

AREA FESTIVALS

The Peoria Area has a variety of festivals for your enjoyment. There is something for every season.

Chillicothe's **Summer Camp Music Festival** is a 4-day weekend of non-stop music, good food and great times. Every Memorial Day weekend, "Summer Campers" from across the country gather in tents and Winnebagos on the campgrounds of Chillicothe's own **Three Sisters Park** to kick off the summer. In the past, Summer Camp has featured bands such as Umphrey's McGee, Moe, Girl Talk, The Flaming Lips, Willie Nelson and more.

The **Steamboat Sports Festival** is one of the most popular summer festivals in the Peoria Area. Every June, the **Steamboat Classic** foot races and the **Proctor Cycling Classic** attract top international athletes to the Peoria Area. The Steamboat Sports Festival features live entertainment, stunt shows and sports competitions, as well as the "Steamboat Idol" singing competition. There's something for everyone at the Steamboat Sports Festival on the Peoria Riverfront.

Celebrate the summer in true Irish fashion at **Erin Feis**—and don't forget to wear green! This widely popular Irish festival is held every year on the Peoria Riverfront. Erin Feis features three days of Irish music, culture, food and much more. Enjoy fun activities with the kids like Irish Potato decorating and contests for the reddest hair and most freckles. Erin Feis is the perfect way to end the summer with the whole family.

The **Budweiser Illinois Blues Festival** is considered one of the top blues festivals in the Midwest—and it calls the Peoria Riverfront home. Held every September at Riverfront Park, the Blues Fest features great blues entertainment on three stages, along with food, vendors and workshops. Renowned musicians from across the world make their way to this three-day music fest on Peoria's beautiful riverfront.

Held every September in Downtown Morton, the **Morton Pumpkin Festival** is one of the most popular fall festivals in the area. This annual event draws more than 70,000 people to the community. The Pumpkin Festival was even featured on the Food Network in an episode of "All-American Festivals." Don't miss the tasty treats like pumpkin pancakes, pumpkin ice cream and more! It's an unforgettable festival experience for the whole family and the perfect way to kick off the autumn season in the Peoria Area.

The **Pekin Marigold Festival** began in 1972 as a small community event, but has since grown into a widely popular festival that attracts thousands of visitors each year. The Marigold Festival is held each year on the weekend after Labor Day with the help and support of the Pekin area community. Featuring the Miss Marigold Pageant, Pepsi Marigold Medallion Hunt, Friday Night Family Fest and more, the Marigold Festival is one festival the whole family is sure to enjoy.

The **East Peoria Festival of Lights** is a holiday celebration held every winter season. The **Parade of Lights** kicks off the festival on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. During the month of December, visitors can drive through miles of electric masterpieces in Folepi's Freedom Park, Winter Wonderland and the Narrated Nativity Scene. There are all kinds of additional holiday attractions in the area like holiday themed theatre performances, historic home tours, and riverboat cruises. The Festival of Lights provides a millions sparkles of excitement for you and your family.

To find out exactly when these and other great events are happening, visit our **Calendar of Events**.

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