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Boise Autumn Calendar Features Food, Fitness and Family Festivals

[Sept. 20, 2016] – Boise visitors can get a real taste for the City of Trees in the autumn. In addition to changing fall colors, festivals, spooky events, and opportunities to indulge in the finest foods and drinks will drive guests to Boise. For a complete listing of area events and happenings, visit www.Boise.org.

Here are some highlights for Boise this season:

Indulge Boise Tours; weekly through November

Indulge in more than six different tours with food and beverage pairings from iconic Downtown Boise Eateries. The tours help locals and tourists alike discover the vivid personality of Boise's unique and eclectic culinary scene while on a casual stroll through scenic downtown. Participants receive a Downtown Boise restaurant guide, which includes maps and exclusive guest discounts. Tours are on Wednesdays through Sundays each week through November. <http://www.indulgeboise.com>

Harvest Festival and Corn Maze; Sept. 23 – Oct. 31; Linder Farms

Linder Farms is a 20-acre pumpkin patch, 15-acre corn maze and a fun-filled family tradition in the Treasure Valley. Attractions include the Trail of Terror (a haunted corn maze), hayrides, petting zoo, pony rides, pumpkin slingshot, rock climbing wall, and more. The farm opens on the first day of fall, Sept. 23, and stays open through Halloween. <http://www.linderfarms.com/>

Wine Harvest Tour and Lunch; Weekly Sept. 24 - Oct. 18; Telaya Wine Co.

Experience harvest like you've never seen it before—as a wine maker. Telaya winemakers will walk guests through the ins and outs of harvest. Check out their production area, see the day's activities and even have a chance to roll up your sleeves and "get purple." The lunch hour will wrap up with a casual meal, and of course, a glass of wine. Only 16 tickets are available each day.

<http://www.telayawine.com/>

FitOne; September 24; State Capitol Building

FitOne is a fitness celebration through St. Luke's Health System. Participants have the option to run a half marathon, 10K or 5K. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness year-round and inspire families to take progressive steps toward positive habits. <http://fitoneboise.org/>.

Spooky Movie Weekend; Sept. 30; The Old Idaho Penitentiary

Enjoy a spooky movie, *The Birds*, in an equally as eerie location. The event, presented by the Idaho State Historic Preservation office, will feature a traveling bar, candy and popcorn for patrons sitting comfortably in chairs. Blankets and flashlights are encouraged. All proceeds from the event support the Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation month. <https://history.idaho.gov/old-idaho-penitentiary-events>

See Spot Walk; Oct. 1; Julia Davis Park

The Idaho Humane Society hosts Idaho's biggest dog walk and festival each year with See Spot Walk. Individuals or teams can bring their dogs and join in the one-mile fun walk starting at 10 a.m. Festivities run until 1 p.m. and include fun, games and food. Prizes are available for greatest costume and coolest trick. Registration is open. All funds raised provide the abandoned, stray, sick, injured and abused animals care with medical treatment, shelter and adoption programs. <http://seespotwalk.org>

Hoptober Fresh Festival; Oct. 1; Boise Brewing

Boise Brewing's annual beer festival—Hoptober Fresh Festival—attracts more than 2,000 thirsty patrons each year. It's become the largest fresh hop beer festival in Idaho. It features more than 60 fresh hop and seasonal beers from 30 local and regional craft breweries. Since Idaho is one of the top three states in the country for hop production, the festival works to educate and showcase local hop farmers and the beers that use their ingredients. Tickets are on sale now. <http://hoptoberfreshfestival.com>

Boise Contemporary Theater 2016-2017 Season; Oct. 5 – May 6

Boise Contemporary Theater (BCT) is a nationally recognized originator of great new plays with a welcoming production and education facility in the heart of Boise's cultural district. This year's mainstage season has four plays; *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *A Nighttime Survival Guide*, *Where Did We Sit on the Bus?*, and *The Clean House*. Performances are three-week runs, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. <http://bctheater.org/>

Idaho Horror Film Festival 3.0; Oct. 13 – 15; The Egyptian Theatre

The Idaho Horror Film Festival is screaming back into Boise. The non-profit international film exhibition shines a light on Idaho's emerging filmmakers. The festival features independent films, food, music, literature and art. The festival screens films in five categories; feature length, animated, shorts, foreign and the locals only classification of "Spud and Guts." <http://www.idahohorrorfilmfestival.org/>

Frightened Felons; Oct. 28-29; Old Idaho Penitentiary

Tour the spooky Old Idaho Penitentiary at night and dare to enter the only haunted cell house in Boise. Frightened Felons, in its eighth year, has special performances of the Zombie "Thriller" dance, costume contests with cash prizes, actors portraying inmates of the past, a visit to the undertaker at the historic hearse, food trucks and warm drinks. <https://history.idaho.gov/old-idaho-penitentiary-events>

Onward Shay Marathon; Oct. 30; Boise Greenbelt

The Onward Shay half and full marathon is making its debut in Boise this year. The race, held on Oct. 30, is in honor of Shay Hirsch, an avid marathon runner who grew up in Boise. The course will follow the Boise Greenbelt, passing Boise State University and weave through downtown and some historic neighborhoods. It is a certified Boston Marathon qualifier and an Olympic-qualifying course. The event is limited to 5,000 runners—registration is now open. <http://onwardshay.com/>.

Campfire Stories; Oct. 31; Modern Hotel and Bar

Campfire Stories is a monthly reading and discussion series featuring local and national fiction and nonfiction writers, poets, playwrights and comedians. The series offers a diverse cast of storytellers every second Monday of the Summer. This year, The Modern is hosting a special, spooky Halloween edition of Campfire Stories. Participants to the free event are encouraged to come dressed up.

<http://themodernhotel.com/>

Sippin' in the City; Nov. 4; 8th and Main Building

Idaho's premiere wine and food event features all Idaho winemakers, tasty treats from Idaho's coolest culinary artists and original local music. Hosted by the Idaho Wine Commission, wineries will feature a broad selection of Idaho wine varietals. Tasting begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. Nearly 250 guests will receive a commemorative wine glass. The event is open to only those 21 and older. <http://www.sippininthecity.com/>

Saint Alphonsus Festival of Trees; Nov. 22-28; Boise Centre

What began in 1984 as a modest display of 14 trees in a local warehouse has grown into a yuletide extravaganza that's raised more than \$9 million to improve healthcare in the community. Visitors can walk through dozens of lavishly decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and inspirational décor. Funds raised benefit the Saint Alphonsus Hospital System Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. <https://www.saintalphonsus.org/festival>

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About the Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau is a nonprofit organization that works to enhance Boise's economy through the marketing, promotion and selling of the city and region as a site for conventions, corporate meetings, trade shows, leisure travel, cultural, sports, and special events. Each year, Boise hosts hundreds of meetings and special events, which are significant contributors to the local economy. The Boise CVB was established in 1982 and merged with the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce in 2015.