

# SUMMER-SUMMER-SUMMER!!!

## Summer Festivals & Celebrations Happening Around The State!!!!

Summer is right around the corner! While we all look forward to summer where kids can sleep in and have more time to relax, it only takes a short while before kids get bored and families are looking for things to do. Here are some things happening this summer in different regions of Nebraska.

### NEBRASKA COUNTY FAIRS:

Nebraska county fairs are often times the highlights of summer for communities/counties throughout Nebraska. County fairs do more than keep kids entertained during the summer...they often promote community growth and create memories that last a lifetime.



Click on the link below for more information on when and where county fairs are held around the state.

<https://www.nebraskafairs.org>

Here are some other festivals and celebrations families can enjoy this summer that are happening around the state. Nebraska has a rich, diverse and historic heritage full of customs and traditions that are celebrated in communities.

### **Region 1:**

Counties- Sheridan, Dawes, Sioux, Box Butte, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, and Kimball

### SIDNEY GOLD RUSH DAYS

**What:** Parade, ticket entry concerts, rodeo, food & more

**When:** June 9-11, 2023

**Where:** Sidney, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.sidneygoldrushdays.org/>

### **POTTER CAR BOWL**

**What:** Car & craft show, BBQ contest, vendors, music, food. Duck pin bowling & more

**When:** June 24-25, 2023

**Where:** Potter, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/pottercarbowl/>

### **FUR TRADE DAYS**

**What:** Parade, carnival, music, vendors, softball tournament, food & more

**When:** July 13-16, 2023

**Where:** Chadron, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://furtradedays.com/>

### **OREGON TRAIL DAYS**

**What:** Parade, carnival, BBQ, street dance, live music, mud volley ball, kiddie parade & more

**When:** July 13-16, 2023

**Where:** Gering, Nebraska

**More Information:** <http://www.oregontraildays.com/#//>

### **ALLIANCE HERITAGE DAYS**

**What:** Parade, carnival, vendors, food & more

**When:** July 19-22, 2023

**Where:** Alliance, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/AllianceHeritageDays/>

### **Region 2:**

Counties- Arthur, Chase, Dawson, Dundy, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Frontier, Gosper, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Red Willow and Thomas

### **NEBRASKA LAND DAYS**

**What:** Parade, ticket entry concerts, rodeo, food & more

**When:** June 14-17, 2023

**Where:** North Platte, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://nebraskalanddays.com/>

### **KITES & CASTLES**

**What:** Kite flying, castling building contest, concert, food, prizes & more

**When:** July 29, 2023

**Where:** Ogallala, Nebraska

**More Information:**

[https://www.lasr.net/travel/city.php?Annual+Kites+and+Castles&TravelTo=NE0416023&VE=Y&Event\\_ID=NE0416023e004](https://www.lasr.net/travel/city.php?Annual+Kites+and+Castles&TravelTo=NE0416023&VE=Y&Event_ID=NE0416023e004)

### **Region 3:**

Counties- Buffalo, Furnas, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps, Adams, Clay, Franklin, Nuckolls, Webster Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Loup, Merrick, Sherman Valley, Wheeler

### **WAGONS WEST CELEBRATION**

**What:** Pioneer games, crafts, live music, treasure hunt. food & more

**When:** June 8, 2023

**Where:** Kearney, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://chambermaster.kearneycoc.org/events/details/wagons-west-celebration-06-08-2023-16509>

### **KOOL-AID DAYS**

**What:** Kool Aid drinking contest, Kool aid stands, , giant inflatables, indoor games, face painting, music, food & more

**When:** August 18-20, 2023

**Where:** Hastings, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://kool-aiddays.com/>

### **NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

**What:** Concerts, carnival, games, contests, vendors, food, music & more

**When:** August 25-September 4, 2023

**Where:** Grand Island, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.statefair.org/>

### **Region 4:**

Counties- Boone, Colfax, Cuming, Madison, Nance, Platte, Stanton  
Antelope, Boyd, Brown, Cedar, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Pierce, Rock,  
Burt, Dakota, Dixon, Thurston, Wayne

### **FABULOUS ACCORDION FESTIVAL**

**What:** Live accordion/polka music, dance. Local art, food & more

**When:** May 27, 2023

**Where:** Ord, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/526035813046749>

### **COMSTOCK WINDMILL FESTIVAL**

**What:** Live 3-Day Music Festival

**When:** June 10, 2023

**Where:** Comstock, Nebraska

**More Information:**

<https://www.windmillfestival.com/#:~:text=June%208%20%2D%2010%2C%202023,-Small%20Town%2C%20BIG>

### **THE GREAT AMERICAN COMEDY FESTIVAL**

**What:** Live magic and comedy shows

**When:** June 15-17, 2023

**Where:** Norfolk, Nebraska

**More Information:** <http://www.greatamericancomedyfestival.com/>

### **LINDSEY PIVOT DAYS**

**What:** Volleyball, cornhole, inflatables, arts & crafts, vendors, food, music, fireworks & more

**When:** June 23-24, 2023

**Where:** Lindsey, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://visitnebraska.com/lindsay/events/lindsay-pivot-days>

### **WAYNE CHICKEN SHOW**

**What:** Parade, petting zoo, inflatables, water-balloon wars, chicken dance, food, music & more

**When:** July 7-9, 2023

**Where:** Wayne, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.cityofwayne.org/455/Wayne-Chicken-Show>

### **PRAIRIE DAYS**

**What:** Parade, family-friendly event, flower contest, kid tractor pull, antique show, mud volleyball, music, food & more movie in park, food & more

**When:** July 28-30, 2023

**Where:** Tilden, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://tmgcommunityfoundation.org/page/tilden-prairie-days>

### **COLUMBUS DAYS**

**What:** Parade, family-friendly event, turtle races, movie in park, food & more

**When:** August 10-13, 2023

**Where:** Columbus, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusDays/about>

### **Region 5:**

Counties- Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, York

### **MEAD DAYS**

**What:** Street dance, sand volleyball, horseshoes, parade, 5K run & more

**When:** June 16-18, 2023

**Where:** Mead, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/people/Mead-Days/100064696865934/>

### **JUNETEENTH-LINCOLN**

**What:** Family-friendly event, activities for kids, music, dance and rap contest, health fair

**When:** June 17, 2023

**Where:** Malone Clyde Center & Trago Park, Lincoln, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://malonecenter.org/>

### **HOMESTEAD DAYS**

**What:** Parade, car show, craft show, fireworks, horse shoes. Family events, entertainment & more

**When:** June 21-25, 2023

**Where:** Beatrice, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://beatricechamber.com/homestead-days>

#### **FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

**What:** Grand parade, car show, craft show, fireworks, entertainment, food

**When:** July 4

**Where:** Seward, Nebraska

**More Information:** [julyfourthseward.com](http://julyfourthseward.com)

#### **PAWNEE DAYS**

**What:** Parade, baseball, demolition derby, music, food & more

**When:** July 4-5, 2023

**Where:** Genoa, Nebraska

**More Information:**

[https://www.lasr.net/travel/city.php?&TravelTo=NE0112009&VE=Y&Event\\_ID=NE0112009e001](https://www.lasr.net/travel/city.php?&TravelTo=NE0112009&VE=Y&Event_ID=NE0112009e001)

#### **COMMUNITY DAYS**

**What:** Parade, family-friendly event, activities for kids, music, food & more

**When:** July 14-16, 2023

**Where:** Henderson, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.hendersonnebraska.com/events/community-days/>

#### **COBBLESTONE FESTIVAL**

**What:** Parade, carnival, games, food, music & more

**When:** August 24-27, 2023

**Where:** Falls City Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/CobblestoneFestival/>

#### **Region 6:**

Counties- Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Washington

#### **SALUTE TO SUMMER**

**What:** Parade, family activities, free food cookout, fireworks & drone show

**When:** May 27, 2023

**Where:** La Vista, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.cityoflavista.org/987/Schedule-of-Events>

#### **BENNINGTON DAZE**

**What:** Parade, fireworks, music, corn-hole tournament, BBQ & more

**When:** June 2-4, 2023

**Where:** Bennington, Nebraska

**More Information:** [facebook.com/benningtondaze](https://facebook.com/benningtondaze)

#### **GATEWAY TO THE WEST DAYS**

**What:** Parade, live music, car show, vendors, craft fair & more

**When:** June 8-11, 2023

**Where:** Blair, Nebraska

**More Information:** [washingtoncountychamberne.com](http://washingtoncountychamberne.com)

### **ELKHORN DAYS**

**What:** Parade, family activities, music festival, car show, booths, food & more

**When:** June 8-11, 2023

**Where:** Elkhorn, Nebraska

**More Information:** [elkhorndays.com](http://elkhorndays.com)

### **OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL**

**What:** Children's fair, performing arts, local art, mural cube, food & more;  
mixture of outdoor and online activities

**When:** June 9-11, 2023

**Where:** Omaha, Nebraska

**More Information:** [summerarts.org](http://summerarts.org)

### **PAPILLION DAYS**

**What:** Carnival, parade, market, fireworks, live entertainment

**When:** June 14-18, 2023

**Where:** Papillion, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.papillionfoundation.org/papillion-days>

### **LIMESTONE DAYS**

**What:** Grand parade, fishing contest, softball, washer tournament, craft show, food, music & more

**When:** June 24, 2023

**Where:** Weeping Water, Nebraska

**More Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/WeepingWaterLimestoneDay/>

Be sure to check for updates and changes that may occur before heading out to any of these events.