



News Release

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What are the Top Fairs & Festivals to Experience in PA's Hershey Harrisburg Region?

(If we had to limit our answer to only the Top 3.)

HARRISBURG, PA (March 15, 2017) — There are many [Fairs & Festivals](#) held annually in Pennsylvania's Hershey Harrisburg Region. But if asked to limit our recommendation to only the top three to experience, then we believe the following would be a great start to your list. Once you've experienced these, come back and see us for another three recommendations that will be worth visiting in the [Hershey Harrisburg Region](#).

1. [Pennsylvania Farm Show](#)

PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, PA.

January 6 – 13, 2018

Web: <http://www.showsbee.com/fairs/Pennsylvania-Farm-Show.html>

Since 1916, Pennsylvania's Hershey Harrisburg Region has been home to the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the country, with nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibits. In 2018 this event will celebrate 102 years as the premier gathering for all aspects of farm and agricultural exhibits and contests. According to the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau, this annual eight-day event draws approximately 600,000 attendees & 300 exhibitors, supports an estimated 18,000 jobs, and generates \$95 million for the local economy.

2. [Kipona Festival](#)

Harrisburg, PA

Held every Labor Day Weekend

This year's event will be held Saturday, September 2 – 4, 2017

Web: <http://harrisburgpa.gov/kipona2016>

In 2016, Pennsylvania's Capital City of Harrisburg marked the 100th Anniversary of their Kipona Festival, which traditionally celebrates the Susquehanna River and the region's Native American roots every Labor Day Weekend. The festival's name "Kipona" was derived from an American Indian translation for "Sparkling Waters" and many of the festival's most popular events pay tribute to the art, culture, and food of the Native Americans. Today, this river festival is Harrisburg's largest special event, attracting more than 50,000 people with family-friendly entertainment focused on fun, food, live entertainment, arts & crafts, interactive games and contests, and always a fireworks finale.

3. [Little Buffalo Festival](#)

Little Buffalo State Park in Newport, PA.

Always held the 1st Saturday in October from Noon to Dusk with FREE Admission.

This year's event will be held Saturday, October 7, 2017

Web: <http://littlebuffalofestival.com>

In the fall of 2017, Little Buffalo State Park in Pennsylvania's Hershey Harrisburg Region will host this day of free family-friendly entertainment for the 34th year. Highlights include musical performances on three (3) stages, arts & crafts, poetry reading and dance workshops, face painting and children's activities, kids musical and dance performances. This event is set among the sprawling 923 acres of a pristine historical and recreational State Park, which features a covered bridge, a restored and operating grist mill, 8-miles of walking trails, picnic areas, a large swimming pool with 2 slides and sprayground attraction, and the 88-acre Hollman Lake which is open year-round for limited boating and fishing. The lake was ranked as a Top Place for Family-Friendly Fishing in the U.S. by [TakeMeFishing.org](#).

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MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Mary Smith, President & CEO of the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau is available for media interviews regarding the contents of this news release. Please try to make interview requests at least 12-hours in advance. The bureau will make every effort to accommodate all interview requests. Contact Rick@HersheyHarrisburg.org or cell 717.884.3328.

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