

Summer Fun

Events and Happenings Near You!



Information compiled from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's Official 2017 Spring/Summer Event Guide, www.travelwisconsin.com and other on-line tourism, event and chamber of commerce websites. Dates/times subject to change. Please use the websites or phone numbers listed to verify information. See elsewhere in this Lakes Edition for calendars of events filtered by city. More events may be included in those listings.

Enjoy weekend guided tours of the Historic Beckman Mill, one of Wisconsin's only restored working grist mills. Visit the Mill Museum housed in the Beckman family home and check out the unique gift shop. (608) 751-1551, beckmanmill.org

Garden Center, 5013 Hwy. 11 West. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fresh produce, meat vendors, flowers, baked goods, crafts and more. 608-314-6721, www.rockcountyfarmersmarket.com

Wednesdays, May-Oct.-LAKE MILLS

Artisan/Farmers' Market: Every Wednesday from 2-6:30 p.m. in Commons Park in downtown Lake Mills. Offers fresh and seasonal produce, crafts and art, all produced by farmers, crafters and artisans who grow or create their products. legendarylakemills.com/farmers-market

June 28-Aug. 2, Wednesdays-MADISON

Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra's Concerts on the Square: The Capitol Square comes alive with music for six consecutive Wednesdays during the summer months. Concerts are held on the King Street corner of the Capitol Square at 7 p.m. Bring a cooler or enjoy some great food from vendors. 608-257-0638, wcoconcerts.org

Saturdays, May-Oct. 15-EVANSVILLE

Evansville Farmers Market: Situated outdoors on East Church Street, next door to Creekside Place, the market operates 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. This is a producer-only market. The products that you will find there are produced locally by the folks who are vending them. There often is a free kids' entertainment booth featuring a simple craft. 608-728-8208, www.evansvillefarmersmarket.com

June 25, Aug. 13, Sept. 24-ELKHORN

Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: More than 50 dealers with antiques and more. Concessions. Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St. (Highway 11). 414-525-0820, www.nlpromotionsllc.com

Saturdays, May-Oct.-FORT ATKINSON

Fort Farmers Market: Saturday mornings 8 a.m. to noon. More than 45 local vendors each Saturday. Organic cheese, cheese curds, grassfed beef, organic chicken, local elk, sausage and fish, speciality breads, honey, jam, syrup, arts, crafts and more. Across from post office on Milwaukee Avenue. 920-563-3210, fortfarmersmarket.com

April 6-Sept. 4-BELOIT

Beloit Snappers: Enjoy major league fun at minor league prices at a Beloit Snapper's game. The Snappers are a Class A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics. Fun for the whole family, fireworks and special events are offered throughout the season. Check website for home game dates and times. Pohlman Field, 2101 Cranston Rd. 608-362-2272, beloit.snappers.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t554

Thursdays, June 1-Aug. 31-STOUGHTON

Gazebo Musikk: Series of free outdoor concerts in Stoughton Rotary Park (381 E. Main St.) every Thursday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. From Americana to Honky Tonk, everyone is sure to get a lesson in music appreciation without even knowing it, as attendees are exposed to a wide array of music genres. www.facebook.com/gazebomusikk/info/?tab=overview

July 20-Aug. 13-MADISON

Blooming Butterflies @ Olbrich Gardens: Experience the magnificence of free-flying butterflies while strolling through the tropical Bolz Conservatory. Live butterflies emerge from chrysalises daily in the Conservatory. More than a dozen species of butterflies, native to both Wisconsin and the more tropical areas of the southern United States, can be seen at various times during the exhibit. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. 608-246-4550, www.olbrich.org

July 8-Sept. 4 (Weekends and Labor Day)-KENOSHA

Bristol Renaissance Faire: Taking its framework from the summer day in 1574 when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth visited the English hamlet of Bristol, the Bristol Renaissance Faire is located just west of I-94's Russell Road exit, near Kenosha (12550 120th Ave.). Enjoy 16th Century merriment, music, food and games. Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 847-395-7773, www.renfaire.com/bristol

ONGOING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

First Sunday of each month, June-Oct.-RACINE

Wind Point Lighthouse Tour to the Top: Climb the 144 steps to the top of the 108-foot lighthouse for spectacular views of Lake Michigan. Guides available to answer questions. Reservations required, under age six not allowed in tower. Wind Point Lighthouse. Dates include June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, each day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 262-639-3777, windpointlighthouse.org

Weekly on Fridays-BELOIT

Friday's in the Park free summer concert series: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., May 26-Sept. 1, State Street and Grand Avenue. Listen to live music, kick off your shoes, soak up the sun and enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by one of Beloit's local eateries. 608-365-0150, downtownbeloit.com

Saturdays, May-Oct.-BELOIT

Downtown Farmers' Market: Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 300 block of State Street, 400 block of East Grand Avenue and Gantry parking lot. An award-winning community tradition spanning over 50 years, the market continues to grow with more than 85 vendors weekly selling local produce, organics, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, herbs, bedding plants, fish, meat, eggs and cheese, fresh flowers, artisan crafts, scents and skin care. downtownbeloit.com/us/farmers-market-2/

Tuesdays-WHITEWATER

Whitewater City Market: Located in Cravath Lakefront Park in downtown Whitewater. All things local and handcrafted, from eggs and organic produce to craft beer and farm-raised beef. Relax on an adirondack chair in the courtyard with food from the carts and free music. Tuesdays, May-October, 3:30-7:30 p.m., 150 W Main St. 262-473-2200, downtownwhite.com

Thursdays, June 8-Oct. 12-JEFFERSON

Farmers Market: Held every Thursday from 12-5 p.m. behind Jefferson City Hall (intersection of West Dodge Street and South Gardner Avenue). www.jeffersonwis.com/community/market/

Saturdays and Sundays-BELOIT

Tours At Beckman Mill: 1-4 p.m., May-October, Beckman Mill County Park, 11600 South County Road H.

Saturdays/Wednesdays—MADISON

Dane County Farmers' Market: Saturdays in the Capitol Square from 6:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m. AND Wednesdays on the 200 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. You will find the season's best bounty of vegetables, flowers, and specialty products from approximately 300 vendors throughout the year. 608-455-1999, dcfm.org

May 29-Sept. 4-JANESVILLE

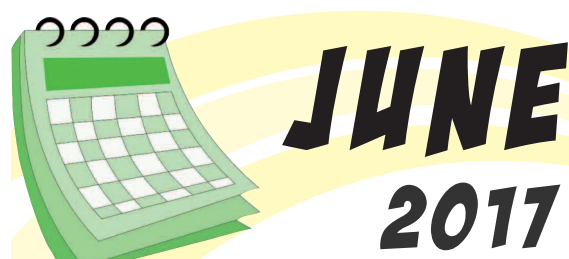
Rock Aqua Jays Waterski Shows: The highly decorated and successful Rock Aqua Jays water-ski team performs shows twice weekly between Memorial Day and Labor Day at RAJ Stadium in Traxler Park along the Rock River. Watch as the talented skiers present themed performances featuring gravity-defying pyramids, ballet moves, jumps and barefoot skiing. Admission is free to the 70-minute shows; donations are encouraged. Shows are Wednesday and Sunday nights (barring tournament obligations) at 7 p.m. through mid-August and 6:30 p.m. for show dates thereafter. 608-757-3171, www.rockaquajays.org

Saturdays, May-Oct.-JANESVILLE

Janesville Farmers Market: Located on Main Street in downtown Janesville. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A completely local outdoor market featuring fresh produce, meats, cheese, eggs, honey, baked goods, plants, cut flowers, soaps, hand cream, jewelry, herbs, seasonal products, art and more. 608-289-9292, www.janesvillefarmersmarket.com

Sundays, mid-May-mid-Oct.-RURAL JANESVILLE

Rock County Farmers Market: At Nature's Touch



2-STOUGHTON

Stoughton Chamber Singers: The Stoughton Chamber Singers, under the direction of John Beutel, will present a variety of choral music for the group's annual spring concert. The program will feature choral music from various composers and various musical periods. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5, general admission. 7:30 p.m., Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St. 608-877-4400, www.stoughtonoperahouse.com

2-MONROE

Cars on the Square: Historic Downtown Courthouse Square, 1016 16th Ave., 5-8:30 p.m. Classic cars on display, prizes, food. 608-328-4023, www.mainstreetmonroe.org

2-4-MOUNT HOREB AREA

Spring Art Tour: Discover the art studios of Mount Horeb, Verona, Mazomanie, Black Earth, Cross Plains, Blue Mounds and towns in between. Artists demonstrate and exhibit painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, glass, origami and more. Maps available. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 608-437-5914, www.springarttour.com



Discover many of Wisconsin's most scrumptious delights at the Dane County Farmers Market, which is held each Saturday and Wednesday. (Photo courtesy of TravelWisconsin.com)

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