

CHICAGO SUMMER GUIDE

Summer Long Events:

May 12 - October 27 | Logan Square Farmers Market | Logan Square

Come find a rotating roster of 80 of your favorite local farm and food purveyors all season long.

June 1 - September 2 | Music on the Lake | Navy Pier

Hear live music at Live on the Lake on Saturdays and Sundays in the beer garden at Navy Pier that is free for all ages.

June 4 - September 24 | Tuesdays on the Terrace | Museum of Contemporary Art

Enjoy an evening of free music on the MCA's Anne and John Kern Terrace Garden with our annual summer performance highlighting artists from Chicago's internationally renowned jazz community.

June 4 - August 20 | Movies in the Park | Millennium Park

Get a seat or sit on the lawn to see films on a 40-foot screen at Millennium Park Summer Film Series on Tuesdays for free.

June 6 - August 29th | Summer Concert Series | Lincoln Square

Hear a wide variety of music at the Summer Concert Series in Giddings Plaza for free every Thursday evening.

June 12 - August 28 | Jazz at the Aquarium | Shedd Aquarium

Hear musicians and vocalists, see views from the terrace, buy cocktails & food, and visit the aquarium at Jazzin' at the Shedd at Shedd Aquarium.

June 12 - August 17 | Classic Music Festival | Millennium Park

Grant Park Music Festival is an outdoor classical music series at Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. The rear seats are free, or bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

June 21 - August 10 | Summer Nights Concert | Brookfield Zoo

Enjoy Brookfield Zoo in a new light with cooler evening weather, enhanced dining, beer and wine garden, live music, roaming performers, Animal Ambassadors, and a new laser light show, all surrounded by wildlife and nature



June:

1 - 2 | Gold Coast Art Fair | Grant Park

With over 300 artists present, attendees can enjoy Local at Butler Field in Grant Park, while enjoying live music, beer, and food from local restaurants.

1 - 2 | Greek Fest | Lincoln Park

Lincoln Park Greek Fest serves Greek food, music, dancing, and a craft fair on Sheffield Avenue outside St. George Greek Orthodox Church and is free to attend.

1 - 2 | Hyde Park Festival | Hyde Park

It's free to attend Hyde Park Brew Fest to hear live music and shop from craft vendors and tickets are available for purchase for beer and cider.

7 - 9 | Chicago Blues Fest | Millennium Park

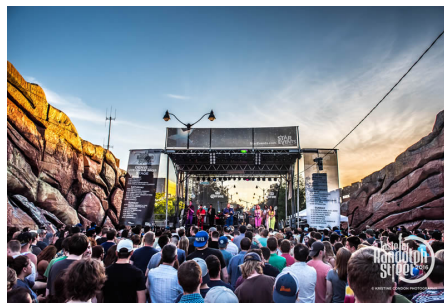
World-famous Chicago Blues Festival brings top talent to Millennium Park, and music continues late into the night.

8 - 9 | Book Fair | Printer's Row

Shop from 135 booksellers and attend 100 literary events and signings on the south end of Dearborn Street at the Printers Row Lit Fest, billed as the largest free outdoor literary festival in the Midwest.

14 - 16 | Taste of Randolph | West Loop

Popular Taste of Randolph Street offers three stages of music, 14 restaurant booths, and artisan vendors at Randolph Street & Peoria Street.



15 - 16 | Evanston Arts Festival | Evanston

Custer Fair has hundreds of arts and craft vendors, three stages of jazz music, a children's area, and food from 30 restaurants at Main Street and Chicago Avenue.

21 | Make Music Chicago | Grant Park

Unlike a typical music festival, Make Music Chicago is open to anyone who wants to take part. Every kind of musician—young and old, amateur and professional—takes to the streets, parks, plazas, and porches of Chicago to share music of all genres with friends, neighbors and strangers. All of it is free and open to the public.

21 - 22 | World's Largest Block Party | West Loop Gate

Old St. Pat's Church is the host of the 35th annual World's Largest Block Party. The important funds from the World's Largest Block Party go towards the social justice initiatives, outreach programs, and strengthening the mission of Old St. Patrick's. Thousands of friendly people will mingle and meet for a fantastic summer weekend of great music, food and fun!

21-23 | Ruido Fest | Addams/Medill Park

Chicago's newest and only alternative Latin music festival.

22 - 23 | Chicago Food Truck Fest | South Loop

Join us as we gather up to 45+ gourmet food trucks, for a foodie heaven of tasting chef prepared dishes and delighting the palate with a splash of Sangria or some America's Beer Capital's Best Beers. Also, did we mention games and live music!

22-23 | Chicago Pride Fest - Boystown

The 19th annual Chicago Pride Fest is a legendary two-day street festival held the weekend leading up to the Chicago Pride Parade with up to 100,000 expected to attend, celebrating LGBTQ+ life, culture and community. This year marks a milestone as we honor the 50th anniversary of Stonewall and the birth of the Pride movement. The festival features live music by popular artists, 4 stages, food and drink, 100+ arts/craft and merchant vendors, DJ's and dancing, drag shows, pet parade, Out At Wrigley National Anthem Singing Contest, sponsor booths and more.

28-30 | Millennium Art Festival | Millennium Park

Popping up for a three-day weekend, top-ranked art and design show Millennium Art Festival brings the art of happiness to the heart of downtown Chicago. Millennium Art Festival embodies Amdur Productions' dedication to crafting an experience of art exploration. An array of artwork, including paintings, ceramics, photography, and furniture, showcases the talents of more than 110 juried artists who participate in this city-centric festival. Blending live performances, tasty treats, and interactive art-filled experiences, Millennium Art Festival infuses a creative spirit into Chicago's urban streets.



29 | Pride in the Park | Grant Park

Held the day before Chicago's annual LGBTQ Pride Parade, this ALL-NEW FEST at the Petrillo Bandshell will celebrate June's Pride Month and will feature top national and local performers such as Iggy Azalea, Steve Aoki, Coco Montrese, and Alexis Michelle.. It will also feature an eclectic mix of food and arts & crafts vendors

30 | Chicago Pride Parade | Boystown

On Sunday the roar of the crowd heralds the start of the Pride Parade, a dazzling cavalcade of diversity. The streets are lined 12 people deep as 750,000 people cheer the contingents on and enjoy the show, culture and experience! For the liveliest viewing spots head to the Boystown section of North Halsted Street, between Belmont Avenue and Grace Street. If you are seeking a less crowded area to view the parade, look for your viewing spots near the beginning of the route along Broadway between Montrose Avenue and Sheridan Road or further along Broadway between Belmont Avenue and Diversey Parkway.

July:

3 - 6 | Naperville Ribfest | Naperville

Trek out to the western suburbs for the 32nd annual Naperville Ribfest! All proceeds go to the Exchange Club of Naperville, which helps fight child abuse and domestic violence in their local community. Local barbecue restaurants will have a variety of ribs for you to try, and Billy Idol and Flo Rida are headlining concerts.

4 | Navy Pier Fireworks | Navy Pier

Enjoy the spectacular view of both the city and the lake from Navy Pier, and take in the fireworks at 9:30 PM. If you can't make it, no worries! Navy Pier will be having biweekly firework shows from May 25 - August 31 (every Wednesday and Saturday).

4 - 6 | Windy City Ribfest | Uptown

With an annual attendance of over 40,000, this festival proves that Chicago doesn't take its ribs lightly. Taste a variety of different ribs from renowned barbecuing pros, who compete for the Best Ribs award. The festival runs until 10 p.m. nightly. Lawrence and Broadway.

5 - 7 | West Fest | West Town

Explore the cultural offerings of West Town at this annual festival, which features live music from local bands and DJs, eclectic vendor booths, artwork, food, children's activities and arts and crafts.

7-8 | Music concert in the park | Lincoln Park

Hear "jam, roots rock, reggae, and funk music" at Live on Lincoln among the trees in Lincoln Park. Children age 12 and younger are free.

10 - 14 | Taste of Chicago | Grant Park

Taste of Chicago has 40 restaurant booths, a dozen food trucks, a beer hall, a wine garden, a cocktail lounge, and first-rate concerts all in Grant Park. It's a great way to explore the food culture of Chicago!

11 | Beer walk

Malt Row on Damen is a craft beer stroll in eight shops and restaurants along Damen Avenue in Ravenswood, featuring beer made within one mile of the event.

12 - 14 | Irish American Heritage Festival | Portage Park

Listen to the best in Irish music including The Tossers, Gaelic Storm, and the Killdares, as well as great Irish dancing while tasting Irish fare and participating in children's and family activities, and the annual event, which also features poetry readings, vendors, clothing, jewelry, and more.

13-14 | Roscoe Village Burger Fest | Roscoe Village

This annual burger extravaganza appeals to burger connoisseurs of all types, with beef, turkey, and veggie burgers with every imaginable topping available. Participating restaurants and musical acts will be announced closer to the event.

17-21 | County fair | St. Charles, Illinois

Kane County Fair is an old-fashioned fair with farm animals, a petting zoo, a midway, a demolition derby, live music, and fair food in St. Charles.

19 | Beer festival (6-10 pm) | Horner Park

A ticket to Horner Brew Fest includes beer from 20 Chicago breweries, with a live band and food truck fare for sale at Horner Park for age 21+.

19-20 | Art festival | Michigan Ave

Shop for a wide variety of art made by 100 juried artists at the new Artfest Michigan Avenue. Free.

19-21 | Mexican food festival | 16th Street & Peoria Street

Tacos y Tamales Festival promises authentic Latin American cuisine, a beer garden, a tequila tasting, art vendors, traditional music in the daytime, and high-energy Latin rock music in the evening at 16th Street & Peoria Street. Donation.

19 - 21 | Pitchfork | Union Park

The annual three-day indie music fest features performances from HAIM, Charli XCX, Robyn, and more. This is a great time for people interested in hearing some lesser known bands as well as for those who don't want to deal with the crowds of Lollapalooza! Make sure you get your tickets ahead of time.



19-21 | Festival of Colombia | Kelvyn Park

Colombian Fest has top musicians, DJs, arts & crafts, cultural exhibits, vendors, a kids' zone, food, beer, and wine at Kelvyn Park. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. Children younger than 8 years old are free.

20 | Party at the zoo | Lincoln Park Zoo

Check out the animals, hear DJ music, and buy beer, wine, and food during Night at the Zoo at Lincoln Park Zoo for age 21+.

20-21 | Rock 'n' roll races | Grant Park & Butler Field

The free Health and Fitness Expo is Fri. & Sat. at McCormick Place. The 5K is Saturday, and the Rock 'n' Roll Chicago Half Marathon & 10K are Sunday in Grant Park, followed by an after-festival at Butler Field.

20-21 | Beer festival | West Lakeview

A ticket to Chicago Craft Beer Festival gets you 15 tastes of beer and live music in West Lakeview (on Lincoln Ave between Addison & Roscoe) for age 21+.

20-21 | Korea festival | Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie

Taste of Korea Chicago Festival features authentic Korean food, a beer and soju (Korean vodka) garden, cultural performances, and singing and dancing contests at Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie.



21 | Chinatown summer fair | S. Wentworth Ave. at Cermak Rd

Chinatown Summer Fair features a lion dance procession, food vendors, artisans, live music, martial arts, and a children's area on S. Wentworth Ave. at Cermak Rd. Free.

21 | Beach party | Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course

Taste whiskey and wine from 25 vendors, eat from food trucks, and hear live music at Chicago Whiskey & Wine Festival at Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course for age 21+.

25-28 | Latino festival | 1400 W. Cermak Road

Fiesta del Sol delivers live entertainment, local art, diverse cuisine, and carnival rides at 1400 W. Cermak Road. No alcohol. Free.

26 | Wine tasting at the zoo | Lincoln Park Zoo

Taste 35 varieties of wine with food for sale, live music, and a guided garden tour at Summer Wine Fest in the lush gardens of Lincoln Park Zoo for age 21+.

26-28 | Wicker park music festival | Wicker Park

Wicker Park Fest brings cutting-edge local and national acts to four stages on Milwaukee Ave. (from North Avenue to Paulina Street), offering "the best in music, food, arts, fashion, kids entertainment, and shopping." Go early if you want to avoid crowds. Donation.

26-28 | Greek festival | Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

Lincoln Square Greekfest features Greek food, music, dancing, and family activities at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Donation.

27 | Wiz Khalifa: The Decent Exposure Tour (6 pm)

Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre, Tinley Park, IL

27 | Beer and cider festival | Chicago Women's Park & Garden

A ticket to South Loop Beer & Cider Fest includes beer and hard cider samples, with live music and food for sale at Chicago Women's Park & Garden.

27-28 | Margarita tasting | Navy Pier

Chicago Margarita Festival promises live music, dancing, games, food trucks, and margarita tasting for age 21+.

27-28 | African festival | Midway Plaisance Park near U.C.

Dance to live African music, shop from diverse vendors, visit the children's village, and eat food from 30 countries at Bantu Fest at Midway Plaisance Park near U.C. Free.

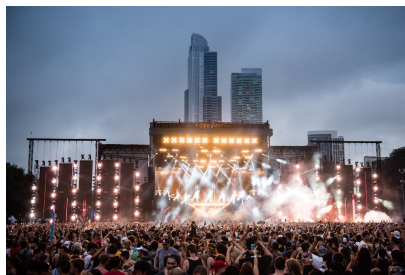
28 | Sustainable food festival

Closed Loop Forum & Fest features food trucks, beer, DJs and live bands, yoga, and workshops (beginning as early as 9 a.m.) about growing food in environmentally friendly ways at The Plant.

August:

1 - 4 | Lollapalooza | Grant Park

You may have heard of it. This year's festival will span four days and feature a variety of artists including The Strokes, The Chainsmokers, Childish Gambino, Twenty One Pilots, Ariana Grande, and Flume among many others. Held in Grant Park along the Lakefront, this festival is bound to be a good time!



3 - 4 | Edge Fest | Edgewater

This festival in Edgewater includes live music (lineup TBA), art from local artists and food vendors.

8 | Adult Zoo Night | Lincoln Park Zoo

The Zoo opens up in the evening for adults only. Live entertainment with food and drinks!

9 - 11 | Retro on Roscoe | Roscoe Village

Browse over 50 classic and antique cars while enjoying snacks from food vendors, children's activities and inflatables, live music (lineup TBA) and more.

9 - 11 | Ginza Festival | Old Town

The temple celebrates the Japanese holiday with Japanese cuisine, music, goods for sale, martial arts demonstrations, performers and more

9 - 11 | Hot Dog Festival | Lincoln Park

This festival features, well, Hot Dogs! Enjoy Summertime Chicago with hot dogs, beer, live music and other entertainment.

10 | Run for Doughnuts | Soldier Field

Have doughnuts while you run or walk Stan's Donut 5k and Kids Dash at Soldier Field!

10 | Bud Billiken Parade & Picnic | Bronzeville/Washington Park

Held in Chicago since 1929, this annual parade celebrates the impending start of the school year and Chicago youth. Politicians, businessmen, civic organizations and children walk in the parade to Washington Park, where families can enjoy a festive picnic.

10 - 11: Northalsted Market Days | Boystown

Located on Halsted between Belmont and Addison, the annual festival draws over 100,000 guests. Taste a variety of dishes and drinks from over 400 vendors, listen to live music (lineup TBA) and participate in various activities at this end-of-summer event.

17 - 18 | Chicago Air and Water Show | Lakeshore

Come see airplanes, parachutes, and other thrilling sights along the lakeshore from 10am to 3pm.

17 - 18 | Sangria Festival | Humboldt Park

Come enjoy Sangria and a variety of local food vendors in Humboldt Park

23-26 | Chicago Women's Funny Festival | Lakeview

Support hundreds of women in comedy at the sixth annual version of this event. Previous versions of the event have provided important spaces for performers and audience members to perform, share ideas, and network in a supportive and fun environment

24-25 | Bucktown Arts Fest | Bucktown

See the work of dozens of local artists and listen to live music in Bucktown! The proceeds will go to supporting local arts education.

30 - 2 | Taste of Polonia Festival | Jefferson Park

Located in the Copernicus Center in Jefferson Park, this festival features live music, activities, and Polish food

30-31 | North Coast Music Festival | Huntington Bank Pavilion

Located at Huntington Bank Pavilion, this two-day music festival features a range of artists playing music from different genres