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## ART ALONG THE LAKE

**Sept. 26-Oct. 5** Fall in Cook County is a time of tumultuous beauty, so take some time to explore the colors and meet artists during the self-led Art Along the Lake tour. Stops include home studios, as well as galleries, with guest artists. All locations will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This year includes 25 locations participating, such as Betsy Bowen Studio & Gallery, Hannah Palma Ceramics, Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery, Jo Wood Bead Art, Joy & Company, Linda Ricklefs Baudry, Neil Sherman Studio, North House Folk School, Grand Marais Art Colony, Vahle Fine Art, and more. A full list of participants and locations can be found online. [artalongthelake.com](http://artalongthelake.com)



| LINDA BAUDRY

## PUMPKIN JUNCTION

**Sept. 26-Nov. 2** Experience the magic of fall with a full lineup of fun, family-friendly outdoor activities at Burlington Station in Two Harbors. Pumpkin Junction will feature a corn pit to jump and play in, a burlap maze



North Shore Oktoberfest will feature games for all ages. | SUBMITTED

full of twists and turns, great photo opportunities, a mining adventure sluice where you can uncover treasures like a genuine prospector, seasonal surprises, and more. [facebook.com/burlingtonstationtwoharbors](http://facebook.com/burlingtonstationtwoharbors)

## HECK OF THE NORTH

**Oct. 4, Saturday** The 17th Annual Heck of the North gravel bike races will start and finish on the East Alger Grade, North Shore State Trail parking lots (north of Two Har-

bors on Hwy 61). There will be three course options: a 105-mile course, a 56 mile-course, and a 19-mile course (perfect for those new to gravel cycling). The races will take place in waves, starting at 8 a.m. with the 105-mile race. The 56-mile race will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 19-mile race at 9 a.m. Race registration is required (riders 18 and younger ride free with an adult). [heckofthenorth.com](http://heckofthenorth.com)

## HARVEST BOOYA FESTIVAL

**Oct. 4, Saturday** The annual Harvest Booya Festival has been a 31-year tradition in Finland, celebrating community and serving a traditional booya stew. Held at the Clair Nelson Center, this year's celebration features live Finnish music all day, delicious food, local vendors and crafters, apple cider pressing, activities for kids, and more. Harvest Booya Festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. [facebook.com/finlandbooya](http://facebook.com/finlandbooya)

## BOREALIS

**Oct. 11, Saturday** Borealis, the dynamic tenor-bass chamber ensemble of the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, will perform at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Grand Marais on Oct. 11. Borealis is dedicated to creating powerful musical experiences that inspire and uplift. With artistry and a commitment to inclusivity at the heart of their work, the 20-voice ensemble performs a diverse repertoire that spans historic, contemporary, and cultural choral music. From Bach to Bologna, Borealis brings audiences heartfelt—and sometimes comical—performances that embody their mission to promote equality, belonging, and the power of music to connect and heal. Tickets are offered on a sliding scale of \$10 to \$30, with children 12 and under free. [northshoremusicassociation.com](http://northshoremusicassociation.com)

## NORTH SHORE OKTOBERFEST

**Oct. 11, Saturday** The North Shore Oktoberfest at Bluefin Bay Family of Resorts is back for its second year. Held from noon



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Kids will enjoy endless trick-or-treating stations during Lake Superior Zoo's Boo at the Zoo event. | SUBMITTED

to 6 p.m. in Tofte, this fun, family-friendly event will feature authentic German fare, local Oktoberfest beer, live polka, fun games and contests like steinholding, hamerschlagen, and bingo, plus an extensive local craft fair and kids' activities. This is a free event, open to everyone. [bluefinbay.com](http://bluefinbay.com)

### BOO AT THE ZOO

**Oct. 11, 18, & 25** Your family's annual fall tradition is back on Oct. 11, Oct. 18, and Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the whole family and explore the Lake Superior Zoo in Duluth with endless trick-or-treating stations, a fall Boo-tique craft show, magic shows, face painting, a mini pumpkin hunt, special Halloween-themed animal treats, food trucks, a bubble train, a pumpkin patch, games and activities, and more. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. Day-of non-member tickets are \$20, or \$15 if purchased in advance; ages 2 and under are free. [lszoo.org](http://lszoo.org)

### THUNDER BAY RENAISSANCE FAIRE

**Oct. 11-12** Hear ye, hear ye! The inaugural Thunder Bay Renaissance Faire will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Murrillo Fairgrounds. This new, cultural event invites attendees to dress in their best medieval or fantasy apparel, enjoy live entertainment, and browse artisan booths and food vendors. Watch full-contact jousting, try your hand in combat with workshops and demonstrations, bring the kids to mermaid storytime, and blow bubbles with fairies. There will also be educational exhibits, live music, dance performances, improv theatrics, festival games, a merchant marketplace, a children's area, and more. Admission info can be found online. [oliver-agriculturalsociety.com/tbrf](http://oliver-agriculturalsociety.com/tbrf)

### SENIOR GO SHOW

**Oct. 14, Tuesday** Today's seniors and soon-to-be-seniors are active; they are still work-

ing, helping raise their grandkids, vacationing, crafting, building—they are still going. Located at the Duluth Decc, the Go Show will help you find all the information you need as you get older. Visit with over 100 exhibitors featuring information on traveling, remodeling, finding new hobbies, estate planning, healthcare, and more. Held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be live music, guest speakers, prizes, free samples and services, and more. Free tickets are available online and free event parking is provided courtesy of Medica. [goshowexpo.com](http://goshowexpo.com)



### TERROR IN THE BAY FILM FESTIVAL

**Oct. 15-18** Northwestern Ontario's top horror-themed film festival is back for its ninth year in Thunder Bay, held from 7-11:45 p.m. nightly at Paramount Theatre. Each night, different horror films from around the world will be screened—from slasher films and slow-burn suspense, to supernatural thrillers, creature features, and comedy horror. Other features include

the "Blood Red Carpet" photo shoot, a food concession stand, local vendor tables, prizes, and more. Guests are encouraged to dress up in costumes. Tickets can be purchased online. [terrorinthebay.com](http://terrorinthebay.com)



### FAMILY WEEKEND

**Oct. 16-18** Coinciding with MEA weekend in Minnesota, North House Folk School in Grand Marais hosts a long weekend of family activities. There will be over a dozen classes offered, some for kids only, others for adults and kids to take together. The weekend includes both formal classes (registration required) and drop-in activities, such as a lantern making drop-in class that will be used for a lantern walk in the evening. There will also be games, s'mores, a contra dance, and more. A full schedule can be found online. [northhouse.org](http://northhouse.org)

### MOOSE MADNESS FESTIVAL

**Oct. 16-18** A Moose is loose in Grand Marais during the Moose Madness Festival, hosted by Visit Cook County. This annual event is the ultimate family-focused celebration of all things moose. Enjoy the outdoors and learn a few facts about the area's celebrated mascot along the way with fun activities throughout downtown. There will be scavenger hunts, quizzes, donut bingo, face painting, free art stations, a rock skipping contest, a lantern parade, a nature hike, and more. And don't miss the Moose Mad-

ness Mountain Bike Race on Oct. 18, held on the Pincushion Mountain bike trails. A full schedule of events can be found online. [visitcookcounty.com/moosemadness](http://visitcookcounty.com/moosemadness)

### LAKE SUPERIOR PARANORMAL CONVENTION

**Oct. 16-19** Step into the unknown at the Lake Superior Paranormal Convention in Thunder Bay. This event brings together ghost hunters, psychic mediums, sasquatch and UFO experts, authors, and paranormal researchers for an unforgettable weekend of discovery. Explore over 50 unique vendors, attend fascinating speaker sessions, informative workshops, and take part in spooky experiences like a sasquatch expedition, ghost stories by the fire, and an after-hours paranormal investigation. Whether you're a believer, skeptic, or just curious, the Lake Superior Paracon has something for everyone. [lakesuperiorparacon.com](http://lakesuperiorparacon.com)



### SUPERIOR NIGHTMARE 5K

**Oct. 25, Saturday** Grab your family and friends for this fun and spooky 3.1-mile race, held at 11 a.m. at Wessman Arena in Superior. Held in coordination with the city's annual Superior Spooktacular, this race offers participants a mix of scary surprises and haunted hijinks to go along with a family-friendly costume race, with costume prizes. There will also be free Spider Dash races for the kids, starting at 11:45 p.m., which will lead directly into the Superior Spooktacular Halloween parade, held at 12:30 p.m. And there will be plenty of trick-or-treating options before and after you run. Race registration info and fees can be found online. [grandmasmarathon.com](http://grandmasmarathon.com)



The 26th annual Thunder Bay Empty Bowls fundraiser will feature a simple meal of soup, a roll, and dessert, along with your choice of a hand-crafted pottery bowl. | SUBMITTED

### SPOOKTACULAR CARNIVAL

**Oct. 31, Friday** Visit the Green Door in Beaver Bay for a Spooktacular Carnival, held from noon to 7 p.m. There will be Halloween-themed carnival games for all ages, candy prizes, a mini walk-through haunted house, a bouncy house for children aged 1 to 10, a pumpkin decorating station, a hot cocoa and s'mores building station, and more. Baptism River Barbecue will also be in attendance. More info can be found on Facebook under Green Door – Beaver Bay.

### THE HUNGER 18

**Oct. 31, Friday** If it's Halloween, then it must be The Hunger. Held downtown Thunder Bay as a fundraiser for Definitely Superior Art Gallery, the 18th annual Hunger Halloween festival features 56 performance acts—including 38 live bands and DJs—taking place at nine venues, including The Foundry, Black Pirates Pub, Nortenos Cantina, Red Lion Smokehouse, and more. There will be thousands in costume contest prizes at each location, so be sure to dress up. The party goes from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and a cover charge of \$20 gets you into all venues. [definitelysuperior.com](http://definitelysuperior.com)



### WILD DULUTH RACES

**Oct. 18-19** The Wild Duluth Races comprise of four trail races, a 100k, 50k, half marathon, and 10k, with various start and end points (Bayfront Park, Jay Cooke State Park, Munger Trail, Spirit Mountain, etc.) and all traverse the outskirts and even through Duluth neighborhoods. The fall colors should be in full peak and the weather could be brisk, which is great for running. Runners who complete various combinations of races can be dubbed a Wildwoman or Wildman. Registration, volunteer, and spectator information can be found online. [wildduluthraces.com](http://wildduluthraces.com)

### EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

**Oct. 19, Sunday** The 26th annual Thunder Bay Empty Bowls fundraiser will again be held at the Ryan Hall Cafeteria in the Shuniah Building at Confederation College. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the sit-down dinner will take place from 5:30-8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each, which includes soup, a roll, and dessert, along with your choice of a hand-crafted pottery bowl. There will also be raffles, a 50/50 draw, and other items available for purchase. Or purchase a take-out meal, available from 1:30-3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online. [emptybowlstThunderbay.com](http://emptybowlstThunderbay.com)



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