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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January, 2005, Sandpoint, ID - 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.

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**.

In February, 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.

**The Sandpoint Farmer's Market** begins in April 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 April and October. Located at Farmin Park in the center of town.

**Lost in the 50's** officially kicks off the spring in May with a weekend long tribute to the that wonderful decade with a vintage car parade, a sock hop and a 2 day long car rally.

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

In July, **Schweitzer** and the town of Sandpoint welcome almost 2000 mountain bike competitors and 15,000 spectators to the **National Off Road Bicycling Association (NORBA) National Championships**. For 4 days in July, the town is taken over by some of the world's best mountain bikers as well as the recreational competitors who get a taste of what it's like to be in the big leagues.

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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. 2005 will be the 33rd annual Arts and Crafts Fair. 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.

**Festival at Sandpoint:** For about 2 weeks each summer, Memorial Park on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille is transformed into a spectacular concert venue. The nonprofit concert series offers an eclectic selection of music such as Warren Zevon, Lyle Lovett, Natalie Cole, Branford Marsalis, Jerry Jeff Walker, Buddy Guy and the Spokane Symphony.

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.

- January** Sandpoint Winter Carnival  
The Taste of Sandpoint  
Selkirk Classic Sanctioned USTSA Telemark Race at Schweitzer  
Pend Oreille Arts Council (POAC) Performance Series begins  
Best of Banff Film Festival
- February** Madcap Mardi Gras Celebration
- March** Stomp Games - at Schweitzer
- April** Caribbean Carnival - the ski season finale  
K & K Fishing Derby  
Farmer's Market begins
- May** Summer Sounds at Park Place - every Saturday through Labor Day  
Lost in the 50's - vintage car parade and show
- June** Timberfest - Timber sports competition  
ArtWalk begins
- July** July 4th Celebration  
Sunday concerts on the lawn -every Sunday, live concert series  
Schweitzer Bluegrass Festival  
NORBA Nationals at Schweitzer  
Antique and Classic Boat Show  
ArtWalk

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- August** Festival at Sandpoint  
Arts & Crafts Festival  
Bonner County Fair and Rodeo  
Long Bridge Swim
- September** Schweitzer's Fall Fest  
Harvest Party - Pend d'Oreille Winery's annual harvest party  
Idaho Draft Horse Show
- October** Oktoberfest - Hidden Lakes Golf Resorts German celebration  
Oompa Fest - Schweitzer's answer to Germany's Oktoberfest  
Harvestfest - Sandpoint Farmer's Market closing celebration
- November** Thanksgiving Fishing Derby  
Tree lighting - Sandpoint kicks off the holiday season  
Schweitzer opens  
Holidays in Sandpoint
- December** Schweitzer tree Lighting

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