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Calendar of Events 2009

Sandpoint knows how to have a great time year round. From old cars to snow sculptures and live theater to live bluegrass, the event calendar at Sandpoint offers visitors something to enjoy any month of the year.

Jan 15 – 18: Start the year off with **Winter Carnival**, a week long celebration of one of our favorite seasons with a Parade of Lights, The Taste of Sandpoint, Canine Keg Pull, Fudge Eating contest and a spectacular torchlight parade and fireworks display at **Schweitzer**.

Feb 19 – 24: , get ready for the **Madcap Mardi Gras Celebration**, a city-wide party filled with outrageous events, celebratory contests and hilarious performances. Events include a masked ball, a progressive wine tasting, mini-golf monstrosity and more.

Feb 27 – 28: Outrageous Air Show at Schweitzer Mountain Resort: Former Olympians, national and world champions, new school skiers and snowboarders put on this stunning aerial and acrobatics show complete with fireworks, torchlight parade, and fire jumping.

May 15 – 17, **Lost in the 50's:** Hot Rods, Rock 'n' Roll Music, Dancin' in the Streets, D.J.s to 5Ks and Greasers to Onlookers ... Polish that chrome, curl the pompadour and crank up the "Oldies" ... <http://sandpoint.org/lostin50s/>

May-October: The Sandpoint Farmer's Market begins in May with locally grown produce, food, crafts and entertainment. Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. between May and October. Located at Farmin Park in downtown.

June 20- August 4: The **ArtWalk** begins in June. The public can take a self-guided walking tour through downtown Sandpoint to view art exhibits at

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participating retailers and galleries featuring art by local and national artists. Maps can be picked up at the participating businesses, at the **Pend Oreille Arts Council Office** or the **Chamber of Commerce**.

June: Schweitzer's **Summer Celebration** opens the summer season at Schweitzer Mountain Resort with a barbecue, free scenic chairlift rides, family activities and wine tasting. 208-263-9555

July: The Sandpoint Wooden Boat Festival features classic wooden boats, a classic car show, sand sculpture contests and more at the Old Power House, sponsored by the Inland Empire Antique and Classic Boat Society and Downtown Sandpoint. 208-255-1876

July : Bluegrass comes to Sandpoint with Schweitzer's **Bluegrass Festival**. The mountain resorts hosts an array of live musical acts with plenty of food and drink. www.schweitzer.com or call 208-263-9555

August 1: Local area swimmers suit up for the annual 1.76 mile swim across lake Pend Oreille in the 13th annual **Long Bridge Swim**. 208-265-5412

August: The **Arts & Crafts Festival** takes place in August every year. This is POAC's (Pend Oreille Arts Council) annual juried art exhibit at City Beach. It is renowned throughout the Northwest by both artists and attendees and features 100 booths, a variety of food and children's activities and artist demos. All artwork is original and is handmade.

August 6 - 16: For about 2 weeks each summer, Memorial Park on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille is transformed into a spectacular concert venue for the **Festival at Sandpoint**. The nonprofit concert series offers an eclectic selection of music such as Lyle Lovett, Natalie Cole, Ryan Adams, Johnny Cash, Buddy Guy and the Spokane Symphony. The line-up is announced each year in mid-May.

September 7-14: The Third annual **Schweitzer Lakedance International Film Festival** is the largest film festival in the Inland Northwest. Every year the Panida Theater features dozens of independent films, workshops and discussions. 208-597-0961

September ____: Fall is a great time for events in Sandpoint with **The Pend d'Oreille Winery's Annual Harvest Party** in September. Grape stomping, cork spitting, food sampling, wine tasting and live music going on all weekend. 208-265-8545

October: Oktoberfest is celebrated all over downtown Sandpoint with food, spirits and live music. The event is sponsored by Downtown Sandpoint Business Association. 208-255-1876

November __ -January 1: The **Holidays in Sandpoint** kick off Thanksgiving weekend with a traditional tree lighting ceremony in downtown Sandpoint. Holiday shopping specials and events can be found throughout the season in downtown. 208-255-1876

For a complete event listing for 2009, visit www.sandpointonline.com.

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