

A Wisconsin Event Sampler

A smorgasbord of events with a bit of flavor from all over Wisconsin!

JULY – AUGUST 2011

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BEFORE YOU GO: Avoid disappointment. Always check for schedule changes before heading to events. For more events: www.TravelWisconsin.com or www.WisTravel.com

◆2011◆ END OF JULY ◆

July 25-31

OSHKOSH

EAA AirVenture

More than 500,000 EAA members and aviation enthusiasts from more than 60 countries attend EAA AirVenture at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" has it all when it comes to aircraft. Warbirds. Vintage. Homebuilts. Ultralights.
<http://www.airventure.org/> 920-426-4800

July 28-31

MILWAUKEE

German Fest

"Gemütlichkeit," loosely translated from German as good cheer and comfort, surrounds visitors to the nation's largest four-day German festival of its kind. Fest-goers of all nationalities immerse themselves in German culture with tuba-playing contests, wiener dog races, authentic German food, fireworks, and of course good German beer. This year features a battle of the bands competition, eat-a-thon, 3-on-3 soccer tournament and home-brewed German beer contest. 414-464-9444; www.germanfest.com

July 28-31

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Betty Boop Festival Wisconsin

Betty Boop Festival Wisconsin. The festival honors Grim Natwick, a Wisconsin Rapids native and Betty's original top animator at Fleischer Studios for his lifelong achievements. The event features an expanded Grim Natwick animation exhibit, an animated film festival, visual art gallery, an animation art collector's show and children's activities such as cartooning and caricature classes, which are new this year.
715-423-1830; www.bettyboopfestivalwi.com

July 29-31

HAYWARD

Lumberjack World Championships®

This international competition, now in its 52nd year, welcomes professional male and female lumberjacks and logrollers from around the world to compete for \$50,000 in prize money in lumberjack competitions. More than 12,000 spectators over the three-day event watch as participants compete in sawing, climbing, log rolling and chopping events.
715-634-2484; www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com

July 28- Aug 1

SPOONER

The Moving Wall

The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Washington D.C. Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, has been traveling the country for over twenty years as a tribute to the men and women who served in the Vietnam War, and will be at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans' Memorial Cemetery (Washburn County) from 7PM July 28th until 8AM August 1st, 2011. Opening Ceremony on July 28th at 7PM with speakers, music, color guard, and more. The Closing Ceremony will be held July 31st at 7PM. Northern Wisconsin Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. For more information call (715) 766-8219

July 29-31

KENOSHA

3rd Annual Taste of Wisconsin

Taste of Wisconsin brings the tastes, flavors and cultures of Wisconsin together in one amazing three-day celebration on Kenosha's breathtaking lakeshore. Savor the flavors of 50 specialty food and beverage vendors – restaurants, growers, producers, brewers and more – all serving up true Wisconsin specialties to satisfy even the most discerning appetites.

Also enjoy three stages of live music, culinary demonstrations, nutrition seminars, special exhibits and fun children's activities. Taste of Wisconsin is produced by the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha to support local charities. Free admission. 1-800-654-7309 ext. 11; www.tasteofwi.com

July 29-31

SYMCO

Symco, Union Thrasheree

Stroll through the scenic town of Unionville where all the Stores and Shops will take you back to a time from the 1800's when horses and steam engines roamed the land. Union Thresherman Club, a non-profit club, preserves our rural farming and small town family heritage. Friday's live music will kick off the weekend. Saturday: live demonstrations of steam engines, largest collection of running Fairbanks Morris engines. Tractor pulls starts at noon. Sunday: church service in the Unionville Church and ends with the best chainsaw contest in town. Highway 22, 3miles north of Manawa. For more information call (920) 596-2446

July 29 -31

JANESVILLE

Southern Wisconsin AirFEST

See the U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet Demo, Brazilian Air force "Smoke Squadron," U.S. Army Black Dagers Jump Team, U.S. Air force F-16 TAC Demo Team. At the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport between Beloit and Janesville. 608-754-5405; www.swairfest.org

July 30

WAUNAKEE

Waunafest Arts & Craft Fair

25th Annual. 9AM - 5PM. Free. Food, beverage, music, family entertainment, carnival, softball tournament, tug-of-war, Sunday parade, arts and craft fair. Centennial Park, Holiday Drive. (608) 849-5592.

July 30-Aug 5

MINERAL POINT

Your Stage & Screen Career Starts Here! Shake Rag Alley

You'll work with award-winning industry pros from Hollywood & New York -- *Sundance, Seinfeld, MASH, Saturday Night Live, National Lampoon, PBS, Strasberg Institute*, feature films, documentaries, TV shows & commercials, Broadway hits, theater companies, and universities. Learn how to audition, stage fighting,

Writing & acting comedy sketches, insider tips, set design, writing for stage & screen, video production, acting, intro to Shakespeare. This is an action-packed week of hands-on workshops with lots of one-on-one interaction & possible college credit. <http://www.shakeragalley.com/announcements/stage-and-screen> 608-987-3292

July 30-31

GREEN BAY

Laura Ingalls Wilder Days at Heritage Hill State Park

Activities include making bullets, woodworking, stuffing mattresses, baking Jonnycakes, rug braiding, historic games, as well as new hands on activities to engage young and old alike. New and repeat visitors will catch a glimpse of the pioneer life that Laura wrote about! Plus meet actors from the television series "Little House on the Prairie" and Laura Ingalls Wilder author and historian William Anderson. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. For more information call (920) 448-5150.

July 31

SHAWANO

43rd Annual Shawano Co. Art & Craft Fair

10AM - 4PM. Admission free. 70-80 regional artists exhibit and sell a variety of original work. Booths are set up along wooded winding paths surrounding the Mielke Arts Center near Shawano Lake. Mielke Arts Center, Airport Road. For more information call (715) 745-6222.

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August 3-Sept7

PEMBINE

Summer Jam

Weekly Wednesday night outdoor concerts on the lawn of The Four Seasons Island Resort. N16800 Shoreline Drive. For more information call (715) 324-5244.

August 4-6

ST.GERMAIN

7th Annual Pig in the Pines RibFest

Professional award winning national rib vendors cooking ribs every day; try a sampler or have a meal. Live bands performing all three days! Rides for people of all ages. Event hours are 11:30AM to 9:30PM each day. Hwys. 70 & 155. For more information call (715) 477-2205.

August 4-7

NEILLSVILLE

27th Annual Bicycle Tour

Six routes ride for The Highground and converge on The Highground on last day for celebration. W7031 Ridge Rd. For more information call (715) 743-4224.

August 4-7

RHINELANDER

Oneida County Fair

Thur 5PM-10PM, Fri & Sat 10AM-10PM, Sun 10AM-6PM. Admission free. Oneida County Fair located in the city of Rhinelander among tall pines of the Pioneer Park Historical Complex. Live music on two stages and midway games, 4H animals and exhibits, farmers' market, great food. Pioneer Park Historical Complex, South Oneida Ave.. For more information call (715) 365-2750.

August 4-7

WILTON

Wilton Wood Turtle Days

Fri 6PM - 10PM, Sat 9AM - 3PM. Admission free. Annual festival, softball/volleyball tournament, parade, fireworks, 5K run/walk, kids' games, music, food and fun. Wilton Village Park. For more information call (608) 435-6512 or (608) 435-6929.

August 4-7

LA CROSSE

Great River Jazz Fest

Jazz lovers won't want to miss the finest jazz in the Midwest played all weekend near the scenic Mississippi River. Nationally known musicians perform. Also jam sessions. 608-791-1190; <http://www.lacrossejazz.com>

August 4-14

WEST ALLIS

Wisconsin State Fair presented by U.S. Cellular

Maybe it was the cream puffs that did it, or that chocolate covered bacon – but last year, the Wisconsin State Fair welcomed 900,000 visitors. This year could be bigger. There are 30 free stages of entertainment, demonstrations and family programming plus national acts on the Main Stage. Fairgoers give their taste buds an all-in workout with cream-puffs (the signature treat of the fair), brats, beer, cheese curds, corn dogs and deep fried treats at more than 200 food concessions. There are auctioneer contests, doggie weddings, Packer autographs sessions, Clydesdale shows, a fiddlers' contest, magicians and sheep shearing. Eat, shop and create memories to last a lifetime. 1-800-884-FAIR/3247, <http://www.wistatefair.com>

August 4-7

SEYMOUR

Hamburger Fest and Balloon Rally

Hamburger fans will want to visit Seymour, the official "Home of the Hamburger" as it pays tribute to hamburger inventor Charles Nagreen. According to local legend, Nagreen served the first burger in 1885 at the Outagamie County Fair. This year's theme is "Hamburger Charlie Salutes Our Troops." Witness "The World's Largest Hamburger Parade," a hamburger eating contest, the "Hamburger Meat" weightlifting competition, ketchup slide for kids and 11th annual Hot Air Balloon Rally with balloons ascending at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. 920-833-6688; <http://homeofthehamburger.org>

August 5-7

MIDDLETON

Centurion Wisconsin

Experience your own Tour de France for a day right here in Wisconsin. The course includes the hills of Blue Mounds State Park and is designed for the serious, competitive rider and also recreational cyclists or families, with a combination of 25-, 50-, and 100-mile options. New this year is a Friday night Time Trial, a Friday evening community bike drive, a 25-mile Kids Ride on Saturday and a concert on Saturday afternoon. There will also be technical, medical and race support, traffic control and food stations. This year's event is expected to draw 2,500 cyclists. 1-877-504-9631; <http://www.centurioncycling.com/wisconsin>

August 5-7

WAUPUN

Art Around Waupun Art Show

A two day fine art show with fine artisans from all over Wisconsin inside and outside the historic downtown Waupun City Hall. 201 E Main Street. For more information call (920) 346-5891.

August 5-7

WAUPUN

Dodge County Antique Power Club

Antique displays and working demonstrations from years past. Flea market and food on the grounds. Cty I south of Waupun and Cty B east of Burnett.. For more information call (920) 324-3491.

August 6

JACKSONPORT

Cherry Fest

9AM - 4PM. Admission free. Celebrate the cherry harvest in Door County - live music, wagon rides, food, beverages, historical artifact displays, kids' events, and arts and crafts. Lakeside Park, Hwy 57. For more information call (920) 743-4556.

August 6

SUN PRAIRIE

Sweet Corn Festival

The delicious smell of steamed sweet corn fills the air as more than 100,000 visitors take to Angell Park to celebrate one of America's favorite summer treats. The festival begins Thursday evening with a parade down Main Street. Visitors can enjoy a craft show, carnival rides, concessions, a family stage, live bands, petting zoo and of course plenty of mouth watering sweet corn.

608-837-4547; <http://www.sunprairiechamber.com>

August 6

MINERAL POINT

Summer Gallery Night

Gallery Night, a City-wide celebration of art, focuses on one of the key elements that distinguish this small city – the creative community. Artists and gallery owners offer a remarkable assortment of fine art and quality hand-made craft: basketry, ceramics, collage, furniture, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, weaving, and woodworking – much of it made locally. Most of the galleries are located in the compact downtown business district, within walking distance of each other. With its historic architecture, delicious dining venues, and engaging gallerists, walking from place to place on Gallery Night gives visitors the authentic Mineral Point experience. www.MineralPoint.com PH: 608-987-3201

August 6

MIDDLETON

National Mustard Day

Middleton's National Mustard Museum holds the world's largest collection of mustards (at last count, more than 5,300 varieties) and celebrates a day in honor of this condiment.

Free hot dogs, live music, mustard games raising money for local charities, and of course a wide variety of unusual mustards, including chocolate merlot and walnut mustards. The museum is also the home to America's mustard college, Poupon U. 1-800-438-6878; <http://www.mustardmuseum.com>

August 6

MILWAUKEE

African World Festival – Milwaukee

This fest, held along the Lake Michigan shore, links the best of tradition with contemporary lifestyles. This year will feature a health and wellness area for women, a film festival, author book signings, and more. African artisans demonstrate heritage activities including tribal art and face painting. Vendors display an array of colorful clothing, art and souvenirs with an African and African-American twist, while the rhythms of gospel, R&B and blues music fill the air. And don't forget the delicious variety of food. 414-291-7959; <http://www.africanworldfestival-milwaukee.com>

August 6

FALL RIVER

Doo-Wop Daddies 50's & 60's Show Band & Car Show

At Savanna Oaks Comm. Center performing Under The Oaks. Rain or Shine ~ gates open at 4PM Show at 7PM. We are looking for 50 & 60's Classic Cars & Trucks to be on display at 4pm till show starts. One free concert ticket for each 50 or 60's car or truck brought. Call for admission prices. Food & beverages Available - no carry-ins. 100 Savanna Road. & State Hwy. 16 . For more information call (920) 623-5319.

August 6-7

PARK FALLS

59th Annual Flambeau Rama

10AM - 5PM. Free. Flambeau Rama is family entertainment, live music, food court, carnival, arts & crafts and a parade on Sunday. 310 5th Street North. For more information call (715) 877-2703.

August 6-7

GREEN BAY

World War I Encampment

Join Company E of the 2nd Regiment of Wisconsin National Guard as they prepare for World War I. Activities include manual of arms, marching, bayonet drills, grenade throwing, clearing a trench and more. Visitors are invited to enlist in the company and participate in some of the interactive training. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. For more information call (920) 448-5150.

August 6-7

MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee Air & Water Show

The 2011 Milwaukee Air & Water Show takes place on the Milwaukee lakefront between Bradford Beach and McKinley Beach. This free show will treat the greater Milwaukee area to the high-flying action of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the U.S. Navy Leapfrogs parachute teams as well as other military and civilian aircraft. The water show will include the Badgerland Water Ski Show Team and a demonstration on sea rescue by the U.S. Coast Guard. Gather with friends and family near the show center, as reserved seating and lakefront parking is available online. 414-727-5820; <http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com>

August 12

BAYFIELD

Warren Nelson Returns to Big Top Chautauqua

Warren Nelson is the creative co-founder of Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua, one of the finest summer musical venues in the Midwest. Nelson stood as ringmaster of the canvas tent show for nearly 25 years and is the co-writer of many original musical productions and compositions still performed by The Blue Canvas Orchestra.. He returns for a grand night of music and memories. His original songs include "Autumn Fancy," "Riding the Wind," "Keeper of the Light," "Ballyhoo," and "Patsy's Bar." Nelson is touring in support of his new CD "Song in my Hat." This promises to be an extraordinary show. www.BigTop.org. PH: 888-244-8368

August 12-13

WAUPUN

Waupun Truck-N-Show

Waupun's 20th anniversary salute to the trucking industry. Over 300 show & work trucks on display, truck vendors, food, live music & more. "Lights of the Night" truck convoy Friday 9PM. "Ride of Pride" all truck parade Saturday 3PM. Free admission to grounds. Waupun Community Center. (920) 324-9985.

August 13

BARABOO

Summer Art Classic Fine Art Festival

9AM - 4PM. Admission free. One of the premier small fine art festivals in Wisconsin, attracting 90 artists from throughout the Midwest. This juried festival features photography, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, glass and more. Courthouse Square, 136 4th Street, Downtown. (608) 356-3192.

August 13

DODGEVILLE

Wisconsin Dairyland Dare

Annual Bicycle Challenge drawing over 1,000 cyclists to the hilly roads of the area. Harris Park Ley Pavilion. For more information call (608) 553-0144.

August 13

EDGERTON

Stroll Through Park Arts & Crafts Fair

9AM - 3PM. Free. 13th annual fine arts and crafts show, bake sale, antique buggy display, Albion Historical Museum open, food available. Albion Park, Albion Road. For more information call (608) 884-6522.

August 13

FITCHBURG

Fitchburg Frolic Walk

Join the Dairyland Walkers on either a 5K or 11K walk through McKee Farms Park, on the Capital City Bike Trail, past HospiceCare, the Agora Pavilion, and the new Fitchburg library. Walkers may start between 8AM and noon and must finish by 3PM. Cost is free or \$3 for volkssport credit. McKee Farms Park Shelter, 2930 Chapel Valley Road. For more information call (608) 835-9626.

August 13

HARTFORD

American Accents: A Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts

9AM - 3PM. Admission free. 26th Annual. 80 exhibitors nestled along Rubicon River. Live "music under the trees." Food by Hartford Lions. Evening Hot Air Balloon Rally by Chamber of Commerce. Willowbrook Park, 774 East Sumner Street (Hwy 60). For more information call (262) 673-5207.

August 13

MENOMONIE

Family Fun Day

Partake in the 3rd Annual Family Fun Day event. Activities for children include butter making, candle making, historic tour of Wakanda Park and even a silent auction for the adults. Rassbach Heritage Museum, 1820 Wakanda Street. For more information call (715) 232-8685.

August 13

SHERWOOD

Sherwood – CornFest

Free all you can eat Corn-on-the-Cob with a Paid General Admission! Farm tours, face painting, pony ride, cow milking and more. Call for admission info. 3 miles east of Sherwood on Cty Road B. For more information call (920) 989-3130.

August 13

STEVENS POINT

Taste of the Town

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin's Taste of the Town. Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 at the gate. Enjoy culinary samples from more than 20 local restaurants/caterers, a wine & beer garden, musical entertainment, raffle, live auction (featuring Thomas Dailing custom design pendant, Big Green Egg grill) and chef competition. Pfiffner Pioneer Park Bandshell Area. (715) 341-0661.

August 13

STOUGHTON

Stoughton Coffee Break Festival & Car Show

8:30AM - 7PM. Admission free. This one-day festival celebrates the home of the Coffee Break with a coffee brew off, antique car and motorcycle show, arts & crafts fair, music, a fun run, food, and more fun for the family. Mandt Park, 400 Mandt Parkway. For more information call (608) 873-7912.

August 13-14

LAKE GENEVA

Art in the Park

The Geneva Lake Art Association's 31st Annual Fine Art Show is located at Flat Iron Park, on the beautiful shore of Lake Geneva, WI. AITP is a juried show that spotlights original fine art over 80 artists from throughout the United States, featuring paintings, photography, pottery, graphics, sculptures, jewelry and more. The event will also feature a silent auction, live entertainment, food and beverage and a children's activity tent. The show runs from 10AM-5PM on Saturday and 10AM-4PM on Sunday. Flat Iron Park. For more information call (262) 249-7988.

August 13-14

MILWAUKEE

Morning Glory Fine Craft Fair

10AM - 5PM. Admission free. Wisconsin's premier contemporary fine craft fair. Handsome downtown location along the Milwaukee RiverWalk. Silent auction, summer picnic food, and special amenities for artists and patrons. 37th anniversary event! Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Downtown. For more information call (414) 259-1440.

August 13-14

SUSSEX

Sussex Heritage Weekend Re-enactors

More than 20 historical campsites; wild west, French traders, navy cannons and revolutionaries. Town of Lisbon - Community Park.. For more information call (262) 246-7266.

August 13-14

WATERTOWN

Watertown Riverfest

Sat 9AM - 5PM, Sun 10AM - 4PM. Admission free. Our 2-day craft fair is part of the 4-day Riverfest celebration held at beautiful Riverside Park! 912 Labaree Street. More information (920) 988-9800.

August 14

BOULDER JUNCTION

55th Annual Musky Jamboree

9AM - 4PM. Admission free. Musky Fun Run, car show, free "Taste of Musky," arts & craft fair, Kids Casting Contest, live entertainment. A day of family fun! Main Street. More information call (715) 385-2400.

August 14

BURLINGTON

Knights of Columbus Arts & Craft Fair

10AM - 6PM. Admission free. Arts and craft fair held in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Corn & Brat Fest. Echo Lake Veterans Park, Hwy 36. For more information call (262) 763-3781.

August 14

GREEN BAY

Heritage Players - Civil War Blues

Heritage Hill State Historical Park is pleased to host the Heritage Players and their performance of the Civil War Blues. 1:00PM. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. For more information call (920) 448-5150.

August 14

MADISON

The Essences and Beauty of a Woman Affair

Come experience an afternoon designed to embrace, enhance and empower "The Essences and Beauty of a Woman", featuring author Candace N. Ford, author of Committed to Commune. All proceeds will be donated to Quita's Heart, Inc a community - based nonprofit organization. Please call for admission info. Goodman Community Center-Evjue Room D, 149 Waubesa. For more information call (608) 852-6504.

August 14

WISCONSIN DELLS

Famous Indian Ceremonial Dance

For many years the famous Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial was a family entertainment staple in Wisconsin Dells. Now it will be returning this summer! The two free shows will take place at Historic Bowman Park on Broadway. Everyone will enjoy the Native American drumming and dancers as they perform traditional presentations honoring their legacy and customs. Historic Bowman Park, Downtown at 714 Broadway. For more information call (608) 254-7458.

August 16-17

BARABOO

Summer Dance Recitals at Al Ringling Theatre

Under the direction of Bertie Canepa Reifsteck, Summer dance recitals are planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 16 & 17 at the historic Al Ringling Theatre at 6:30PM. Please call for registration information for classes in Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical, offered for ages 3 years and up. Adult classes in Tap, Zumba, Yoga and Ballroom are offered in Lake Delton. Al Ringling Theatre. For more information call (608) 253-6707.

August 17-20

APPLETON

Paper Discovery Center Summer Science Series

Extra hands-on activities, experiments, and puzzles to explore various science concepts throughout the summer. All included with regular admission. No registration required. Come for a visit and join in the fun. This week's theme is Optical Illusions. Discover how your mind gets tricked - things seem bigger than they are, unchanging objects switch colors and move position, you see something that isn't there and don't see something that is. 425 W. Water Street. For more information call (920) 380-7491.

August 17

EAGLE RIVER

Paul Bunyan Fest

10AM - 4PM. Admission free. Fun family event with Roast Cooking Contest by area merchants, Paul Bunyan size beef sandwiches and luncheon available, arts and crafts show, musical entertainment, chainsaw carving demo, and much more. Downtown. For more information call (800) 359-6315.

August 17

JANESVILLE

Garden Seminar - Rain Gardens

Rotary Botanical Gardens Friends Members Free, \$5 for the general public. Join Chrissy Regester, Horticulture Educator from UW-Extension (Walworth County) as she describes and discusses the value of rain gardens as sustainable landscape features. This seminar will explore site selection, installation, water considerations and appropriate plants. Rotary Botanical Gardens Parker Education Center. 1455 Palmer Drive. 6:00PM to 8:00PM. (608) 752-3885.

August 18-21

LAKE GENEVA

Venetian Festival

49th Annual. Five day festival featuring a carnival, craft fair, water ski show, musical entertainment, local cuisine, and the festival's traditional lighted boat parade followed by a fireworks display high above Geneva Lake. Sponsored by The Lake Geneva Jaycees. Wednesday - Friday 6PM to Midnight. Saturday & Sunday Noon to Midnight. Downtown Lake Geneva. For more information call (262) 248-6759.

August 18-20

ELKHART LAKE

Road America American Le Mans Series (ALMS)

Experience three action-packed days at the world's fastest road racing circuit. Elite sports cars test Road America's sweeping straights and tight turns at amazing speeds. Open ALMS grid, autographs, tech talks, fan forums, car corrals and a Tour de Road America bike event are also featured. 1-800-365-7223; <http://www.roadamerica.com>

August 18-21

MILWAUKEE

Irish Fest – Milwaukee

Visit Milwaukee Irish Fest, the world's largest celebration of Irish music and culture, showcasing more than 100 entertainment acts annually at the four-day, 16-stage event at Maier Festival Park on Lake Michigan. Passionately committed to igniting a love of Irish culture in all people, Irish Fest teaches Ireland's music, dance, sports, culture, children's activities and genealogy at the festival and through yearlong programming. 414-476-3378; <http://www.irishfest.com>

August 18-21

MADISON/SW WI

OpenAir Classic -Topless Tour in the Driftless Region

Some 200 convertibles with 400 convertible lovers based in Madison for a four day tour of the Southwest's Driftless Region –Open to any convertible, any make or vintage- Pre-registration is required - www.OpenAirTours.com - The routes wind into scenic back roads with stops at area checkpoints. Spectators will see cars for four days touring "The Driftless Region" of Southwest Wisconsin – Best Bet: on display in downtown Mineral Point from about 2PM to 4PM on August 20th . www.OpenAirTours.com

AUGUST 19-21

BARABOO

Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club 48th Annual Show

Three day show featuring antique steam & gas engines, antique tractors, and field demonstrations such as sawing logs & shingles, threshing, rock crushing and steam powered well drilling. S3347 Sand Road. For more information call (608) 522-4905.

AUGUST 19-21

PORT WASHINGTON

Port Washington - Maritime Heritage Festival

Three majestic tall ships, an Artisan's Marketplace, educational and historic activities and displays, two music stages, harbor tours, children's activities, food/beverage court, fireworks and a cardboard boat regatta. Port Washington Lakefront. For more information call (262) 268-1132.

August 19-21

VIROQUA

Wild West Days

Full weekend of Wild West fun in an old time frontier town. wildwestdays.info. (608) 637-8652.

August 20

MINERAL POINT

“To The point” Citywide Garage Sale

Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Wisconsin Territory this year, one of Wisconsin's oldest and most historic communities rummages through its attics, goes deep into old cellars and finds things not seen in years when the locals hold the annual garage sale. No ordinary garage sale, this is one the “pros” never miss! Download maps on-line at www.MineralPoint.com Get your treasure then stay for “The Wheatles” (see next listing).

August 20

MINERAL POINT

An Evening with “The Wheatles”

The Mineral Point Opera House presents the acclaimed trio... *The Wheatles* – performing a Beatles Tribute Copncert. A 7:30PM show benefits the Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce. Open to the public with tickets available through the Mineral Point Opera House at www.MPOH.org

August 20

BARABOO

Annual Leopold Center Canoe Day

Come paddle along the scenic Wisconsin River from just below the Dells Dam to the Pine Island Wildlife Area, with a tour and lunch stop at the historic Leopold Shack and Farm. Instructors are Aldo Leopold Foundation staff. Fee is \$25-\$45 per person, depending on whether canoe rental is needed. Call for details. If providing your own canoe, must provide transport for your boat at the end of the trip. Program is weather dependent. E13701 Levee Road, near Baraboo. Event starts at 7:30AM and ends at 3:00PM. For more information call (608) 355-0279.

August 20

GRAND CHUTE

Kiwanis Grand Chute West Fest

9AM - 3:30PM. Admission free. Outdoor arts & crafts show. All handmade items highlighting Autumn & Christmas. Family entertainment, kids' games, music, farmers market, Lots of food and fun and a huge raffle. Grand Chute Town Hall, 1900 Grand Chute Boulevard. For more information call (920) 832-4773.

August 20

DODGEVILLE

Simple Earth Hops Harvest Brewfest

9AM - 8PM. An all day beer tasting environment for 160 VIP attendees who will lend 2 hours throughout the event day to pick hops. When registering for free tickets, attendees will indicate which 2 hour shift(between 9AM-5PM) they will be available to help pick hops. This event will also feature tours of the hopyard with live music and beer samples. A community potluck (dish to pass required) will begin at 6PM. Free tickets are limited to 160 VIP guests. Event registration is required. Hopyard at Greenspirit Farm, 4352 State Road 23. For more information call (262) 210-4077.

August 20-21

MERRILL

A Very Merrill Affaire

Sat 9AM - 6PM, Sun 10AM - 4PM. Free. Stange's Park, W. Third Street. (715) 536-5490.

August 20-21

MONTELLO

Father Marquette Days

Parade at noon, arts & crafts, car show, chicken BBQ, tractor pull, men slow-pitch softball tournament, cake baking contest, children's games & activities. Montello City Park. For more information call (608) 297-7171.

August 20-21

OCONOMOWOC

Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts

10AM - 5PM. Admission free. This is the 42nd year for this nationally recognized juried fine arts show. The show is set next to a sparkling lake in a beautiful wooded park. Three stages of quality entertainment for children and adults. Great food, a childrens' art tent, silent auction tent and free shuttle buses from area parking lots. Fowler Park, Oakwood Avenue. For more information call (262) 567-1243.

August 20-21

STEVENS POINT

Ramada Gun Show

Saturday 9AM-5PM, Sunday 9AM-3PM. 1501 North Point Drive, I-39 Exit #161. (715) 498-9175.

August 20-21

DODGEVILLE

Midwest Folklife Festival

This multi-state rotating event was held in Wisconsin in 2008 and makes its way back to Dodgeville this year. Fifty of Wisconsin's most exceptional individual and group artists have been selected to showcase a diverse collection of dance, music, crafts and food. Folklore Village's 94-acre site serves as the venue for the event. 608-924-4000; <http://folklorevillage.org>

August 21

GREENBUSH

51st Annual Wade House Arts & Crafts Fair

9AM - 5PM. Admission charged. Kids admission is free. A juried art and craft fair held outdoors on the picturesque and spacious grounds of Wade House Historic Site. Admission to the site is included in the purchase of a ticket. A delightful array of food choices is available at the event. Wade House Historic Site, W 7824 Center Street. For more information call (920) 526-3271.

August 21

NEW HOLSTEIN

New Holstein Kiwanis Arts & Craft Fair

10AM - 4PM. Admission free. Arts and crafts fair, pancake breakfast 9AM - 12PM, free corn roast, entertainment, and other food and refreshments. Other events in city. Civic Park, Park Avenue. For more information call (920) 898-5640.

August 21

PRESQUE ISLE

Fine Art Show & Art in the Park Fair

10AM - 3PM. Admission free. This is the eighth annual People's Choice Fine Art Show and Fair. We encourage exhibitors to demonstrate their art. All fine art skill levels accepted. Entertainment; refreshments available. Community Building & Park, Hwy B & School Loop Road. (715) 686-7946.

August 21

GREEN BAY

Kids Free Week at Heritage Hill State Historical Park

During family week, children 17 and under are free when accompanied by an adult (limit 6 children per adult). Hours Tuesday through Saturday are 10AM-4:30PM, Sunday, noon to 4:30PM. This a great outing for families, babysitters, grandparents and their grandchildren, etc. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. (920) 448-5150.

August 22-28

ERIN HILLS-WAUWATOSA

2011 U.S. Amateur Golf Championship

Making its Wisconsin debut, the 2011 U.S. Amateur Championship will be held this summer at Erin Hills Golf course and Blue Mound Golf and Country Club. For the first time since 1997, there will be no admission charge for the championship. Spectators of all ages can attend without having to purchase a ticket or pay for parking. Previous Amateur Championship winners include Bob Jones, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods. 262-670-8600; www.2011usamateur.com

August 26-27

SUPERIOR

10th Annual Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival. To celebrate, the festival of the ancient Chinese sport held on the waterfront of Barker's Island promises to be bigger and better than ever. With over 100 boats this year, the event is a flourish of color, excitement and fun. As the starting gun fires, teams in 40-foot-long exotically decorated boats will paddle feverishly in time with the pounding of the boat's drummer toward the finish line. The public is welcome to take part in this free event . 218-260-9850 <http://www.lakesuperiordragons.com>

August 26-28

GREEN BAY

Artstreet

Artists from across the U.S. take to the streets at this free Festival. Fine arts, ethnic foods, entertainment, and strolling performers make a fantastic family fest. 920-435-5220; <http://www.artseventsinc.com>

August 26-28

LAKE GENEVA

Maxwell Street Days

Everyone loves a great bargain, and you are sure to find not one, but many at Maxwell Street Days in Downtown Lake Geneva. You can browse vendors selling everything from antiques to crafts to produce (and a whole lot more!), with food and refreshments available. and remember, early bird gets the worm! Bargains line the streets of Lake Geneva. Come early! Downtown Lake Geneva. For more information call (262) 248-4416.

August 26-28

MILWAUKEE

Mexican Fiesta – Milwaukee

Sights and sounds from south of the border travel north each summer to the Summerfest grounds for Mexican Fiesta. Highlights include mariachi bands, dancing to Latin rhythms, “el grito” and “salsa-enge” contests, a jalapeño pepper-eating contest, a custom car show and plenty of delicious traditional Mexican fare. 414-383-7066; www.mexicanfiesta.org/mexican_fiesta.php

August 27

EAGLE RIVER

Bo-Boen Benefit Pig Roast & Bash

Sportsmens Chalet. Starts at 2PM with serving starting at 5PM. Proceeds go to trail maintenance by Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. 5205 Old Hwy. 70. For more information call (715) 479-8788.

August 27

FORT ATKINSON

Rhythm on the River

An evening of live music, great food, and fun on the river walk in downtown Fort Atkinson from 5-11PM. Back by popular demand, this year's band will be the award winning local country group Madison County performing at 7PM. Downtown Fort Atkinson off of Main Street. (920) 563-3210.

August 27

JANESVILLE

Garden Festival

Garden Festival celebrates the fall harvest with numerous educational booths on garden vegetables, food preparation, crafts, and tasting. Rotary Botanical Gardens/1455 Palmer Drive. Event starts at 11:00AM and ends at 4:00PM. For more information call (608) 752-3885.

August 27

MADISON

2nd Annual Figure 8 The Lakes Bike Event

Bicycle event that circumnavigates the two lakes, Mendota and Monona here in the Madison area with 7 stops along the way! Join up for either a 37 mile ride or a 50+ mile ride as a "Fund Raising Event" for the REACH a Child Non-Profit! Limited to the first 300 people! Nau-Ti-Gal Restaurant. (608) 219-1401.

August 27

MONTELLO

Green Sacred Earth Day

10AM to 4PM. Admission free. Green holistic fair and arts & crafts show's focus is on "taking care of you products" and intentional art forms supporting holistic practices. This includes organic & other "green" products for self and home. Nelson-Pade Inc., W3731 State Road 23. (608) 589-5335.

August 27

LA CROSSE

Great River Folk Festival

Sat 10AM - 6PM, Sun 10AM - 5PM. Admission charged. The 36th Annual Great River Folk Festival held on the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse grounds includes traditional crafters, craft demonstrations, ethnic foods, childrens' activities, dance and performing folk musicians. University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 16th & Vine Street. For more information call (608) 784-3033.

August 27

PORTAGE

Taste of Portage Market Fair

9AM - 4PM. Admission free. Sample food from restaurants and non-profit organizations, shop art & craft vendors, see the all-make/all-model car show. There will be kids' activities and live music throughout the day. Downtown, Hwy 33. For more information call (608) 742-6242.

August 27-28

EAGLE RIVER

Eagle River Festival of Flavors

Local and native Wisconsin food is the center of attention at this culinary event held in the heart of Wisconsin's Northwoods. It showcases local restaurants, food purveyors, culinary artisans, and artists using natural products from the area and throughout Wisconsin. The festival will also feature demonstrations and an expo about healthy food and fitness. Bring your appetite as plenty of food, cheese and wines are on the menu. 715-479-8467; www.eaglerivermainstreet.org/fof/fof_home.html

August 27-28

EAGLE RIVER

Festival of Flavors Art & Craft Show

Sat 9AM - 4PM, Sun 10AM - 3PM. Admission free. Fine arts and quality handcrafted items. Part of Festival of Flavors "Celebrate the Taste of Wisconsin," restaurants, wine, cheese. Riverview Park, Downtown. For more information call (715) 477-0645.

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September 2-3

PRAIRIE DU SAC

Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw

Head to Marion Park in Prairie du Sac and try and break the current Cow Chip Throw state record of 248 feet. Live music, a run/walk, an arts and crafts fair, kids chip throwing competition. More than 800 competitors and 40,000 spectators attend each year. 608-643-4317; <http://www.wiscowchip.com>

September 2-5

SHEBOYGAN

Dairyland Surf Classic

Known as the "Malibu of the Midwest," Sheboygan has welcomed thousands of participants over the past two decades to this freshwater surfing event. Enjoy live music and activities for the whole family. Labor Day weekend festivities begin on Friday night and surfing competitions are held Saturday along with a banquet and raffle. Surfing continues on Labor Day. 1-800-689-0290; <http://www.visitsheboygan.com>

