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Boise Summer Calendar Filled with Outdoor Activities, Events

[June 20, 2016] – Boise visitors won't spend much time indoors this summer. Festivals, live music, outdoor art exhibits and warm summer temperatures make outside the place to be. For a complete listing of area events and happenings, visit www.Boise.org.

Here are some highlights for Boise this season:

Idaho Shakespeare Festival; May-September; Idaho Shakespeare Festival Pavilion

Summer is the start of the 2016 Idaho Shakespeare Festival—its 40th season. Summer plays include; And Then There Were None, Love's Labor's Lost, My Fair Lady, Twelfth Night and Forever Plaid. The festival is dedicated to producing great theater that entertains and educates. To purchase tickets, visit <http://idahoshakespeare.org>.

Outlaw Field Summer Concert Series; May – September; Idaho Botanical Garden

The Idaho Botanical Garden has kicked off the ninth year of its Outlaw Field Summer Concert Series. The outdoor venue is a great setting to listen to popular performers. Picnics are welcome, though food, beer and wine are offered on-site for purchase. This summer's concerts include Tears for Fears, Phillip Phillips and Matt Nathanson, Josh Ritter, Willie Nelson, Steve Miller Band, Need To Breathe, Mat Kearny, Bonnie Raitt and Cyndi Lauper. Prices, dates and start times vary. Visit <http://idahobotanicalgarden.org/outlaw-field-summer-concerts/>.

Alive After Five Summer Concert Series; Wednesdays from June – August; Basque Block

The Alive After Five Summer Concert Series is celebrating its 30th year of free concerts in downtown Boise. Each Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. the Downtown Boise Association brings bands like the Clumsy Lovers, Kaleo, and local bands for a community experience. Visit https://www.downtownboise.org/index.cfm/events/dba_events/alive_after_five.

Modern Music; Thursdays from June – August; Modern Hotel

This ongoing music concert series happening on Thursdays throughout the summer. Musicians play in the courtyard at the Modern Hotel in Downtown Boise from 7-10 p.m. Past guests have included Dough Martsch, Merideth Sisco & Blackberry Winter, and Alex Dupre. Visit <http://themodernhotel.com/modernevents/modern-music/>.

Snooze at the Zoo; June – August; Zoo Boise

Zoo guides provide overnight guests with nighttime and early morning treks through the zoo (without the large crowds) to investigate animals, their habitats, behavior and care. Activities, games, art projects and up-close animal encounters are also part of the Snooze at the Zoo adventure. The overnight stay includes an evening snack, continental breakfast, and an indoor/outdoor sleeping area. Visit <http://zooboise.org/event/snooze-at-the-zoo-3/>.

Boise Twilight Criterium; July 16; Downtown Boise

The 28th annual Boise Twilight Criterium is a fast-paced, high-stakes bicycle race in the heart of downtown Boise. Cyclists from around the world compete for a cash prize and bragging rights. More than 20,000 spectators are expected to watch from the downtown streets. Visit <http://www.boisewilghtcriterium.com>.

International Food Festival; August 6; Julia Davis Park

Authentic cuisines from around the world created by local restaurants as well as children's activities, cultural arts, workshops, a beer garden, music and entertainment area are on the agenda for the International Food Festival. The event is designed to help spread awareness about the many cultures present in the Treasure Valley Community. Visit <http://www.ifcf.events/index.php>.

Boise BAM Jam; August 6-7; Downtown Boise

BAM Jam is a three-on-three basketball tournament that takes place on the streets of downtown Boise. Teams of all ages and abilities are placed in brackets and play a minimum of three games. The two-day tournament features a special slam dunk and three-point challenge on the steps of the Idaho State Capitol Building. The event is fun for families to watch and proceeds from the tournaments are donated to local non-profit organizations. Visit <https://www.bamjamboise.com>.

Tour de Fat; August 13; Ann Morrison Park

After a bicycle parade through the streets of downtown Boise, costumed participants will enjoy 11 different New Belgium beers at the annual Tour de Fat celebration. The event, put on by New Belgium Brewing, raises funds for local non-profit partners, including the Southwest Idaho Mountain Biking Association, Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance and the Boise Bicycle Project. Visit <http://www.newbelgium.com/events/tour-de-fat/boise.aspx>.

Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic; August 31 – September 4; Ann Morrison Park

Each summer, families flock to Ann Morrison Park, spread blankets on the ground and enjoy a mass launching of colorful hot air balloons. In its 25th year, the festival will feature balloon launches, competitions, a night glow event and lift off from Ann Morrison Park. Visit <http://spiritofboise.com/>.

Art in the Park; September 9-11; Julia Davis Park

Boise Art Museum's Art in the Park is widely recognized as one of the premiere cultural events in the Northwest. This open-air festival, held on the weekend following Labor Day each September, provides visitors of all ages and interests with the opportunity to meet more than 200 artists and purchase their works. During the three-day event, Boise Art Museum presents contemporary arts and crafts, along with an array of live entertainment, park performances, food and hands-on activities for children. Visit <http://www.boiseartmuseum.org/art-in-the-park/>.

Albertsons Boise Open; September 12-18; Hillcrest Country Club

This PGA Tour event is an annual experience at Hillcrest Country Club. The tournament, now in its 27th year, brings some of the best players on tour and raises money for charity. In 2015, it generated \$1.5 million for Treasure Valley charities. Over the course of its history, the tournament has contributed more than \$18 million to various charities. Visit <https://www.albertsonsboiseopen.com>.

FitOne; September 24; State Capitol Building

FitOne is a fitness celebration through St. Luke's Health System. Participants have the option to run a half marathon, 10K or 5K. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness year-round and inspire families to take progressive steps toward positive habits. Visit <http://fitoneboise.org/>.

Registration for Onward Shay Marathon; Open Now

The Onward Shay half and full marathon is making its debut in Boise this year. The race is held in honor of Shay Hirsch, an avid marathon runner who grew up in Boise. The course will follow the Boise Greenbelt, passing Boise State University and weave through downtown and some historic neighborhoods. It is a certified Boston Marathon qualifier, as well as an Olympic-qualifying course. The event is limited to 5,000 runners—registration is now open. Visit <http://onwardshay.com/>.

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About the Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau is a nonprofit organization that works to enhance the City of Boise's economy through the marketing, promotion and selling of the city and region as a site for conventions, corporate meetings, trade shows, leisure travel, cultural, sports, and special events. Each year, Boise hosts hundreds of meetings and special events, which are significant contributors to the local economy. The Boise CVB was established in 1982.