

Summer Fun

Events and Happenings Near You!



Text compiled from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's Official 2018 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.

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. www.legendarylakemills.com/farmers-market

Saturdays, May-Oct.-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

Saturdays, May-Oct.-FORT ATKINSON

Fort Farmers Market: Saturday mornings 8 a.m. to noon. More than 30 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, www.fortfarmersmarket.com

Saturdays/Wednesdays—MADISON

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

Memorial Day-Labor Day-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 Garden Center, 5013 Hwy. 11 West. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fresh produce, meat vendors, flowers, baked goods, crafts and more. 608-449-4900, www.rockcountyfarmersmarket.com

June 27-Aug. 1, 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, www.wcoconcerts.org

May 20, June 24, Aug. 12, Sept. 30-ELKHORN

Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: Held four times a year at the Walworth County Fairgrounds (411 E. Court St.). With over 500 vendors participating, spectators come from all over looking for that special treasure. Dates this year are May 20, June 24, Aug. 12 and Sept. 30. 414-525-0820, www.nlpromotionsllc.com

Early April-Early Sept.-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, www.beloit.snappers.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t5544

Thursdays, May 31-Aug. 30-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. 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

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

Saturdays, May-Oct.-EDGERTON

Edgerton Community Farmers Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Central Park, 312 N. Main St. Seasonal, locally-grown or made fruits, vegetables, cheeses, berries, flowers, plants, herbs, soaps, eggs, honey, arts, crafts and more. 608-884-8504, www.facebook.com/EdgertonCommunityFarmersMarket

July 7-Sept. 3 (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.renfair.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 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, each day, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 4725 Lighthouse Dr. 262-880-8266, www.windpoint.org

Weekly on Fridays-BELOIT

Friday's in the Park free summer concert series: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., May 25-Aug. 31, 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., State Street, Grand Avenue and Mill Street 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. 608-365-0150, www.downtownbeloit.com/us/farmers-market-2

Thursdays, June 7-Oct. 4-JEFFERSON

Farmers Market: Held every Thursday 12 a.m. to 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. 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, www.beckmanmill.org

Wednesdays, May 9-Oct. 17-LAKE MILLS

Artisan/Farmers' Market: Every Wednesday from 2-



The boys of summer are back, as another season of family-friendly fun is in store at Pohlman Field, where the Beloit Snappers (a farm team for the Oakland Athletics) play. (Photo courtesy of Visit Beloit)

JUNE EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



1-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 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

1-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

1-3-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

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