Saint Louis • Calendar

January

THE LOOP ICE CARNIVAL.
A celebration with ice carving demonstrations, scavenger hunts, s'mores roast, human dogsled races, and ice slides for the kids. www.visittheloop.com

March

ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND RUN. Five-mile parade with huge balloons, floats, and a marching band. www.irishparade.org



February

MAPLE SUGAR FESTIVAL. Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Kids can learn how to make maple syrup by tapping into maple trees and boiling the sap into syrup. Try the "sugar on snow," warm maple syrup drizzled on a snowball. http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/maple-sugar-festival-1

SOULARD MARDI GRAS. A celebration full of masks, dancing, parades, sports competitions, and more! www.mardigrasinc.com

April

GO! SAINT LOUIS MARATHON & FAMILY FITNESS WEEKEND. Weekend full of fun and fitness for all ages and abilities. www.gostlouis.org

SAINT LOUIS EARTH DAY FESTIVAL. Celebration with more than two hundred booths and activities all aimed at educating people on environmental issues. www. stlouisearthday.org

May

ART FAIR AT LAUMEIER.
Nationally acclaimed arts and crafts fair. It represents various art forms and includes a kids' area, a Creation Station, demonstrations, and live music and entertainment. www. laumeier.com

June

CIRCUS FLORA. A truly American one-ring circus with sawdust floors and big top tent. Named after one lucky elephant named Flora. www. circusflora.org

July

FAIR SAINT LOUIS. Fourth of July celebration. America's biggest birthday party draws twenty-five thousand visitors with free concerts, vendors, and an elaborate fireworks display. www.fairsaintlouis.org

August

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS. Celebration featuring forty ethnic food booths, music, arts and crafts, and an international bazaar.

www.festivalofnationsstl.org

September

LOUFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL. A sustainability festival for all ages. Area K is a special area designated for kids, featuring food, rock climbing, magic, and music. www.loufest.com

October

STUCKMEYER'S FARM. Annual event in the fall that includes a pumpkin patch, a barrel-train ride, pony rides, farm animals, hayrides, and live music.

www.stuckmeyers.com/index. htm

November

WAY OF LIGHTS. A mile-anda-half scenic drive showcasing over a million holiday lights, a petting zoo, a laser light show, and a display of Christmas trees full of lights and decorations. www.wayoflights.org

December

FIRST NIGHT SAINT LOUIS. New Year's Eve celebration for the whole family, with performing arts, magicians, storytellers, musicians, puppeteers, and fireworks. www.grandcenter.org/firstnight-program