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Games can enhance any outdoor function. Whether at the beach or in one's backyard, activities can keep guests entertained in between the food and other refreshments. And the good news is that most games designed for these types of functions are appropriate for players across a wide range of ages.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EIGHT GAMES THAT CAN ADD TO THE EXCITEMENT OF ANY OUTDOOR GATHERING.

1. LADDER TOSS:

Also known as ladder golf, this game requires players to toss string-attached balls onto a ladder-shaped target. Points are awarded depending on which rung the ball lands on.

2. KUBB:

Pronounced "KOOB," this Swedish lawn game believed to have originated during the era of the Vikings and is best described as a blend of bowling and horseshoes. Two teams compete to knock over their opponents' wooden blocks by throwing batons.

3. CORNHOLE:

Many people have played cornhole, which involves tossing bean bags at the cornhole board. The objective is to get the bag into the hole or on the board to score points. The game can be played as singles or doubles. The first team to reach 21 points wins.

4. SPIKEBALL™:

Also called Roundnet, this two-on-two sport is played by hitting a ball off a net with the goal of preventing the opposing team from returning the ball within three touches.

5. RING TOSS:

This is another game that tests hand-eye coordination. Players take turns tossing the rings onto the target pegs. Each peg is worth a different number of points. The first player to reach the agreed-upon amount of points wins.

6. CONNECT FOUR IN A ROW:

Giant versions of familiar tabletop games also are available for yard use. With this game, players need to get four chips in a row, either up and down or diagonal.

7. KAN JAM®:

Similar to cornhole or horseshoes, Kan Jam® features two teams of two that alternate between throwing a frisbee and trying to deflect it. The goal is to get the frisbee into the can.

8. ROLLERS:

Goals are placed 25 feet apart and then players roll wooden discs to try to get closest to the goal. Each side of the disc has a different number to determine the point value.

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VISIT AN AMUSEMENT OR THEME PARK.

Spending a day or two at a theme park or amusement park can expose travelers to different rides, sights, attractions, food, and people. Six Flags Entertainment Corporation operates 27 parks across the United States, Mexico and Canada. Water parks, summer carnivals and local theme parks also can make for fun excursions.

SCALE GREAT HEIGHTS.

Figure out what is the highest peak where you live and then hike to the top of that lookout. Many of the tallest peaks in North America are along the border between the state of Alaska and Canada, but there are plenty of lofty elevations elsewhere on the continent.

TRY A NEW FOOD.

Experience a new culture by visiting a restaurant that serves food from a country that you've never visited. You can score even more brownie points if you opt for an ingredient that is new to you as well.

GO RAFTING OR TUBING.

The power of moving water is very impressive. Rafting and tubing enables people to get swept away by rapids and see the landscape as it goes rushing by. Choose a pace that suits you and build up rapid size and speed as you gain more experience.

TRY A NEW WATER SPORT.

Stand-up paddleboarding or kayaking can be entertaining ways to enjoy the water. These are not only great adventurous activities, they're also solid workouts for many parts of the body.

GO FISHING.

Fishing may seem like a slow-paced sport, but your adrenaline soon will be pumping when a fish bites and you're reeling in a monster catch. Some of the best times to fish are at dawn and dusk when fish are more likely to hit.

CATCH A BASEBALL GAME.

Purchase tickets to a game at a stadium near you and cheer on the team with thousands of other fans. In addition to watching Major League Baseball, there are many minor league teams with impressive stadiums. Tickets for minor league games may be easier to come by and softer on the wallet.

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THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is something akin to a rite of passage for millions of youngsters each year. Many adults look back fondly on their experiences at summer camp, often crediting such times as formative periods in their lives.

Summer camp benefits children in myriad ways. Recognition of the many advantages of attending summer camp can serve as a great reminder of just how fun it can be for children to spend their time away from school at a camp of their choosing.

CAMPERS CONTINUE TO SOCIALIZE THROUGHOUT SUMMER.

Socializing isn't just for the school year. While children in high school might be independent enough to come and go with their friends during summer break, kids who are still in elementary school or middle school might not be old enough to handle such freedom. That can make it hard to stay in touch with friends, which in turn can contribute to feelings of boredom and loneliness. Camp provides ample opportunities for young children to socialize during a time of year when they might not see their school friends as often as they're used to.

CAMPERS CAN EXPAND THEIR HORIZONS.

Though some summer camps are exclusive to residents of certain communities, many tend to feature children from numerous towns or municipalities. Such camps provide an opportunity for campers to expand their horizons by engaging with youngsters who come from different backgrounds. Indeed, the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University notes that summer camp may be the first time children spend substantial amounts of time with people whose backgrounds differ from their own.

CAMP CAN GET KIDS OFF THEIR DEVICES.

Modern children are growing up in a digital world, and parents know how hard it can be to get kids to put down their devices and get outdoors. But the key to making that pivot could be access to outdoor play spaces. A 2025 study from researchers at the University of Michigan published in the journal *Health and Place* found that efforts to reduce kids' screen time are more successful when children are given a chance to play outside. Many summer camps are structured around outdoor play, making them a potentially invaluable ally as parents seek to help children cut back on the time they spend using their devices. Children who do not attend camp and live in households where both parents work or in single-parent households where Mom or Dad works may be forced to spend much of summer indoors, which could increase the frequency with which they turn to devices to occupy their time.

CAMP ADDS STRUCTURE TO SUMMER DAYS.

Once a school year ends, the structure a school day provides vanishes into thin air. Couple that with extracurricular activities that go on hiatus during summer vacation, and kids accustomed to structure are left with little to do and no need to schedule their time. That can add an aimlessness to summer days. Camp can provide the structure kids are accustomed to but still offer a break from responsibilities like homework or the commitments required of extracurricular activities.

There's no shortage of benefits to enrolling youngsters in summer camp, where kids can socialize, grow and get off their devices while engaged in structured but stress-free activities.

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TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR GARDEN THIS YEAR

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that provides a great reason to get outdoors. Getting one's hands dirty in the garden often pays off with a colorful, awe-inspiring and aesthetically appealing finished product.

Perennials are plants that live multiple years. Even though perennials may die back above ground each winter, their roots remain alive, which is why the colorful blooms typically return anew once warm weather makes a comeback. Gardeners who want to capitalize on the hardiness of perennials can consider these plants for their gardens this season.

COREOPSIS:

Coreopsis are perennials that thrive in a wide range of conditions, including various types of soil. So gardeners who find their soil is predominantly clay as well as those with sandy soil may be able to successfully plant coreopsis on their properties. Better Homes & Gardens notes coreopsis are native to the United States and produce colorful blooms that can withstand hot and dry weather throughout the summer.

RUSSIAN SAGE:

Russian sage produce purplish-blue flowers that BHG notes retain their color for weeks. Russian sage can be planted in a variety of the hardiness zones defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and many gardening experts recommend them to gardeners whose local climates tend to be especially hot and dry.

HELLEBORE:

BHG notes hellebore are ideal for gardeners who want some color in the early days of spring. Hellebore, sometimes referred to as "Lenten Roses," have an early flowering season, so their blooms, which can be pink, white, purple, yellow, green, rose, or purple, can be a welcome sign in spring.

BAPTISIA:

Gardening experts note these purple-blooming perennials thrive in sun. Gardeners who want perennials with particularly long life expectancies can consider baptisia, as experts note they can live for many decades. Baptisia are drought-tolerant, and they can grow in soil that may not be considered great for other plants.

CONEFLOWER:

The unique look of coneflowers has generated many enthusiasts of these perennials that bloom from early summer to fall. Coneflowers are highly adaptable, making them capable of growing in various zones and soil types. Once established, coneflowers are considered very drought-tolerant.

Perennials can add aesthetic appeal to landscapes year after year. Gardeners are urged to speak to experts at local gardening centers to identify the perfect plants for their gardens.



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A photograph of a person walking a dog on a leash in a park. The person is wearing denim overalls and white sneakers. The dog is a black, white, and brown breed, possibly a Bernese Mountain Dog, and is looking towards the camera with its mouth open. The background shows a paved path, green trees, and other people in the distance.

HOW IT PAYS TO SPEND TIME IN NATURE

Few things can be as distracting as a beautiful day. When the weather outside is welcoming, it can be hard to focus on indoor activities, including work and tasks around the house. Though it's not advisable to ignore responsibilities at work and at home when the weather outside beckons, it can be beneficial to spend ample time in nature when circumstances allow.

People tend to flock to the great outdoors in spring, summer and fall, and some are even so devoted that they bundle up and head outside throughout winter. Whether they know it or not, people who love to spend time in nature are doing their mental and physical health a lot of good by embracing the great outdoors.

MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

The National Alliance of Mental Illness notes that a growing body of research supports the idea that time in nature is good for mental health. A 2015 study from researchers at Stanford University found that people who walked in a natural area for 90 minutes exhibited decreased activity in a region of the brain associated with depression compared to those who walked in high-traffic urban settings.

The United Kingdom-based Mental Health Foundation also touts the mental health benefits of the great outdoors. According to the MHF, research shows that people who are connected with nature are more likely to report their lives are worthwhile than those with no such connectedness. In addition, the MHF notes time in nature has been shown to generate positive emotions, including calmness and joy, and promote greater creativity.

When seeking to capitalize on the mental health benefits of time in nature, people should know that where they spend time out-

doors matters. As the Stanford study indicated, time outside in high-traffic urban settings may not produce as profound an effect as time spent in natural settings, like forests, that tend to be more serene. People who live in cities or other densely populated areas can still benefit from time outdoors, but they might experience even greater health gains if they make consistent efforts to spend time in more natural settings.

PHYSICAL HEALTH BENEFITS

The physical health benefits of time in nature are equally notable. Perhaps the most obvious physical benefit is related to physical activity. People tend to embrace physical activity when spending time in nature. Hiking, jogging, walking, nature-based recreational activities like kayaking, and playing sports like basketball or pickleball all involve physical activity, which can help people avoid the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle, such as an increased risk for chronic diseases. More specifically, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation notes the physical health benefits of spending time outside include:

- A stronger immune system
- Lower blood pressure
- Increased energy levels
- Improved sleep

Each of those benefits contributes to greater overall health, making time outdoors among the more beneficial behaviors a person can embrace.

There's no shortage of benefits to spending time in nature. That's something to keep in mind the next time welcoming weather beckons you to get some fresh air.



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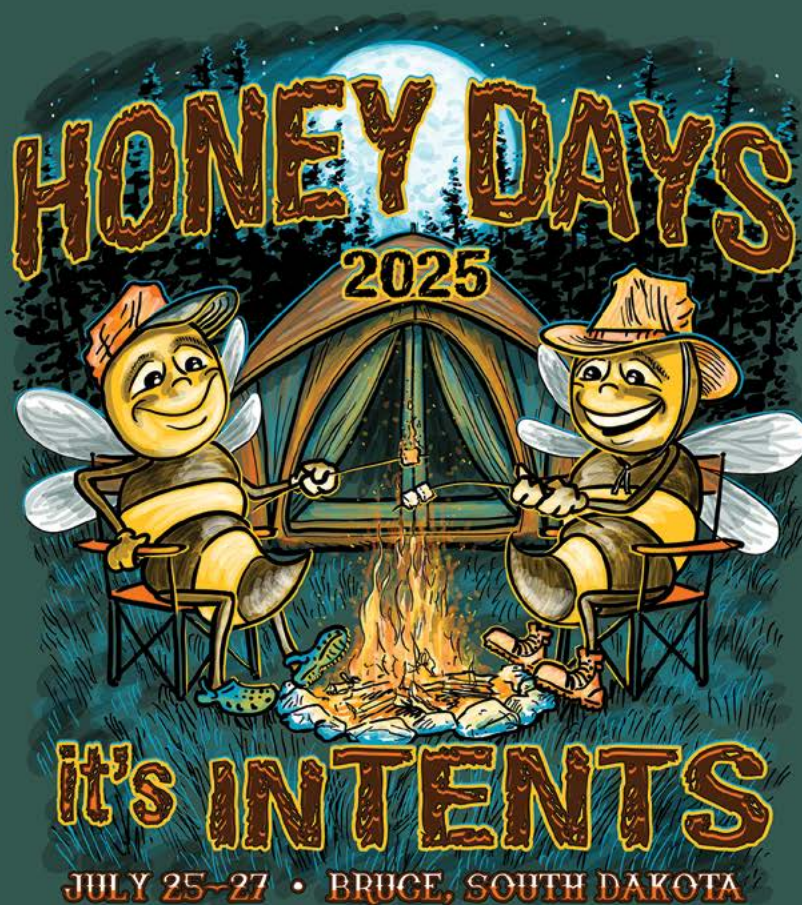
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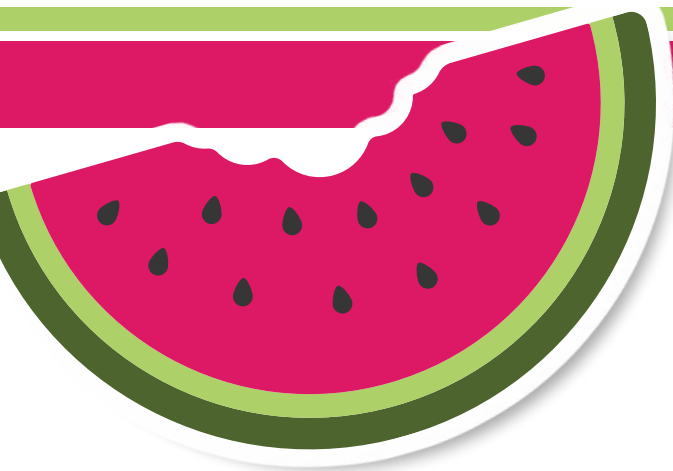
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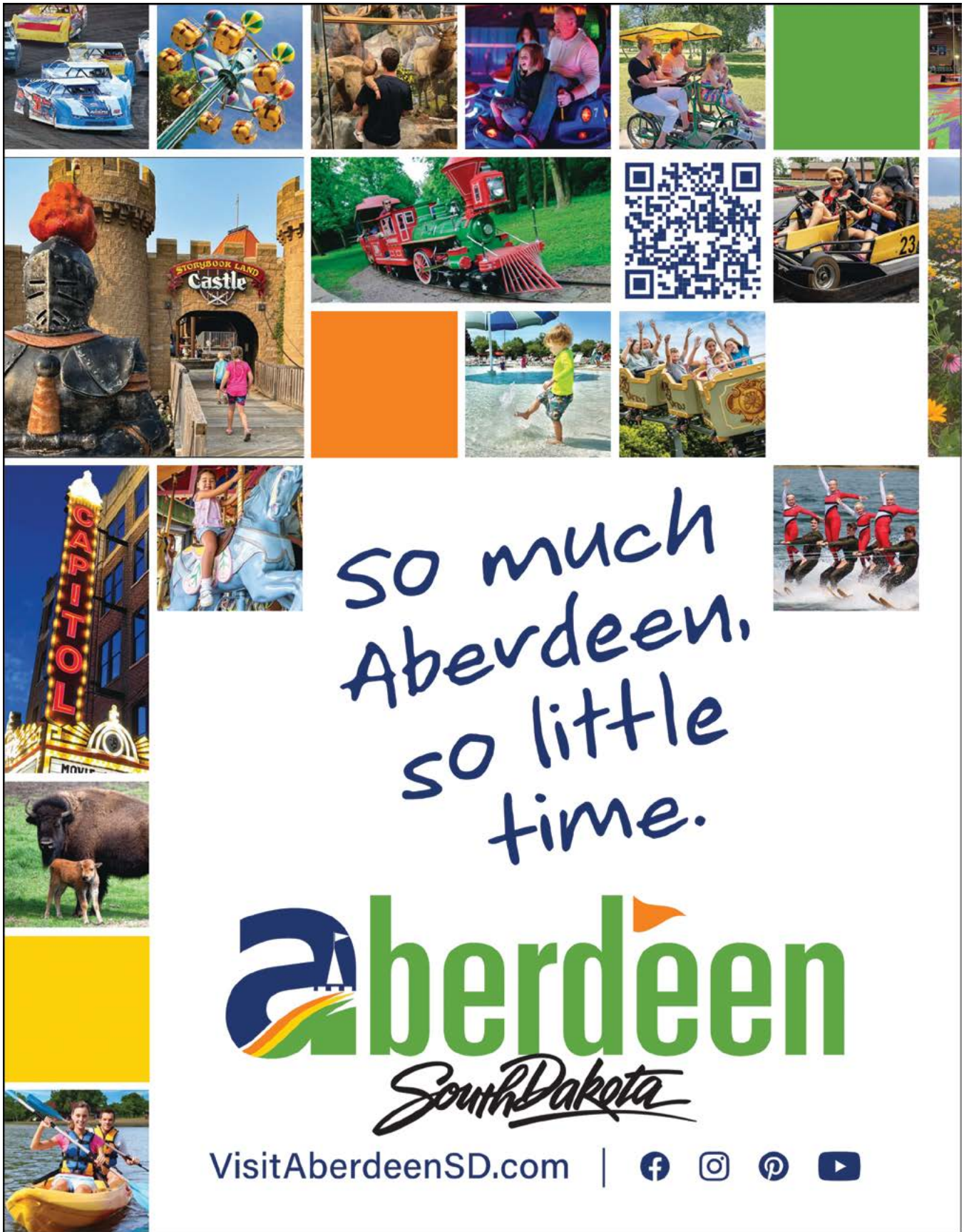
JUNE 27-29
Dell Rapids, SD
QUARRY DAYS
dellrapidschamber.com/quarry-days

JUNE 27-29
Pipestone, MN
ANNUAL
WATER TOWER FESTIVAL
pipestoneminnesota.com

JULY EVENTS

JULY 1
Brookings, SD
ANDERSON PLAZA
PERFORMANCE SERIES
southdakotaartmuseum.com

JULY 3-4
Lake Norden, SD
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION
lakenorden.govoffice.com

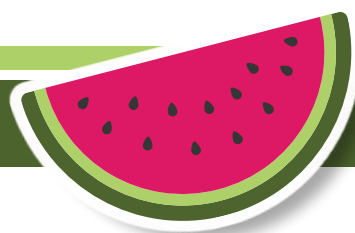


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 3-6
Hendricks, MN
SUMMER CELEBRATION
hendricksmn.net

JULY 4
Brookings, SD
UNCLE SAM JAM
AT DACOTAH BANK CENTER
Visitbrookingsd.com

JULY 4
Madison, SD
COMMUNITY
FIREWORKS SHOW
prairievillage.org

JULY 4
Aberdeen, SD
WYLIE PARK
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
visitaberdeensd.com

JULY 4-5
Gary, SD
THE GARY RODEO
Gary Rodeo on FB

JULY 8
Brookings, SD
ANDERSON PLAZA
PERFORMANCE SERIES
southdakotaartmuseum.com

JULY 9
Bruce, SD
BRUCE
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Featuring Layton Eide

JULY 9-12
Brookings, SD
SEVEN BRIDES FOR
SEVEN BROTHERS
prairierep.org

JULY 10
Aberdeen, SD
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
DOWNTOWN
aberdeendowntown.org

JULY 11-12
Walnut Grove, MN
WILDER PAGEANT
walnutgrove.org

JULY 11-13
DeSmet, SD
LAURA INGALLS WILDER
PAGEANT
desmetpageant.com

JULY 12
Brookings, SD
21ST ANNUAL BEEF & EGGS 5K
prairiestriders.net

JULY 12-13
Brookings, SD
BROOKINGS
SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL
bsaf.com

JULY 15
Brookings, SD
ANDERSON PLAZA
PERFORMANCE SERIES
southdakotaartmuseum.com

JULY 16-19
Brookings, SD
SEVEN BRIDES FOR
SEVEN BROTHERS
prairierep.org

JULY 16-20
Lake Benton, MN
LAKE BENTON OPERA HOUSE
"THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL"
lakebenton.us

JULY 16-20
Viborg, SD
DANISH DAYS
danishdays.org

JULY 17
Marshall, MN
CRAZY DAYS
visitmarshallmn.com

JULY 17
Brookings, SD
FIRST BANK & TRUST
BANkeasy BASH
bankeasy.com/bankeasybash

JULY 17-19
Watertown, SD
COOKIN' ON KAMPESKA -
BBQ COOK-OFF
cookinonkampeska.com

JULY 17-20
White, SD
PIONEER DAYS
Pioneer Days White SD on FB

JULY 17-20
Lake Preston, SD
LAKE PRESTON TOWN &
COUNTRY DAYS
ALL-SCHOOL REUNION
lakeprestonsd.com

JULY 18-19
Aberdeen, SD
STORYBOOK LAND FESTIVAL
AT WYLIE PARK
aberdeensd.us

JULY 18-19
Walnut Grove, MN
WILDER PAGEANT
walnutgrove.org

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EVENTS

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WATERMELON SORBET

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup water
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup super fine sugar
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 8 cups watermelon

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add water, sugar, and lemon juice to a saucepan and stir for about five minutes on low heat until the sugar dissolves.
2. Increase the heat to high and allow the mixture to boil for five minutes until the liquid thickens slightly. Remove from heat and cool for 30 minutes.
3. Use a stick blender or food processor to puree the watermelon until smooth. Strain the fruit through a fine sieve into a bowl.
4. Stir the sugar syrup into the watermelon juice until combined, then refrigerate for two hours or until completely chilled.
5. Scoop the mix into an ice cream machine and churn according to the manufacturer's sorbet freezing instructions. When complete, transfer into an air-tight container and freeze until hard.

NOTES:

- Lime juice is an excellent alternative to lemon juice.
- Serve with a garnish of fresh mint.

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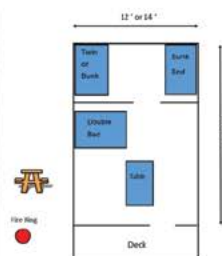
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 18-20

DeSmet, SD
**LAURA INGALLS WILDER
PAGEANT**
desmetpageant.com

JULY 18-20

Flandreau, SD
**ANNUAL FLANDREAU
SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE WACIPI**
Flandreau Wacipi on FB

JULY 18-20

Elkton, SD
HARVEST FESTIVAL
elkton.govoffice.com

JULY 22

Brookings, SD
**ANDERSON PLAZA
PERFORMANCE SERIES**
southdakotaartmuseum.com

JULY 22

Madison, SD
DOWNTOWN IN MADTOWN
chamberofmadisonsd.com

JULY 23-26

Luverne, MN
ROCK COUNTY FAIR
rockcountyfair.org

JULY 23-27

Lake Benton, MN
**LAKE BENTON OPERA HOUSE
"THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL"**
lakebenton.us

JULY 24

Brookings, SD
DOWNTOWN AT SUNDOWN
downtownatsundown.org

JULY 24

Aberdeen, SD
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
DOWNTOWN**
aberdeendowntown.org

JULY 25-27

Bruce, SD
HONEY DAYS
Bruce Honey Days on FB

JULY 25-27

DeSmet, SD
**LAURA INGALLS WILDER
PAGEANT**
desmetpageant.com

JULY 25-26

Walnut Grove, MN
WILDER PAGEANT
walutgrove.org

JULY 25-27

Tyler, MN
AEBLESKIVER DAYS
Aebleskiver Days Celebration on FB

JULY 26

Clear Lake, SD
**CLEAR LAKE DAYS/
ALL SCHOOL REUNION**
clearlakedays.com

JULY 26

Madison, SD
**PLANES, TRAINS,
& AUTOMOBILES**
prairievillage.org

JULY 26

Freeman, SD
**SOUTH DAKOTA
CHISLIC FESTIVAL**
sdchislicfestival.com

JULY 27

Madison, SD
**THE EVERLY SET CONCERT
AT OPERA HOUSE**
Prairievillage.org

JULY 28

Brookings, SD
**BROOKINGS BONANZA
(FORMERLY CRAZY DAYS)**
downtownbrookings.com

JULY 29

Brookings, SD
**ANDERSON PLAZA
PERFORMANCE SERIES**
southdakotaartmuseum.com

JULY 30-AUGUST 2

Pipestone, MN
PIPESTONE COUNTY FAIR
pipestoneminnesota.com

JULY 31

Brookings, SD
DOWNTOWN AT SUNDOWN
downtownatsundown.org

AUGUST EVENTS

AUGUST 1-3

Arlington, SD
**ARLINGTON DAYS &
ALL-SCHOOL REUNION**
arlingtontsd.com

AUGUST 1-9

Sioux Falls, SD
SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR
siouxempirefair.com

AUGUST 1-10

Sturgis, SD
STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
sturgismotorcyclerally.com

AUGUST 2

Brookings, SD
4TH ANNUAL GARDEN EXPO
sdstate.edu/mccrory-gardens



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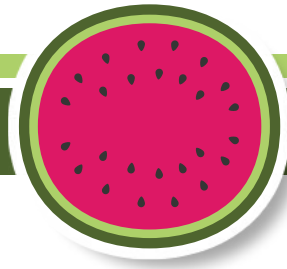
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AUGUST 2
Brookings, SD
COMMUNITY ART DAY
southdakotaartmuseum.com

AUGUST 2-3
Aurora, SD
PICKLE FESTIVAL GALA DAYS
Aurora Events Committee on FB

AUGUST 7
Brookings, SD
DOWNTOWN AT SUNDOWN
downtownatsundown.org

AUGUST 7-10
Brookings, SD
BROOKINGS COMMUNITY
THEATRE "MARY POPPINS THE
BROADWAY MUSICAL"
brookingscommunitytheatre.org

AUGUST 9
Colman, SD
LOONEY DAYS PARADE
& CELEBRATION
colmansd.com

AUGUST 12
Madison, SD
DOWNTOWN IN MADTOWN
chamberofmadisonsd.com

AUGUST 13
Bruce, SD
BRUCE SUMMER
CONCERT SERIES
Featuring Jim McKinney Trio

AUGUST 13-16
Slayton, MN
MURRAY COUNTY FAIR
murraycountyfair.com

AUGUST 13-17
Aberdeen, SD
BROWN COUNTY FAIR
browncountyfair.com

AUGUST 13-17
Marshall, MN
LYON COUNTY FAIR
lyoncountyfair.com

AUGUST 14
Brookings, SD
DOWNTOWN AT SUNDOWN
downtownatsundown.org

AUGUST 14-17
Brookings, SD
BROOKINGS COMMUNITY
THEATRE "MARY POPPINS THE
BROADWAY MUSICAL"
brookingscommunitytheatre.org

AUGUST 15-17
Yankton, SD
ANNUAL RIVERBOAT DAYS /
SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL
riverboatdays.com

AUGUST 15-17
Mitchell, SD
TOUR DE CORN BICYCLE RIDE
& WEEKEND
palacecitypedalers.com

AUGUST 17
Arlington, SD
ANNUAL CAR SHOW
Arlington Car Show on FB

AUGUST 19
Madison, SD
DOWNTOWN IN MADTOWN
chamberofmadisonsd.com

AUGUST 19-21
Mitchell, SD
DAKOTAFEST
dakotafedesst.com

AUGUST 20-24
Mitchell, SD
CORN PALACE FESTIVAL
cornpalace.com

AUGUST 21
Brookings, SD
DOWNTOWN AT SUNDOWN
downtownatsundown.org

AUGUST 21-24
Madison, SD
62ND ANNUAL
STEAM THRESHING JAMBOREE
prairievillage.com

AUGUST 22-24
Marshall, MN
SOUNDS OF SUMMER
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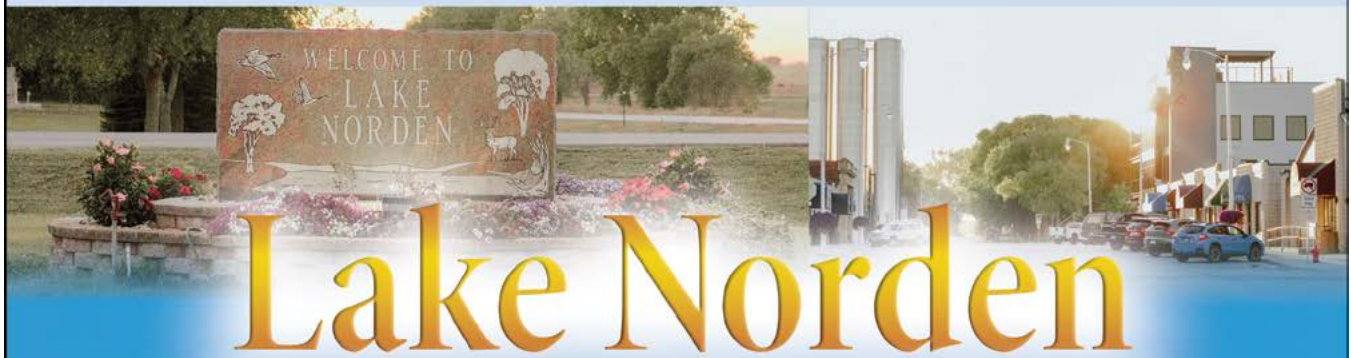
AUGUST 23
Aberdeen, SD
SIZZLIN' SUMMER NIGHTS
CAR & BIKE SHOW
aberdeendowntown.org

AUGUST 26
Madison, SD
DOWNTOWN IN MADTOWN
chamberofmadisonsd.com

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 1
Huron, SD
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR
sdstatefair.com

AUGUST 28
Brookings, SD
JACKS BASH 3
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Our small town is home to many businesses large and small—including Agropur—offering jobs and opportunities to all.

Visit us in the heart of the Midwest, where Lake Norden is a growing community with so much to offer!

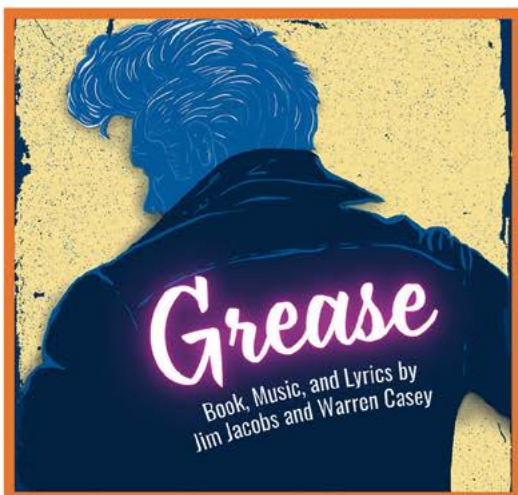


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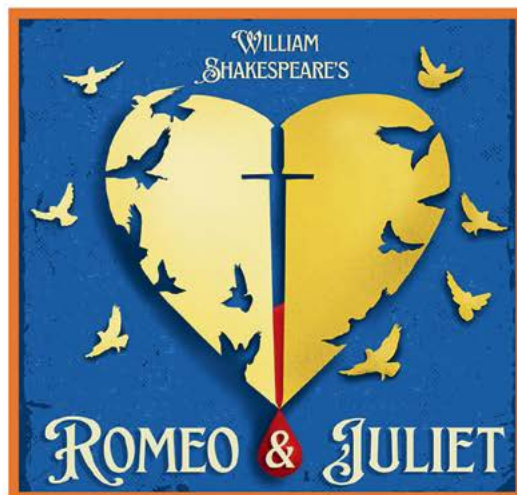




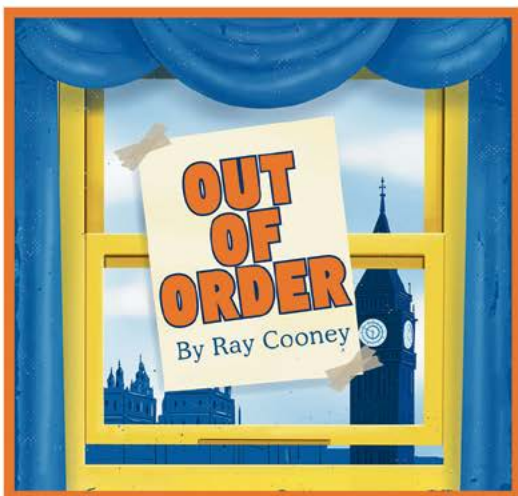
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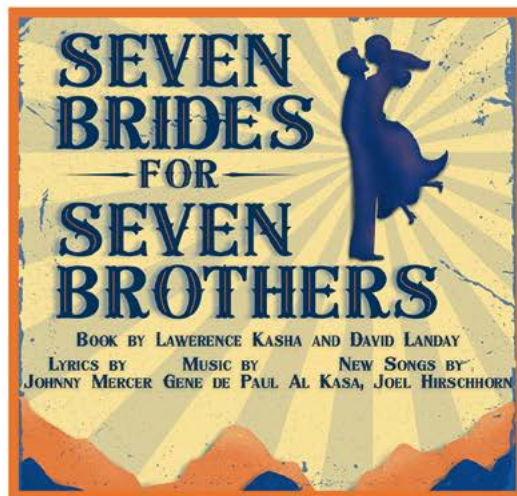
June 11-14



June 18-21



June 25-28



July 9-12 & 16-19

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INTERESTING FACTS RELATED TO INDEPENDENCE DAY

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ITERATIONS OF THE AMERICAN FLAG.

The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

MORE THAN HALF OF ALL AMERICANS OWN AN AMERICAN FLAG.

A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

THE UNITED STATES IS NOT THE ONLY PLACE TO CELEBRATE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

THE NATIONAL HOT DOG AND SAUSAGE COUNCIL ESTIMATES THAT 150 MILLION HOT DOGS ARE CONSUMED ON JULY 4.

Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

JULY IS A POPULAR MONTH FOR NATIONS TO CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

JOHN ADAMS, A FOUNDING FATHER OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECOND PRESIDENT IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY, FELT AMERICANS SHOULD CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN ON JULY 2.

That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.



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