please call (815)747-3670.

July 31

**8th Annual Lincoln Douglas 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run**

Corner of Douglas and State Street  
Freeport

This out and back 5K (3.1 miles) wheel-measured course consists of flat stretches and gently rolling hills designed to challenge the beginning walker or experienced runner. There will be a 1-mile fun run and a series of short races for kids. For more information please call (815)235-1689 or visit [www.rockfordroadrunners.org](http://www.rockfordroadrunners.org).

July 31 – August 1

**AirFest 2010**

60 Airport Dr.  
Rockford

AirFest 2010 will host the United States Air Force Thunderbird Demonstration Team, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, the U.S. Navy Leap Frogs Parachute Team, civilian performers and static airplane displays. For more information please call (815)969-4000 or visit [www.flyrfd.com](http://www.flyrfd.com).

August 1

**Ice Cream Social and Band Concert**

Ellwood House and Museum  
509 N. First St.  
DeKalb

Enjoy an old fashioned ice cream social on the lawns of this 1879 mansion with band concerts, games and kid's activities. Homemade cakes and ice cream are for sale at the Ice Cream Social and Band Concert in DeKalb. Tours of the mansion are available by admission. For more information please call (815)756-4609 or visit [www.ellwoodhouse.org](http://www.ellwoodhouse.org).

August 4 – 8

**Kankakee County Fair**

Kankakee County Fairgrounds  
3886 State Route 45/52  
Kankakee

Bring the family to see a traditional County Fair. In addition to the time-honored livestock shows, there are games, contests and exhibitions that are sure to please everyone. Check out the exciting live entertainment at one of the pavilions or try your hand at games at the Carnival. After sampling food from the vendors, sit in the grandstands for a view of all the action at the demolition derby. For more information please call (815)935-7390 or visit [www.visitkankakeecounty.com](http://www.visitkankakeecounty.com).

August 4 – 8

**McHenry County Fair**

Rte. 47 & Country Club Rd.  
Woodstock

A true old-fashioned county fair, the McHenry County Fair, celebrates the agricultural heritage of McHenry County. Midway rides and games, festival food, horse show, Miss McHenry County pageant, livestock exhibition and competition, 4-H exhibits and local entertainment will all be featured. For more information please call (815)338-5315 or visit [www.mchenrycountyfair.com](http://www.mchenrycountyfair.com).

August 6 – 7

**Pearl City Homecoming Festival**

Memorial Blvd.  
Pearl City

The Pearl City Homecoming Festival is a small town festival with food, carnival rides, children's games, entertainment, bingo, parade, fireworks and more. For more information please call (815)443-2358 or visit [www.stephenson-county-il.org](http://www.stephenson-county-il.org).

August 10 – 15

**Boone County Fair**

Boone County Fairgrounds  
8791 Route 76  
Belvidere

Come to one of the finest fairs in the state. Enjoy livestock shows, antique tractor displays, tractor pulls, entertainment, carnival, food and much more. For more information please call (815)544-4066 or visit [www.boonecountyfair.com](http://www.boonecountyfair.com).

August 11 – 15

**Momence Gladiolus Festival Attractions**

101 Franklin

Momence

The Momence Gladiolus Festival kicks off the 73rd year tradition with old favorites such as a street parade, antique car show, flea market and carnival. Trolley tours of historical sites and various kinds of entertainment are available throughout the day, in addition to games for kids to enjoy. Don't miss the fabulous display of antique and show cars that visit from the Route 66 Tour. For more information please call (815)935-7390 or visit [www.visitkankakeecounty.com](http://www.visitkankakeecounty.com).

August 13 – 14

**Merchant Street Music Festival**

Kankakee Rail Depot

199 S. East Ave.

Kankakee

Come join the Merchant Street Musical Festival in downtown Kankakee at the Historic Railroad Depot for two nights of music, food and fun. Both nights feature local and area bands that span the spectrum of musical genres; jazz, contemporary, classic rock and traditional favorites. You can also walk around and learn more about Kankakee County, including the classic car display featured on Saturday. Tempt your taste buds with our local food vendors best offerings or just sit back with a cold one and let the melodic sounds wash over you. For more information please call (800)747-4837 or visit [www.visitkankakeecounty.com](http://www.visitkankakeecounty.com).

August 14 [Wing cooking contest entry fee is \$50; \$5.00 tasting]

**WingFest VI**

Downtown

East Dubuque

Entrants for WingFest VI are given 500 chicken wings to cook and 10 will be held back for judging, the rest will be distributed to individuals. Free kid's inflatable rides, beer tasting, live entertainment and a free corn boil. Beverages will be available for purchase. For more information please call (815)747-2514 or visit [www.edboosters.com](http://www.edboosters.com).

August 20 – 22

**DeKalb Corn Fest**

Downtown DeKalb

DeKalb

Visit DeKalb for one of Northern Illinois' most exciting and free music festivals. During the three day event enjoy family night on Friday featuring a kid's festival, teen street dance and a big band concert for the adults. On Saturday and Sunday enjoy some of the top regional and national acts in the music industry. There will be a carnival, beer garden, craft and auto show historical tours, vendor booths and much more. Experience the fun. For more information please call (815)748-2676 or visit [www.cornfest.com](http://www.cornfest.com).

August 21 – 22  
**2010 Herb Farm Festival**  
Basu Natural Farms  
2000 South Road  
Pembroke

Come see a working farm and learn more about farming practices, like organic farming, at the 2010 Herb Farm Festival. Activities will include a farmers market, herb walks, children's games, guest speakers, seminars, drummers, African dancers, positive hip-hop, an open mic and more. For more information please call (815)295-7357 or visit [www.visitkankakeecounty.com](http://www.visitkankakeecounty.com).

August 21 – 22  
**Oswego's Fine Art Fair**  
Main Street  
Oswego

Come and see quality artists displaying and selling their fine art. Food vendors, children's activities and entertainment make this a "must attend" event. For more information please call (630)544-3618.

## Central

June 4 – 6  
**Brocton Spring Fest and Draft Horse Show**  
100 S. Broadway  
Brocton

Come and enjoy this family event featuring draft horses, ponies, and mules shown in halter, team, cart, unicorn and more. There will also be a fish fry, parade, games and food. For more information, please call (217)385-2450 or visit [www.broctonil.org](http://www.broctonil.org).

June 4 – 5  
**Strawberry Jam**  
61911 Central  
Downtown Arthur

Come enjoy fresh strawberries, strawberry pies, strawberry themed giveaways, a craft show and local store sidewalk sales at the Downtown Arthur Strawberry Jam. For more information please call (217)543-2242 or visit [www.amishcountryillinois.com](http://www.amishcountryillinois.com).

June 5 – 6

**FunFest for Air-Cooled VW 2010**

North Rt. 45

Effingham

Expect to see more than 1,000 Air-Cooled VWs at this annual car show that brings thousands of enthusiasts to Effingham each year. The event includes technical seminars, family activities, entertainment, a food fair and much more. For more information please call (217)540-4200 or visit [www.FunfestEvents.com](http://www.FunfestEvents.com).

June 6 – June 13

**Clark County Fair**

Clark County Fairgrounds

North 2nd Street

Marshall

The event features horse racing, a carnival, queen contest, demolition derby, tractor and horse pulls, produce, animal judging and more. For more information please call Ashleigh Brinkman at (217)826-6387 or email [www.clarkcofairparks@officelive.com](mailto:www.clarkcofairparks@officelive.com).

June 9 – 20

**Show Boat**

The Little Theatre On The Square

16 East Harrison St

Sullivan

Show Boat is a classical musical epic that should not be missed. Spanning the years 1880 to 1927, this lyrical masterpiece concerns the lives, loves and heartbreaks of three generations of show folk on the Mississippi. For more information please call (217)728-7375 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.org](http://www.thelittletheatre.org).

June 6 – 12

**Rendezvous at Rockome**

Rockome Gardens

125 North County Rd 425 East

Arcola

Experience the beauty of Rockome Gardens while you enjoy this re-enactment of everyday life in the rugged West. Listen to tales, clap your hands and stomp your feet to the music and enjoy the day. For more information please call (217)268-4106 or visit [www.rockome.com](http://www.rockome.com).

June 11 – 13

**Civil War Medical Encampment**

Old State Capitol  
Springfield

The event showcases authentic Civil War Era encampment featuring medical displays of the time including civilian and military areas. There will also be a wide array of activities for children and adults. For more information please call (217)370-2977 or visit [www.illinoishistory.gov](http://www.illinoishistory.gov).

June 15 – August 15 [7 days a week]

**History Comes to Life**

Various historic sites/downtown Springfield  
Springfield

For eight weeks this summer you'll find costumed interpreters musical performances and much more as you visit the downtown historic sites and walk through the downtown area as Springfield presents daily living history. For more information please call (217)789-2360 or visit [www.springfieldillinois.com](http://www.springfieldillinois.com).

June 15 – 19

**Robinson Celebration**

Robinson City Park  
300 S. Cross Street  
Robinson

The event features carnival rides, food booths and nightly entertainment. For more information please call (618) 544-7616 or visit [www.cityofrobinson.com](http://www.cityofrobinson.com).

June 15 – 19

**Sangamon County Fair**

Sangamon County Fairgrounds  
Springfield

Thrills, spills and entertainment abound at the traditional county fair. For more information please call (217)488-2685 or visit [www.sangcofair.com](http://www.sangcofair.com).

June 18 – 20

**Clinton's 175th Celebration**

C. H. Moore Homestead  
219 E. Woodlawn  
Clinton

This celebration will include historical tours of Clinton, food booths, live entertainment, a vintage baseball game, a parade, an old community church service and more. For more information please call (217)935-606 or visit [www.chmoorehomestead.org](http://www.chmoorehomestead.org).

June 19 – 20

**Father's Day at Monticello Railway Museum**

Monticello Railway Museum  
992 Iron Horse Place  
Monticello

Come enjoy Father's Day at the Monticello Railway Museum. Tour the train shed and then climb aboard our 1950's diesel powered train for an 8-mile, hour-long round trip train ride. All for free when accompanied by a paying child. For more information please call (217)762-9011 or visit [www.mrym.org](http://www.mrym.org).

June 19

**Hang Loose 50's-60's Weekend**

Riverside Park  
Pontiac

Come enjoy cars from the 1950's and 1960's displayed along Humiston Riverside Park. Enjoy the nostalgia of classic rock and roll music, delicious food and fun - a truly unique way to celebrate dad's special weekend. For more information please call (815)844-5847 or visit [www.pontiac.org](http://www.pontiac.org).

June 23 – 27

**Montgomery County Fair**

Montgomery County Fairground  
Butler

The fair events include 4-H projects, livestock judging, demolition derby truck and tractor pull, a horse show and live performances. For more information please call (217)272-4489 or visit [www.montgomerycofair.com](http://www.montgomerycofair.com).

June 24 – June 26

**Piatt County Trailblazers Rodeo**

Old Rte 47 & Trailblazer Lane  
Monticello

Fun for the entire family, the Piatt County Trailblazers Rodeo features arena entertainment, food vendors, family night on Thursday, a parade on Saturday and a dance on Friday and Saturday nights. For more information please call (217)762-2663 or visit [www.pctrailblazers.org](http://www.pctrailblazers.org).

June 24 – June 26

**Staunton's Fireman's Picnic**

Staunton Fireman's Park  
Staunton

The Staunton's Fireman's Picnic is fun for the whole family and includes events such as an annual picnic, rides, games, food, bingo, parade on Saturday, free live music and fireworks. For more information please call (618)635-2139 or visit [www.visitcentralillinois.com/june.html](http://www.visitcentralillinois.com/june.html).

June 27 – July 3  
**Jasper County Fair**  
1300 S. Fairgrounds St.  
Newton

Visitors are invited to enjoy the Jasper County Fair with events including motocross, demolition derby, queen pageant, tractor and truck pulls, food and more. For more information please call (618)783-3399 or visit [www.jaspercountyfair.com](http://www.jaspercountyfair.com).

July 3 – July 4  
**Capital City Celebration**  
Downtown Springfield  
Springfield

On Sunday join the Capital City Celebration with a kickoff event at 3:00 p.m. including fun, food and entertainment for all ages. Fireworks begin at dusk on Sunday. For more information please call (217)544-1723 or visit [www.downtownspringfield.org](http://www.downtownspringfield.org).

July 3 – July 4  
**Lakeside Music & Arts Festival**  
Lake Decatur/Nelson Park  
Decatur

The Lakeside Music & Arts Festival has a variety of glass, wood, photography, pottery/ceramic, sculpture, jewelry, painting and mixed media categories for visitors to view and enjoy. There will also be children's art shop and patriotic art project onsite. Four entertainment stages spotlight local talent and a fireworks show nightly. For more information please call (217)422-2867 or visit [www.experiencedecatur.com/notableevents.php](http://www.experiencedecatur.com/notableevents.php).

July 7 - 18  
**Spelling Bee**  
The Little Theatre On The Square  
16 East Harrison St  
Sullivan

Nominated for six Tony Awards, the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a tuneful offbeat and smart musical. Each night the witty cast challenges audience members to a bona fide spell-off but be prepared, this bee is anything but typical. Great fun for all ages this show is a unique performance filled with surprising improvisations every single night. For more information please call (217)728-7375 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.org](http://www.thelittletheatre.org).

July 10  
**Annual Taste of Downtown**  
Old Capitol Square District  
Springfield

Experience classic gourmet and ethnic fare from over 25 downtown restaurants at the Annual Taste of Downtown in Springfield. For more information please call (217)544-1723 or visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.downtownspringfield.org"](http://www.downtownspringfield.org)[www.downtownspringfield.org](http://www.downtownspringfield.org).

July 11  
**Heritage Sunday**  
146 E Wilson  
Bement

Heritage Sunday is an outdoor event featuring live music, historical interpretation and an ice cream social. Bring lawn chairs/blanket for your comfort. For more information please call (217)678-8184.

July 16 – July 17  
**Chatham Jaycees Sweetcorn Festival**  
Chatham Community Park  
Chatham

Illinois sweet corn and cow chip throw contest are the main events at the Chatham Jaycees Sweetcorn Festival, a traditional Midwestern summer festival. Complete with games, rides, food and entertainment. For more information, please call (217)414-2639 or visit [www.chathamjaycees.net](http://www.chathamjaycees.net).

July 21 – August 8  
**Annie**  
The Little Theatre On The Square  
16 East Harrison St  
Sullivan

Annie the musical is coming to Sullivan this summer. The timeless tale of little orphan Annie is back giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope. Annie is a delightful theatrical experience for the entire family. For more information please call (217)728-7375 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.org](http://www.thelittletheatre.org).

July 23 – 25  
**The Annual Millroad Steam Thresherman's Festival & Antique Tractor Show**  
Effingham County Fair Grounds  
Effingham

The Annual Millroad Steam Thresherman's Festival & Antique Tractor Show features an antique tractor and garden pull, car show, car swap meet, horse farming demonstration, model train show, corm shedding demonstration and much more. For more information please call (217)821-7542.

July 24 – 25  
**Annual Model Train Show**  
Effingham County Fair Grounds  
Effingham

Train lovers come out to Effingham this summer for the annual Model Train Show. There will be free rides on the Little Obie train ride on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. courtesy of the Canadian National Railroad. Model train workshops are available on request. For more information please call (217)536-6400.

August 3 – 8

**Logan County Fair**

Woodawn & Lincoln Pkwy.

Lincoln

Come relax and enjoy the Best of Logan County at the Logan County Fair. Daily activities include 4-H shows, a queen pageant, live entertainment and a carnival full of food, games and displays. For more information please call (217)732-3311 or visit [www.logancountyfair.ccaonline.com/](http://www.logancountyfair.ccaonline.com/).

August 6 – 8

**Decatur Celebration 25th Anniversary**

1 Gary Anderson Plaza

Decatur

Visit Illinois' largest free family street festival, the Decatur Celebration 25th Anniversary, attracting more than 300,000 people. For more information please call (217)423-4222 or visit [www.decaturcelebration.com](http://www.decaturcelebration.com).

August 13 – 22

**Illinois State Fair**

Illinois State Fairground

Sangamon & Peoria Rd.

Springfield

Ten days of constant excitement and entertainment welcome visitors at the Illinois State Fair. Everything from top name stars to chilling carnival rides and more. For more information please call (217)782-6661 or visit [www.agr.state.il.us/isf](http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf).

August 13 – 22

**Day Out With Thomas 2010**

Illinois Railway Museum

7000 Olson Rd.

Union

Featuring a full-sized train headed by Thomas the Tank Engine, a Day Out With Thomas is fun for the whole family. After meeting with Thomas and Mr. Engineer on a trip to Sodor, enjoy live entertainment, music and lots of trains to ride. For more information please call (815)923-4391 or visit [www.irm.org](http://www.irm.org).

August 27 – August 29

**2010 Lincoln Art and Balloon Festival**

Logan County Airport

Lincoln-Logan County

Come out to the airport in Logan County and experience the beauty and wonder of hot air balloons in flight. Visit downtown to see all of the art vendors and pick up some beautiful pieces. Activities include several balloon launches, evening balloon glows, musical entertainment, food, the art of wine and much more. For more information please call (217)735-2385 or visit [www.lincolnellinois.com/ABF.aspx](http://www.lincolnellinois.com/ABF.aspx).

August 29

**1800's Craft Fair**

Postville Courthouse State Historic Site  
914 5th Street Rd.  
Logan County Lincoln

Postville Courthouse will once again be hosting their 1800's Craft Fair on the final day of the Lincoln Art and Balloon Festival. The public is invited to come and see 19th century crafters from surrounding areas demonstrating their skills. Music and other entertainment will be provided. For more information please call (217)732-8930 or (217)737-0979 or visit [www.postvillecourthouse.com](http://www.postvillecourthouse.com).

## Western

June 4

**Andover's Colonial Days Festival-Celebrating 175 Years**

Downtown Andover

Annual community festival featuring food, doo-dah parade, games and entertainment, antique toy and collectibles show, special exhibits at museums and lawn tractor square dance. Quilt show and guided tours of historic sites. Visitors can view a veteran's musical salute at 3:00 p.m. and the Andover Colonial Days Worship Service and pancake breakfast from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. All events are featured in the park. For more information please call (309)476-8228.

June 4 – 6

**Annawan Fun Days**

Downtown  
Annawan

Kick off the weekend with Little Miss Blaze Pageant at the high school gymnasium during Annawan Fun Days. Saturday and Sunday feature downtown events including kid's games, carnival rides, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Rolle Bolle tournament and craft show. Entertainment and beer garden will be open nightly during the three day festival. Festivities end on Sunday with the parade and the kiddie tractor pull. For more information, please call 309-935-6264 or visit [www.annawanillinois.com](http://www.annawanillinois.com).

June 4 – 5 [9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Free]

**Rhubarb Festival**

Highway 67 and Route 17  
Aledo

Rhubarb lovers head out to Aledo for the annual Rhubarb Festival. Bake sale features more than 2,000 rhubarb pies and other delicious desserts. In addition, there will be a huge craft show (on Saturday only) and flea market, music, food, trolley tours of the town and shopping in the historic district. For more information please call (309)582-7241.

June 11 – 12 [Friday 5:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.; Saturday from 12:00 – 12:30 a.m.; admission charged]

**Gumbo Ya Ya Mardi Gras in The District**

18th Street & 2nd Avenue

Rock Island

Gumbo Ya Ya Mardi Gras in The District lets visitors enjoy Cajun food, authentic southern Louisiana music on two stages, Mardi Gras children's activities and a French Quarter marketplace. For more information please call (309)788-6311 or visit [www.ridistrict.com](http://www.ridistrict.com).

June 12

**Ryan's Roundbarn Centennial Celebration**

Route 78

Kewanee

Friends of Ryan's Round Barn will celebrate its centennial with an art festival, quilt show and musical entertainment. Children's agricultural and art activities and local homegrown food will be available. The Antique Engine & Tractor Association and county tractor enthusiasts will display 50 tractors and gas engines. For more information please call (309)853-5589 or visit [www.visithenrycounty.com](http://www.visithenrycounty.com).

June 18 – 20

**General Grierson Days Civil War Reenactment - Jacksonville**

Park corner Main & Morton

Jacksonville

The Midwest's largest mounted Civil War reenactment gets better every year in this the hometown of General Benjamin Grierson, famous Civil War leader and cavalry officer. Free for the whole family, visitors can enjoy authentic battle reenactments, period vendors, lots of food and fun. For more information please call (217)243-5678 or visit [www.griersonsociety.com](http://www.griersonsociety.com).

June 26 – 27

**Galesburg Railroad Days**

Galesburg

The presence of exceptional rail facilities has greatly influenced Galesburg's development as a commercial and industrial center in Western, Ill. Galesburg salutes the railroad's contribution during the annual Galesburg Railroad Days celebration. Whether you're a railroad enthusiast or looking for events for the entire family, you will find it at Galesburg Railroad Days. For more information please call (309)343-2485 or visit [www.visitgalesburg.com](http://www.visitgalesburg.com).

June 27

**Blossoms at Butterworth**

Deere Family Mansions  
1105 8th Street  
Moline

Each June, visitors to Blossoms at Butterworth enjoy the splendor of the Butterworth Center's impressive Deere family gardens featuring old-fashioned music games of the 1800's, jugglers, scavenger hunt, antique auto show, tours and refreshments. For more information please call (309)765-7935 or visit [www.butterworthcenter.com](http://www.butterworthcenter.com).

July 7- 11

**Morgan County Fair**

Morgan County Fairgrounds  
Jacksonville

The 63rd Annual Morgan County Fair features a carnival, entertainment, livestock judging and more for visitors to enjoy. On Saturday night fair goers will enjoy a performance by country star Craig Morgan singer of hits such as, "International Harvester," "Redneck Yacht Club" and "That's What I Love About Sunday." For more information please call (217)243-5678 or visit [www.jacksonvilleil.org](http://www.jacksonvilleil.org).

July 17 –18

**Heritage Days & Sweet Corn Dinner**

901 Prairie Mill Road  
Golden

The Heritage Days & Sweet Corn Dinner event will feature vendors, food, tours of Mill & Museum, talent contest, baby contest, parade and a delicious sweet corn dinner. For more information please call (217)445-3151 or visit [www.goldenwindmill.org](http://www.goldenwindmill.org).

July 23 – 25

**Great Balloon Race**

Lake Storey  
Galesburg

A color filled weekend of 25 plus hot air balloons flying overhead will delight at the Great Balloon Race in Galesburg. Featuring night glow competition and the opportunity to speak with pilots; craft and food booths will also be on site. For more information please call (309)342-6969.

July 24 – 25

**Prairie Air Show**

6100 W. Everett McKinley Dirksen Parkway  
Peoria

Watch the aerobatics, pyrotechnics and war birds fly through the sky at the Prairie Air Show. This high quality air show for all ages will provide opportunities for visitors to participate and experience past and present military and civilian aircraft as well as providing aviation education and awareness. For more information please call (309)697-8272 or visit [www.prairieair.com](http://www.prairieair.com).

August 13 - 14 [Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.]

**The Great River Tug Fest**

Illinois Route 84  
Port Byron

This is the only tug-of-war across the mighty Mississippi River. On Saturday barge traffic, pleasure boats and paddleboats yield the right of way to a 2,400 foot, 680 pound rope that stretches between LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Ill. Eleven teams from each side are formed and the side with the most winning teams takes the Alabaster Eagle trophy for that year. A family weekend event filled with carnival rides, live entertainment, a huge parade, scenic 5k run/walk, food, arts and craft vendors and one of the largest fireworks displays on Friday night. For more information please call (309)523-2500 or visit [www.tugfest.org](http://www.tugfest.org).

August 14 – 15 [Friday 5:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m., Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.]

**Ya Maka My Weekend**

3rd Avenue and 18th Street  
Rock Island

A celebration of Caribbean culture, the YaMaka My Weekend festival brings island vibes to the Quad Cities. Featuring national and regional reggae and steel drum bands, music lovers can enjoy the open-air marketplace offering authentic island wares. Enjoy Caribbean foods, sand volleyball tournaments, and a children's craft area. The family-area will feature a pirate costume contest, limbo contests and street performers. For more information please call (309)788-6311 or visit [www.ridistrict.com](http://www.ridistrict.com).

August 21 – August 22

**Galesburg Heritage Days**

Lake Storey Park  
Hwy 150 and North Lake Storey Road  
Galesburg

Feel the excitement at the Galesburg Heritage Days where visitors can experience two time periods in America's history featuring Civil War Battle reenactments and pre 1840's rendezvous. A traveling family circus, period food stands and crafts for sale, fishing contest for children, canoe races on the lake, night firing of cannons and a military ball. For more information please call (309)343-2485 or visit [www.visitgalesburg.com](http://www.visitgalesburg.com).

# Southern

June 4 – 5

## **Strawberry fest in Newton**

Downtown Newton

Each year during the height of strawberry season, Newton hosts a Strawberry fest with games, entertainment and the best strawberries straight from the farms. Entertainment, music, games, food, parade, crafts and lots of fun will be had at this great festival. For more information please call (618)783-3399.

June 6 – 27

## **2010 Southern Illinois Music Festival**

Shryock Auditorium Southern Illinois University

Carbondale

The 6th annual Southern Illinois Music festival features dozens of performances in venues from Mt. Vernon to Cairo and Murphysboro to Marion as well as performances at McKendree University in Lebanon and Southeastern Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Miss., and of course Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Musicians from throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia perform orchestral and chamber music, opera, ballet, jazz and new music in an informal and inviting atmosphere. These special events delight young and old alike. The majority of the performances are free. For more information and tickets please call (618)453-2776 or visit [www.SIFest.com](http://www.SIFest.com).

June 10 – 13

## **Superman Celebration**

Metropolis

Metropolis, home of Superman holds a festival the second weekend in June each year celebrating the 'Man of Steel.' A Superman drama kicks off the weekend of contests, food and fun. Comic books and artist shows, fan films, street vendors, a carnival and a Super Car Show. For more information please call (618)524-2714 or visit [www.supermancelebration.net](http://www.supermancelebration.net).

June 18 – 26 [June 18 at 7:30 p.m.; June 20 at 2:00 p.m.; June 24 at 7:30 p.m.; June 26 at 7:30 p.m.]

## **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**

Southern Illinois University

McLeod Theater

62901 1100 Lincoln Drive

Carbondale

Playhouse presents the small cast musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Six young people in the throes of puberty overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves learn the winning isn't everything and that losing does not necessarily make you a loser. For more information please call (618)453-3001 or visit [www.theater.siuc.edu](http://www.theater.siuc.edu).

June 25 – 27

**DeSoto Daze Community Festival**

700 W. Main Street  
Carbondale

Community festival featuring a classic car show, co-ed softball tournament, yard sale/craft show, parade, gospel sing-a-long, karaoke, pet show, horseshoe and washer contests, firemen's water fight, talent show, food, pony rides, children's activities and more. For more information please call (618)867-2315.

June 26

**Elizabethtown Homecoming**

Justin Livingston Memorial Park  
Elizabethtown

Elizabethtown Homecoming Festival is held the last Saturday in June in Elizabethtown at the Justin Livingston Memorial Park. The Elizabethtown Volunteer Fire Department began the festival in 1997 and is an entertaining and fun filled event for the whole community. The celebration includes a parade, games, car show, live music, barbeque and a great fireworks display. Come join the festivities for a day of fun and entertainment. For more information please call (618)264-7124 or visit [www.hardincountyil.org](http://www.hardincountyil.org).

July 1 – 5

**Lakeside Festival**

401 Country Club Rd  
Crystal Lake

Over 30,000 people come out annually for the Lakeside Festival in Crystal Lake. Come experience live music, plenty of scrumptious food at the "Taste by the Lake," fabulous art shows, thrill rides, midway games, reunions with friends, historic tours of the Dole Mansion, incredible selection of beers and wines on tap and fun for the whole family. For more information please call (815)455-8000 or visit [www.lakesidelegacy.org](http://www.lakesidelegacy.org).

July 5 – August 23

**Peach Season Kickoff**

Rendleman Orchards Farm Market  
9680 State Rt 127 North  
Alto Pass

Stop in to see the summer bounty at the Peach Season Kickoff. Enjoy a peach smoothie or a bottle of peach cider while picking seasonal produce. Visitors can shop for jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, syrups, butters spreads, dips and snack and cobbler mix. For more information please call (618)893-2771 or visit [www.rendlemanorchards.com](http://www.rendlemanorchards.com).

July 9 – 18

**Fiesta Days-McHenry**

4300 Petersen Park Rd.

McHenry

One of the region's favorite family-oriented summer festivals, the Fiesta Days-McHenry has top name entertainment and attracts tens of thousands to the annual event held throughout the city of McHenry. The fiesta includes arts and crafts, midway rides and games, food fest, Family Faith Night and a parade. For more information please call (815)385-4300 or visit [www.mchenrychamber.com](http://www.mchenrychamber.com).

July 9 –18 [July 9 at 7:30 p.m.; July 10 at 7:30 p.m.; July 11 at 2:00 p.m.; July 16 at 7:30 p.m.; July 17 at 7:30 p.m.; July 18 at 2:00 p.m.]

**The Drowsy Chaperon: A Musical within a Comedy**

McLeod Theater

Southern Illinois University

1100 Lincoln Drive

Carbondale

McLeod Summer Playhouse presents The Drowsy Chaperon: A Musical within a Comedy. This 2006 Tony Award Winner for best book and score is full of mix-ups and mayhem. This delightful show is about an old musical that takes place within the apartment of a musical theater lover. For more information please call (618)453-3001 or visit [www.theater.siuc.edu](http://www.theater.siuc.edu).

July 10

**Albion Pork Day USA Attractions**

Downtown Albion

Albion

Imagine the best pork products you've ever tasted cooking on grills that stretch for hundreds of feet – It's all here at the Albion Pork Day USA Attractions along with parades, crafts and entertainment. For more information please call (618)445-2303.

July 15 – 17

**Cave-In-Rock Frontier Days**

Cave In Rock

Along the Ohio River

Cave-In-Rock Frontier Festival is held in July in Cave-In-Rock on the banks of the beautiful Ohio River. The festival, which commemorates the extensive and colorful history connected to Cave-In-Rock and the surrounding community is an entertaining and fun filled community event. First held in the 1960's, the celebration includes a parade, carnival, various entertainment held in the Old Opry House. A Little Miss and Mister Frontier Days and Frontier Queen pageant is a highlight as well as various other activities. Come join the festivities for a weekend of fun and entertainment. For more information please call Perry Foster at (618)289-3369 or visit [www.hardincountyil.org](http://www.hardincountyil.org).

July 29 – August 2

**The Wizard of Oz: The All Southern Illinois High School Musical**

McLeod Theater  
Southern Illinois University  
1100 Lincoln Drive  
Carbondale

The McLeod Theater Summer Playhouse presents The Wizard of Oz: The All Southern Illinois High School Musical. This Royal Shakespeare version follows closely the classic movie with all the musical hits you've come to love. The songs featured will be "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "If I Only Had A Brain," "If I Were King of the Forest", "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and more. Bring the entire family to this musical classic. For more information please call (618)453-3001 or visit [www.theater.siu.edu](http://www.theater.siu.edu).

August 6 – 7

**Peach Festival**

Downtown Cobden  
Cobden

The annual Peach Festival in Cobden features a carnival with rides and games, exhibits and contests, Peach Queen pageant and lots of peach food. For more information please call (618)893-2777.

August 14 – 15

**Heritage Festival**

Elizabethtown

The Hardin County Heritage Festival is held the second Friday and Saturday in August and celebrates the county's rich heritage and history. The event includes exceptional period entertainment and activities to fill your weekend including: 1800's outdoor play, Civil War Reenactment, pageant, quilt show, duck race, area craft and food vendors. Festivities also include a period ball, a Regal Women's Tea and live entertainment throughout the activities. Events are held in Elizabethtown (Saturday) and at the Hardin County K-12 School located East of Elizabethtown on 146. For more information please call (618)287-7090 or visit [www.hardincountyil.org](http://www.hardincountyil.org).

August 22 – 28

**Union County Fair**

Fairgrounds  
Anna

The Union County Fair provides fun for the whole family and includes carnival games, rides, farm and agriculture exhibits, rodeos, horse racing and tractor pulls. There will be a Queen contest on Monday night and a demolition derby on Friday night. For more information please call (800)248-4373.

June 3

## **Grafton's Music In The Park**

The Grove Memorial Park

Corner of Main St. and Market (Rte. 100 & Rte. 3)

Grafton

Grafton's Music in the Park is a free concert brought to you by Grafton's Chamber of Commerce and participating Grafton businesses every Thursday evening throughout the summer. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy great music while experiencing the majestic views of the Mississippi River. Concerts will last 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Rain or inclement weather will cancel this event. For more information please call (618)786-2722 or visit [www.enjoygraffton.com](http://www.enjoygraffton.com).

June 5 – 6

## **International Horseradish Festival**

Woodland Park

Pine Lake Road, off of Vandalia/Route 159

Collinsville

For nearly two decades, the International Horseradish Festival has celebrated the multi-faceted and vastly under-utilized spicy member of the mustard family and brought people from around the region and the country to Collinsville for entertainment, fun and great food. Proceeds from the festival have helped local organizations for many years and in many ways such as helping handicapped children and building playgrounds. This festival features free entertainment, food booths, root toss, root sacking contest, Bloody Mary contest, horseradish cooking contest, children's activities, game booths and the Annual Root Derby. For more information please call (618)344-2884 or visit [www.horseradishfestival.com](http://www.horseradishfestival.com).

June 6

## **Bark in the Park**

Glazebrook Park

1401 Stamper Lane

Godfrey

Bring your pooch to Bark in the Park for food, games, prizes, rides, vendors and contests to support and bring awareness to the wonderful work that the 5As provides for the community of Godfrey. For more information please call 618-466-1483 or visit [www.godfreyil.org](http://www.godfreyil.org).

June 12

## **Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair**

Pere Marquette State Park

IL Route 100 Great River Road

Grafton

The Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair offers fun and information for the entire family. Event includes: trout pond seminars on fishing and water safety, educational activities, gifts and prizes. For more information please call (618)786-3323.

June 16 – August 11 [Free]

**Jazz in the Park**

Alton High School Auditorium  
4200 Humbert Rd.  
Alton

Enjoy summer evenings of soothing sounds during the free Jazz in the Park concerts brought to you by the North Alton/ Godfrey Business Council, Hayner Public Library and the Village of Godfrey. All ages welcome. For more information, please call 618-466-1483 or visit [www.godfreyil.org](http://www.godfreyil.org).

June 19 – 20

**Great Rivers Towboat Festival**

Grafton Riverfront, West of the Loading Dock  
Grafton

Bring the whole family out to experience “Life on the Mississippi River” at the annual Great Rivers Towboat Festival. Take free tours of working towboats on the Mississippi River, enjoy BBQ, live music, rope throwing contests, art of the Mississippi and much more. For more information please call (618)786-7000 or visit [www.enjoygrifton.com](http://www.enjoygrifton.com).

June 26 – 27

**5th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Festival**

Alton Marina  
#1 Henry St.  
Alton

Stroll around the grounds of the Alton Marina on Riverfront Park in Alton to see approximately 50 antique and classic boats dockside at the marina or along the bay at the fifth annual Antique & Classic Boat Festival. Spend some time stepping on board some of the classics or getting an up close look at their beauty. For more information please call (636)441-3559 or visit [www.missvalleyacbs.com](http://www.missvalleyacbs.com).

July 10

**10th Annual Family Fun Day Play Day**

1401 Stamper Lane  
Godfrey

Family Fun Day Play Day is an old fashioned day of family fun in the park. Children and adults alike will enjoy the fun of carnival games a washers tournament dunking booth climbing wall an inflatable slide music the unveiling of the maze design and much more. If you're a music fan, don't miss this opportunity to watch some of area's talented singers as they compete in the Third Annual Godfrey Idol Contest. Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the activities. For more information please call 618-466-1483.

July 11

**Centennial Family Picnic & Ice Cream Social**

670 Whitelaw Ave.

Wood River

Beat the heat this summer and take part in the annual Ice Cream Social at Central Park. The Muny Band will perform from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the Diz Strohman Big Band will perform from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information please call (618)258-3100.

July 11 [Free]

**Summer & Strawberry Festival**

Pere Marquette Lodge

13653 Lodge Blvd.

Grafton

Come and see how tasty summer can really be at the Summer & Strawberry Fest. The event is free and fun for the whole family. For more information please call (618)786-2331 or visit [www.pmlodge.net](http://www.pmlodge.net).

July 11

**World's Largest Catsup Bottle Summerfest**

1234 Vandalia (Rt. 159)

Collinsville

The annual World's Largest Catsup Bottle Summerfest Birthday Party and Classic Car Show will be a part of a full weekend of fun activities planned for the Collinsville American Legion Post 365. This family oriented, kid-friendly event will feature old-fashioned party games for kids of all ages. Plenty of craft show booths, attendance prizes, live music, food and fantastic family fun. For more information please call (618)344-8775 or visit [www.catsupbottle.com](http://www.catsupbottle.com).

August 8

**Pere Marquette Lodge: Peach Festival**

Pere Marquette Lodge

13653 Lodge Blvd.

Grafton

Visitors who love peaches or crafts, look no further than the Pere Marquette Lodge Peach Festival. Festival goers can enjoy all types of tasty treats including jellies, jams, pies, cobblers and more. Come and check out the 4th Annual Peach Festival and join other peach lovers as they celebrate the wonderful world of peaches. For more information, please call 618-786-2331 or visit [www.pmlodge.net](http://www.pmlodge.net).

August 18 [Registration fee is \$3.00 for individuals and \$5.00 for a family]

**Wood River Bike Ramble**

633 Wood River Ave.

Wood River

Join the annual Wood River Bike Ramble this summer and bring the whole family for a safe and exciting family night bike ride. The route begins and ends at the Roundhouse. Lineup is at 8:00 p.m. and the ride will start at 8:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call (618)251-3100.

August 20

**Centralia Balloon Fest**

600 N. Pleasant Ave.

Centralia

Come out for the annual three day Centralia Balloon Fest which features 40 hot air balloons, main stage entertainment, craft fair, free children's activities and games, cardboard boat races, food and more. For more information please call (618)523-6789 or visit [www.balloon-fest.com](http://www.balloon-fest.com).

August 28

**Olden Days Festival**

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Come out and enjoy the Olden Days Festival – a family oriented event that has something for everyone. A steam, gas and threshing show will feature antique tractors, engines and heritage demonstrations along with an antique tractor pull. There will be live entertainment both days with cowboy church on Sunday. Shop the large craft and flea market and enjoy lots of good old-fashioned food. For more information please call (618)466-7206 or visit [www.tricountyantiqueclub.org](http://www.tricountyantiqueclub.org).