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Your guide to summer fun in DeKalb Co.

Jessi LaRue — June 15, 2016



From small town Fourth of July fun to flea markets and festivals, DeKalb County has it all

Kirkland Lions Club members are working to pull off another year of "Northern Illinois' largest fireworks show."

The 68th annual Kirkland Lions Club 4th of July Celebration will be held July 1 through July 4 at Franklin Township Park in Kirkland. All profits of the event benefit Lions Club projects, which include scholarships, the local food pantry, and to help those with hearing and sight issues.

"The Lions Club is a great organization working to help the community," said Clifford Beach, Lions Club president and event chairman. "All profits from the event help people in the area."

The Lions Club boasts that its fireworks show is the largest in Northern Illinois, Beach said. The club spends about \$13,000 on the fireworks display each year.

The weekend will also feature raffles, a flea market, live entertainment, fire department water fights, police demonstrations, carnival rides, food and more.

"It's just a good time over the Fourth of July weekend in a great little community," Beach said.

Debbie Armstrong, executive director of the DeKalb County Convention and Visitors Bureau, said you don't have to travel far all summer long to enjoy parades, fireworks, rides and free music throughout the rest of the county.

"Many of these events are traditional American events that all Americans will be enjoying over the Fourth," Armstrong said.

JUNE

June 18

The Gurler Heritage Association Folk Music Fest will be held from 12 to 5 p.m. at the historical Gurler House, 205 Pine St., DeKalb. This free event will feature live, local musicians and food vendors. For more information call 815-793-5725.

June 24-26

Bike MS: Tour de Farms is a bicycling event that begins and ends at Northern Illinois University. Farm rest stops are available along the way, and the end festival will feature live music and a beer garden. For more information, visit bikeiid.nationalmssociety.org.

June 25-26

The Sandwich Early Day Engine Club will host its 45th annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show at the Sandwich Fairgrounds. Events include the tractor parade, toy sale, crafts displays and more.

June 25-26

JULY

July 1-4

Kirkland's 68th annual Fourth of July celebration will be held at Franklin Township Park throughout the Fourth of July weekend. For a full schedule of events, visit kirkland4thofjuly.com.

July 2-3

Sandwich Freedom Days features a parade, fireworks and other events for the entire family. Visit sandwichparkdistrict.org to learn more.

July 4

Shabbona's Fourth of July festival will feature fireworks and other events, including Pokanoka's Run & Walk. Visit shecevents.com or shabbonafireworks.com for more information.

July 15-17

The 11th annual "Let's Dance" Big Band Weekend will be held at NIU's Duke Ellington Ballroom. Live dance bands and catered food will be available for social ballroom dancers to enjoy. For more information, visit justmakeithappen-dekalb.com.

July 16

Antique tractors, kids' tractor pull and craft vendors will be at the Waterman SummerFest and Tractor Show. Visit watermanlionstractorshowandsummerfest.com to learn more.

July 16

Kingston's annual festival features rides, food, a 5K run and the Kardboard Regatta – a water race consisting of full-size boats made entirely of cardboard. The race is held on the Kishwaukee River at Kingston Township Park. Visit villageofkingston.com/events for more information.

July 17

Biking with Beanie is a recreational ride in which profits support the county's bike pathway projects and other community service projects. For more information, visit kishkiwanis.org/bwb-general-info.

July 23

Hinckley Lions Clubs hosts the "Taste of Hinckley" Cruise Night from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Hinckley. For more information visit the Hinckley Lions Club Facebook page.

July 23

The Sandwich Park District will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an evening of food, games, music and more from 5 to 8 p.m. at Knights Park in Sandwich. Visit sandwichparkdistrict.org for more information.

July 23-July 31

The weeklong Kishwaukee Fest features concerts in the park, a Friday parade, a Sunday car show and more. For more information, visit kishwaukeefest.com.

July 30-July 31

Sycamore's Turning Back Time weekend features the Fizz Ehler Memorial Car Show, live entertainment and more. To learn more visit turningbacktimecarshow.com.

AUGUST

Aug. 7

Enjoy a day of history, music, food and art at the Ellwood House, 509 N. First St., DeKalb. For more information, visit ellwoodhouse.org.

Aug. 11-14

Sycamore's Steam Show and Threshing Bee features a flea market, antique cars, tractors, raffles and more. The event is held at the Taylor Marshall Farm on Lukens Road in Sycamore. To learn more visit threshingbee.org.

Aug. 12-13

Cortland's Summer Fest features a car show, food vendors, live music and fireworks. Visit cortlandil.org for more information.

Aug. 13

The DeKalb County Barn Tour is a self-guided driving tour of barn sites throughout the county, hosted by the DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Association and the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead. For more information call 815-756-7904 or 815-756-8737.

Aug. 20

Ride Like an Egyptian is a bike ride throughout DeKalb and Kane Counties. All ages are welcome. For more information, visit egyptiantheatre.org.

Aug. 20

Cruisin' to Genoa Car Show will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. in downtown Genoa. Visit genoaareachamber.com to learn more.

Aug. 20

Sycamore's Ribs, Rhythm & Brews Fest will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. on Somonauk Street. Live music, ribs, and a beer garden will be featured. For more information, visit discoversycamore.com.

Aug. 26-28

DeKalb's Corn Fest, one of the last, free festivals in Illinois, will feature the annual corn boil, live music, a carnival, car show, bike rally, kid festival, more than 90 vendors and more. For more information call 815-748-CORN or visit cornfest.com.

Aug. 28

Genoa's Pioneer Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society, 622 Park Ave. in Genoa. Stagecoach rides, gunfights, quilting, wood whittling, butter churning and similar events will be featured throughout the free event. Call 815-784-5559 to learn more.

SEPTEMBER**Sept. 7-11**

The 129th annual Sandwich Fair features live music, entertainment, food, the FFA petting zoo, vendors and more. Visit sandwichfair.com for more information.

Sept. 11

DeKalb Kite Fest brings in kite enthusiasts from all over the country. Bring a kite from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the corner of Lucinda Avenue. and Kishwaukee Drive in DeKalb.