

EVENTS



The Buskers Festival, held July 25-26 in Thunder Bay, will feature an impressive lineup of world-class international performers. | SUBMITTED

CANADA DAY ON THE WATERFRONT

July 1, Wednesday Celebrate Canada Day in Thunder Bay with an unforgettable day at Marina Park. Held from 3-9 p.m., there will be live entertainment for all ages, food vendors, arts and crafts, a variety of indoor and outdoor games and activities for the whole family, and more. Admission is free. thunderbay.ca/canaday



| DUST N' BONES

ROCK THE LAKE

July 3-4 Enjoy two nights of live music next to Lake Superior at Grand Portage Lodge & Casino's Rock the Lake outdoor music festival. Starting at 4:30 p.m., Friday's lineup will feature Mitchell Hall and the Tennessee Trio, Bobby Jensen and the Dead Cowboys,

and Ladies of Country. Saturday's lineup starts at 12:30 p.m. and features Moonshot, 8foot4, Aftershock, Dust N' Bones, and Richrath Project REO (playing the music of REO Speedwagon). Admission is free but be sure to bring your own chair. All ages are welcome. grandportage.com



Celebrate Canada Day on July 1 at Marina Park in Thunder Bay. | TOURISM THUNDER BAY

FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

July 4, Saturday Head to Tofte for a full lineup of family-friendly events, beginning with the Tofte Trek 10k Trail Run/Walk at 9 a.m. at Birch Grove Community Center

(registration required: sugarbushtail.org). Then, head to Tofte Town Hall/Park at 11 a.m. for bouncy houses, art and craft vendors, bingo, live music, a beer garden, minnow races, food vendors, and more, followed by a parade at 2 p.m. At roughly 10 p.m., find a spot in Grand Marais, Grand



Take part in The Great Rendezvous at Fort William Historical Park.
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Portage, Tofte, Silver Bay, Two Harbors, or Ely for a fireworks show. Or head to Duluth's Bayfront Festival Park for Fourth Fest—gates open at noon and there will be live music, bouncy houses, food and craft vendors, family activities, and more. Fireworks start at 10 p.m. and admission is free. For more info on Tofte's festivities, visit facebook.com/toftetownship.

HOVLAND ARTS FESTIVAL

July 4-5 The annual Hovland Arts Festival, held at the Hovland Town Hall, will showcase over 30 local artists, featuring every-

thing from jewelry, paintings, and pottery to carvings, photography, and woodwork. There will also be live music and storytelling all day, and food provided by Trinity Lutheran Church, Mama Bear Catering, and Stacy's Treats. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. facebook.com/hovlandartsfestival

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

July 7, Tuesday Bring your favorite teddy bear to Vickers Park in Thunder Bay for the annual Teddy Bear's Picnic. Held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., this beloved family-friendly

event will feature a teddy bear parade, a boo-boo bear station, live entertainment, face painting, food vendors, a first responders display, a community group expo, fun games and activities, and more. Admission is free. thunderbay.ca/teddybears-picnic



LUTSONG MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 9-12 The fifth annual Lutsong Music Festival will feature 19 acts scheduled to play non-stop music at Caribou Highlands Lodge and the North Shore Winery, both located on Ski Hill Road in Lutsen. In addition to great music, attendees will enjoy the vendor village, nightly campfire guitar pulls, food and drinks, yoga, a morning hike, and more. This year's musicians include Humbird, Breanne Marie and the Front Porch Sinners, Timmy Haus, Stonebridge Singers, Clayton Ryan Trio, Laura Hugo, and more. And all are invited to the free event at 6 p.m. on Thursday, featuring musical acts The Scarlet Goodbye Duo, and Emily Haavik and the 35's. Tickets to Lutsong can be purchased online. lutsongmusicfestival.com

TWO HARBORS HERITAGE DAYS

July 9-12 The annual Two Harbors Heritage Days features four days of family fun. Activities include live music and entertainment, a medallion hunt, pancake breakfasts, a cornhole tournament, helicopter rides, food vendors, a lutefisk toss, art and craft vendors, a zoomobile, a classic car cruise, a kids bubble dance, tours of the Edna G, a golf tournament, a street dance featuring Sammy Kershaw, and more. A kiddie parade will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, followed by an ice cream social at Thomas Owens Park. On Saturday is a car show from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as the full parade at 1 p.m. facebook.com/twoharborsheritagedays



THE GREAT RENDEZVOUS

July 10-12 Held at Fort William Historical Park in Thunder Bay, hundreds of re-enactors from across North America will converge July 10-12 to re-create the annual summer gathering held at Fort William over 200 years ago when it was the inland

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Betsy Bowen is one of more than 60 juried artists participating in this year's Grand Marais Arts Festival. | SUBMITTED

headquarters of the North West Company. Held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, the historic re-enactment will include artisan demonstrations, contests, a grand canoe arrival, and more. fwph.ca



BAY DAYS

July 10-12 This year, Bay Days is celebrating the 70th birthday of Silver Bay. It's going to be a birthday bash you won't want to miss. There will be a bean bag tournament, live music, street dances, free kids games, BMX bike shows, pancake breakfasts, golf scrambles, craft and food vendors, raffle drawings, a silent auction, a book sale, a lighted boats display, the Lake Superior Zoomobile, a photo booth, class reunions, and more. A parade will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday and fireworks will be held at dusk. And don't miss the classic car and motorcycle show, held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday. bay-days.org

GRAND MARAIS ARTS FESTIVAL

July 11-12 Join the Grand Marais Art Colony in celebrating creativity and craft on the North Shore at the Grand Marais Arts Festival, a juried fine arts festival that showcases the best of the Midwest arts scene. Featuring more than 60 artists from across the region, the festival highlights fine art, handcrafted goods, and unique creations, along with live music and free art activities for visitors of all ages. The festival will take place downtown Grand Marais from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. grandmaraisartcolony.org

DULUTH AIRSHOW

July 11-12 Minnesota's largest airshow, the Duluth Air and Aviation Expo, will return to Duluth International Airport July 11-12. This year's headliner is the U.S. Air Force Thun-

derbirds. Other performers and attractions include the USAF Wings of Blue, B-25s Miss Mitchell and Rosie's Reply, an F-16, a MIG-17, and aerobatic pilots Melissa Burns, Craig Gifford, Britt Lincoln, Carol Pilon, and Bob Richards. There will be aircraft displays, food and drink vendors, a kid's zone, and more. Gates open at 9 a.m. both days. Tickets can be purchased online. duluthairshow.com

GUNFLINT TRAIL CANOE RACES

July 15, Wednesday The annual Gunflint Trail Canoe Races, which began in 1976, is a fundraiser for the Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department. Held at the Gunflint Lodge waterfront on the Gunflint Trail, activities will start at 4 p.m. There will be multiple canoe races for all ages and abilities, as well as teams from various Gunflint Trail outfitters/resorts competing for the Trail Cup Trophy. There will also be food, T-shirt sales, an auction, and a benefit raffle—tickets can be purchased during the races. After the races, enjoy live music by The Sprigs in the Northern Lights Lounge until 10 p.m. visitcookcounty.com/events



SCHREIBER HERITAGE DAYS

July 16-19 Celebrate the culture and heritage of Schreiber with the annual Schreiber Heritage Days, featuring a wide variety of exciting events for the whole family. Activities include a baseball tournament, family and adult bocce ball, a town-wide yard sale, bingo, pickleball, a community BBQ, a merchant market, live music and entertainment, a pie wagon, floor curling, a pie toss, food and drink vendors, a carnival, and more. A full schedule can be found online. schreiber.ca



Wingwalker Carol Pilon will perform at the Duluth Airshow July 11-12.
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LAKE SUPERIOR SALMON CLASSIC

July 18-19 The annual Lake Superior Salmon Classic fishing tournament, hosted by the Silver Bay PTO, will take place in the Silver Bay Marina. There are three contest divisions, with five place winners per division: king salmon, coho salmon, and lake trout. The tournament will take place from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from 4 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. An air horn will announce start and stop times. The entry fee is \$25 per person. There will also be raffle drawings, (\$5 per ticket), a silent auction, food and drinks, door prizes for kids ages 12 and under, and more. silverbaypto.org

FESTIVAL OF INDIA & FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

July 18-19 Held at Marina Park on Saturday, July 18, the annual Festival of India in Thunder Bay is a celebration of culture, arts, music, and food. Festivities include a chariot parade (held at 1 p.m.), live music and dancing, henna tattoos, children's activities, art and cultural exhibits, a colour throw, free vegetarian Indian cuisine, a colorful market, and more. The festival is free and will take place from 3-8 p.m. Then, take part in the Festival of Colours on Sunday, also at Marina Park. With roots in ancient India, the Festival of Colours is a joyful reminder to cast away bad feelings and throw worries to the wind. Held from 3-8 p.m. there will be live Kirtan bands,

interactive dances, DJs, yoga, food, colour throwing, and more. Open to all ages. facebook.com/festivalofindia.thunderbay



BLUEBERRY ART FESTIVAL

July 24-26 Ely's signature summer event, the 46th annual Blueberry Art Festival features over 230 booths filled with artists and crafters, 25 food vendors, a beer garden, and local businesses participating in Oper-



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ation Blueberry. There will be many returning artists, crafters, and makers, as well as exciting new ones. You'll find everything from watercolor and acrylic art, to ceramics, fiber art, metalwork, jewelry, and more. And don't forget about the food—alongside freshly baked blueberry pies, there will also be burgers, brats, pork chops, seafood, kettle corn, waffles, and more. The festival will take place at Whiteside Park from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday (food court vendors are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. ely.org

PRIDE IN THE PARK

July 25, Saturday Enjoy music, dancing, drag, fashion, food, art, and more while celebrating and supporting the LGBTQIA+ community at Pride in the Park in Two Harbors. Held at Thomas Owens Bandshell Park, festivities will begin at noon with the twinkle parade, followed by a welcome speech from Jesse Montgomery. Other activities during the day include live music, a poetry glam, a Trans Talk Live! panel with Sean Hayes of Trans Northland, drag shows, and more. In the evening, enjoy a comedy show featuring Danielle Thralow at Harbor Rail Pub at 5 p.m., more drag at the Topsy Mosquito at 6:15 p.m., and a dance party with Angel Kelly from 8-10 p.m. at Castle Danger Brewery. twoharborspride.org



BUSKERS FESTIVAL

July 25-26 The 11th annual family-friendly Bay and Algoma Buskers Festival returns to Thunder Bay with an impressive lineup of international performers, including The Twins

Trip, Kobbler Jay, Brett Oddly, Scott Jackson, and Hercinia Arts Collective. Held in the Bay and Algoma neighbourhood, the free festival will also feature art and craft vendors, food vendors, an interactive kids' zone, and more. Festival hours are noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. New this year is a one-day Buskers School on July 24. The four-workshop event will take place at Magnus Theatre and is open to youth ages 7 to 18. Four of the festival's featured performers will spend the day teaching participants the tricks of the trade while nurturing creativity and building beginner skills. The event is first come, first served and costs \$20 per workshop. buskersfestival.ca



FISHERMAN'S PICNIC

July 30-Aug. 2 This year marks the 97th annual Fisherman's Picnic festival in downtown Grand Marais, and there's a lot to look forward to. There's bingo, live music, food and artisan vendors, the fish toss and loon calling contests, kiddie rides and inflatables, blacksmithing demos, a trail run, a kid's tractor pull, a cutest puppy contest, pancake breakfasts, performances from the Grand Marais Playhouse, a raffle drawing with a \$10,000 grand prize, and of course, the fishburger stand. Don't miss the fireworks over the harbor at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, and the parade at 1 p.m. on Sunday. grandmaraislions.com

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