

Wisconsin is a state that loves food. We celebrate it at every opportunity. Here are food festivals and celebrations occurring in June and July. *Happy road trip and good eating at the end of your journey!*



JUNE 1-3
Dairyfest
 Marshfield, WI
www.marshfieldchamber.com
 This celebration features breakfast on the farm, arts and crafts show, old-fashioned pie and ice cream social, picnic in the park, gigantic parade, and food galore! Saturday afternoon the UW-Madison Marching Band performs and that evening pull up a lawn chair under the stars and enjoy an outdoor movie. Sunday morning there's a worship service in the world's largest round barn.



JUNE 22-24
Cranberry Blossom Festival
 Wisconsin Rapids, WI
www.blossomfest.com
 This three-day event offers world-class blues musicians performing downtown and a wide assortment of cranberry cuisine from the world's largest inland cranberry-producing region. Event highlights include the June Dairy and Berry Breakfast, cranberry blossom tours, arts, crafts, cranberry products, a kids fishing contest, cranberry blossom duck derby, and cranberry-themed parade. Get your reservations now for Sunday's five-course Winemaker's Dinner featuring cranberries and special wine pairings with the meal.



storytellers, Polish rock bands, classical musicians, the 8th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition, Miss. Polish Fest Pageant, the Sukiennice marketplace full of Polish goods, a children's stage, and lots of delicious Polish food!

JULY 13-15
Greek Fest
 Milwaukee, WI
 (800) 884-FAIR
www.annunciationwi.com
 Held at State Fair Park, Greek Fest offers live entertainment, adult and children's Greek dancing, and lots of good Greek food. Don't forget the baklava.



Cheese carving of an eagle

JUNE 1-3
The Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival
 Little Chute, WI
 (920) 788-7390 or
 (920) 788-7380
 Celebrate Wisconsin's love of cheese at The Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival! Enjoy a cheese curd eating competition, cheese-cake contest, cheese carving demo, free cheese tasting, the Big Cheese Parade, and the Big Cheese Breakfast.



Ima Cheese Curd

JUNE 22-24
Ellsworth Cheese Curd Festival
 Ellsworth, WI
 (715) 273-6442
www.ellsworthchamber.com
 A weekend packed with food, music, and fun in the cheese curd capital of Wisconsin. Events include a grand parade, truck pull, arts & crafts show, cheese curd eating contest, truck demo derby, fantastic fireworks, and more! Get your fill of Ellsworth Co-op Creamery cheese curds—fresh or deep fried.



JULY 19-22
Festa Italiana
 Milwaukee, WI
 (414) 223-2808
www.festaitaliana.com
 The largest Italian-American festival in America features Italian music, food, and entertainment. Sponsored by the Italian Community Center, the festival is also known for its large nightly fireworks and pyrotechnic shows put on by Bartolotta Fireworks. Over 30 bakeries, delis, and restaurants offer up some mighty tasty Italian food. Other attractions include flag throwers, bocce, gondola rides, and Sunday mass.



JUNE 16
Strawberry Fest
 Waupaca, WI
 (888) 417-4040
www.waupacaareachamber.com
 Held annually on the third Saturday in June, Strawberry Fest is a family festival that features a large downtown art/craft fair, strawberry shortcake, a children's costume contest, trolley rides, live entertainment, and much more. Downtown Waupaca.



JUNE 23-25
Polish Fest
 Milwaukee, WI
www.polishfest.org
 This is America's largest Polish festival! Enjoy Polish folk dancing, polka music, a cultural village with exhibits, folk art demonstrators and artists, life-sized legends and

We don't know about all the fests out there so if you know of one you think we should include, drop us a line at: info@bountifulcupboard.com.

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Available at most local grocers or direct from McIlhenny Company at www.tabasco.com



WINE & CHAMPAGNE WAFERS. You don't have to like wine to love these Wine & Champagne Wafers from Sacramento Cookie Factory. They come in Raspberry Almond for Champagne, Lemon Vanilla and Mocha Chocolate for wine. Wafer thin with a delicate crispness, California Wine Wafers are a perfect complement to your favorite wine or a light, tasty dessert for those times when you just want a little something.

Available at Brennan's in Madison or direct from www.wafercookie.com



NUTS. Nutorious Gourmet Nut confections are a combination of decadent nuts made in Wisconsin. Our personal favorite is the Cranberry Orange Crunch featuring walnuts, almonds, pecans, and dried cranberries in a delightful sugary, orange coating.

Available at All Through the House in Stoughton, WI, Coffee Drop Shop in St. Charles, IL, and Food-stuffs in Glencoe, IL, or from Nutoriousnuts.com



BEEF JERKY. Silver Creek Beef and Chicken Strips. These unusual meat strips are unique gourmet snacks that are very tasty. The beef strip is made with cranberries and blueberries and the chicken strips come in an Italian Romano cheese flavor and a black bean salsa variety.

Available at Ehlernbach's Cheese Chalet in Deforest, WI or from www.silvercreekspecialtymeats.com



STAIN STICK. Oxi Out is for the food that ends up on your clothes instead of in your mouth. You may have been disappointed with other stain sticks but this one works like a charm. We tried it during the normal course of a day on barbeque sauce, mustard, and chocolate, and it performed much better than expected. It comes in two sizes, a .5 ounce and a very convenient .25 ounce size that's about the size of a lipstick tube.

Available online at OxiBrands.com



BEEF CHIPS. They may sound strange, but we loved these chips! Not only beautiful, but healthy and unique enough to be the talk of any picnic or party to which you take them. Papa Lena's handmade specialties also include Roasted Sweet Red Bell Pepper Chips, So-Good Sweet Potato Chips, and Spicy Hot Roasted Poblano Chips. Made with just the vegetable, olive oil, and sea salt.

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From not long ago...

Salads

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The Basics of Barbequing

A striking change is taking place in American cooking and entertaining. The backyard barbeque is fast becoming the nation's number one hobby as, each year, more families discover that fun and good fellowship seem to double around an open fire; that nothing is more appetizing than the aroma of food grilling over glowing coals; and that the easy informality of service under the wide sky makes even the most elaborate patio seem carefree.

The taste of charcoal-broiled meats is so delicious that many of us no longer let the end of summer mean good-bye to the "Cook-out." When the snow flies, it becomes the "Cook-in" at the fireplace or at the broiling hearth now so often seen as a feature of new kitchens or family rooms.

Call it barbeque, steak fry, patio party, hot dog roast, or cookout—it is one of the best ways to entertain two or twenty, once you have learned the basic rules for successful cooking and serving outside.

Betty Crocker's Outdoor Cook Book
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Escalating Wedding Costs

It's hard to believe now, when the average wedding costs almost \$30,000 and involves wedding planners, exotic destinations, and six-course dinners, that in 1964 the Festive Foods for Four Seasons from Milwaukee Gas Light Company suggested the following menu for a wedding reception:

Wedding Reception

Assorted Tea Sandwiches
Pastel Bonbons Salted Nuts
Bride's Cake
White Wine Cooler
Coffee

Ponderings on Pie



Oliver Cromwell banned the eating of pie in 1644, declaring it a pagan form of pleasure. For 16 years, pie eating and making went underground until the Restoration leaders lifted the ban on pie in 1660.

Editorial from the *New York Times*, 1902

"It is utterly insufficient (to eat pie only twice a week), as anyone who knows the secret of our strength as a nation and the foundation of our industrial supremacy must admit. Pie is the American synonym of prosperity, and its varying contents the calendar of the changing seasons. Pie is the food of the heroic. No pie-eating people can ever be permanently vanquished."

In response to an Englishman's suggestion that Americans should reduce their daily pie eating to two days per week.



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