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**LA CROSSE**

FESTIVALS & EVENTS GUIDE

2015

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR | 2015

### January

**15 - 26: Winter Rec Fest.** Medallion hunt, skate party, ski/ hike, fireworks & much more!  
608-789-7533 • cityoflacrosse.org

**30-31: Monster Truck Show.** La Crosse Center  
608-789-7400 • lacrossecenter.com

**30 -31: Snowflake Ski Jumping Tournament.**  
Westby 608-632-0279 snowflakeskiclub.com

**31: Great Tri-State Rail Sale.** La Crosse Center.  
608-582-4761 • 4000foundation.com

### February

**12-15: Boat, Sport, Travel, RV and Hunting Show.** La Crosse Center. 608-789-7400  
shamrockprod.com

**22: La Crosse Mardi Gras Costume Ball.**  
The Waterfront Cargill Room.  
608-782-3169 • lacrossemaidigras.com

**27-28: Greater La Crosse Golf Expo.** Stoney Creek Inn 608-781-3060  
lacrossegolfsHOW.com

### March

**3: Annual All City Orchestra Festival.**  
La Crosse Center 608-789-7695 • lacrossecenter.com

**21: Maple Syrup Fest.** 10am - 2pm. The snow is melting and the sap is flowing - it's Maple Syrup Season! Join a naturalist and head into the sugar

bush to tap a tree and collect maple sap. Gather around the evaporator to watch this boiling sap turn to liquid gold! Activities, crafts, and a tasty

treat await as together we celebrate the coming of spring. Cost: \$5/person, kids 5 & under are free. Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, 28097 Goodview Drive, Lanesboro, MN, 55949.  
507-467-2437 • eagle-bluff.org



### April

**2: Harlem Globetrotters.** La Crosse Center.  
608-789-7400 • lacrossecenter.com

**25: Between the Bluffs Beer, Wine, & Cheese Festival.** Unlimited sampling, live music, cooking demonstrations, food vendors & more!  
800-658-9424 • betweenthebluffsbeerfest.com

### May

**1-2: Festival Foods Grandad Half Marathon.**  
A wide range of activities. Half marathon, 5-k run/walk, youth events and cycling events for any level athlete.  
608-789-7304 • www.festivalfoodsgrandadhalf.com

**9: Wienerfest.** 2pm-midnight, Oktoberfest grounds.  
wienerfestlacrosse.com

**15 - 17: Syttende Mai Festival Westby This Norwegian.** festival celebrates the "17th of May".  
Arts & crafts fair & smorgasbord.  
866-493-7829 • westbywi.com

**16: War Eagle Day.** Explore the history of this sunken treasure. 608-782-1980 • lchsw.org

**16: Riverside Family Fun Fair.** Celebrating National Tourism Week. Noon-4pm, Riverside Park. Food, games, exhibits, & more!  
800-658-9424 • explorelacrosse.com

## June

**5-7: June Dairy Days.** West Salem. Rides, food, entertainment, & fireworks.  
junedairydays.com

**11 - 14: Butterfest Celebration.** Sparta. Carnival, live music, quilt show, classic car show, parade on Sunday. 800-354-2453 • spartabutterfest.com

**12 - 14: Artspire.** Performances, visual arts, demonstrations and activities for children.  
thepumphouse.org

**20 - 21: Norskedalen's Midsummer Fest.** Coon Valley. Scandinavian-style celebration with fun, food, & festivities for the whole family.  
608-452-3424 • norskedalen.org

**25: La Crosse Area Day at Miller Park.** Bus trip to Milwaukee, Brewers vs. New York Mets.  
608-782-2366 • lacrosseareaday.com



## July

**1 - 4: Riverfest.** Riverside Park in downtown La Crosse. River City Water Ski Shows, top name entertainment, food, crafts, & the best fireworks show of the year. 608-782-2366 • riverfestlacrosse.com

**10 - 12: Trempealeau Catfish Days.** Catfish sandwiches, food, music, flea market, arts & crafts.  
608-534-6335 trempealeau.net

**11: Hixon House Ice Cream Social.** On the corner of 7th & Badger Streets. Music, games, & family fun. Free admission. 608-782-1980 lchshistory.org

**15-19: La Crosse Interstate Fair.** West Salem. Family fun. 4-H exhibits, music, food, auto races, carnival rides. Free admission.  
608-788-5506 • lacrosseinterstatefair.com

**17-18: Big Blue Dragon Boat Festival.** Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Healthcare Center for Breast Care hosts the Coulee Region's Big Blue Dragon Boat Festival. mayoclinichealthsystem.org

**18: Freedom Fest & Veterans Memorial Ride.**  
608-385-7433 • freedomfestlacrosse.com

**19: St. Elias Mediterranean Festival.** Location on church grounds. 12:00-5:00pm It will be a wonderful afternoon with delicious food, fun and entertainment. Admission is free.  
608-782-8641 • stelias-lacrosse.org/steliasfestival

**18: Rail Fair.** 10 am - 5pm Copeland Park. Railroad show, flea market, swap meet, tours. \$5.00 admission.  
608-781-9383 • 4000foundation.com

**25 - 26: AAUW Art Fair on the Green.** UW-L, 16th & State Streets. 100 artists of all mediums in this juried show. 608-788-7439

**31 - Aug. 1: Prairie Dog Blues Festival.** Regional, national, & international blues bands. Ticket hotline opens May 1st. 888-567-1567 • prairiedogblues.com

## August

**7-9: Irishfest.** Oktoberfest grounds. Entertainers & Irish dance shows, a Wee Folks area, tea garden, cultural tent, market, & food vendors. irishfestlax.org

**8-9: Deke Slayton Airfest.** La Crosse Municipal Airport, Featuring the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. airfest.com



**14-16: Kornfest.** Holmen, Fireworks on Friday, parade on Saturday, fresh corn on the cob, music, carnival, tractor pulls, water fights, car show & swap meet. 608-526-4444 • holmenwi.com

**28-30: Great River Folk Fest.** Traditional & contemporary folk music, crafts, children's activities, & dance. 608-784-3033 • greatriverfolkfest.org

**28-30: Sesame Street Live!** La Crosse Center. 608-789-7400 • lacrossecenter.com

## September

**4-7: Bicycle Festival.** Celebration of bicycling in the driftless region of Wisconsin. Daily road & mountain biking rides. 800-658-9424 • bicyclelacrosse.com

**11-12: La Crosse Storytelling Festival.** Myrick Park. Storytelling, workshops, folk music, food, nationally recognized storytellers. lacrossestoryfest.com

**11-13: Elvis Explosion.** La Crosse Center. 608-785-7464 • ronnycraig.com

**17-20: Applefest.** La Crescent, MN. Orchard tours, live music, carnival, food, arts, crafts, flea market, & a Sunday parade. 507-895-2800 • applefestusa.com

**22: Norskedalen's Threshing Bee.** Coon Valley. 10am-5pm, Live demos, children's activities, horse drawn wagon rides, & other animals on the farm. Enjoy a rib-sticking threshing dinner. 608-452-3424 • norskedalen.org

**25-27: Cranberry Festival.** Warrens. 1250 booths of arts & crafts. 608-378-4200 • cranfest.com

## October

**1-4: Oktoberfest.** Celebrating 53 years of the best family activities: Maple Leaf Parade, carnival rides, ethnic foods, German entertainment, children's acts, & so much more! 608-784-3378 • oktoberfestusa.com

**8-11: Oktoberfest Race Weekend.** Over 16 different divisions of racing action & excitement. La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway, West Salem. 608-786-1525 • lacrossespeedway.com

**10: Downtown Mainstreet Historic Downtown Day.** Premier family event showcasing downtown. 608-784-0440 • lacrossedowntown.com

**10-11: Norskedalen's Civil War Immersion.** Coon Valley. Experience life during the Civil War as Company B 2nd WI Civil War Re-Enactors & other units bring history alive. 608-452-3424 • norskedalen.org

## November

**19-22: Holiday Fair-Craft Show.** La Crosse Center. 608-789-7400 • lacrossecenter.com

**26-Dec 31: Rotary Holiday Lights.** More than TWO MILLION lights illuminate La Crosse's Riverside Park from 5-10 daily. Santa is here until Christmas Eve. 800-658-9424 • rotarylights.org

## December

**5-6: Norskedalen's Old-Fashioned Christmas.** Coon Valley. Timeless sounds, smells & traditions of old. Activities & holiday treats throughout the beautifully decorated grounds. 608-452-3424 • norskedalen.org

**31: Skyrockers New Year's Eve Fireworks Display.** Fireworks display from Grandad Bluff at 6pm & Midnight. skyrockers.org

