

Entertainment

All performances are at no charge unless otherwise noted.
 Entertainment is subject to change. Main Information Center at the Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce will post any changes.

Thursday, July 26, Opening Ceremonies:


Time	Canopy 2 Water & Washington St	Canopy 3 Water & Court St	Canopy 4 Water & Mechanic St	Beverage Garden River and Day Spring Lane	Other Locations	Courthouse Square Main St
6:30 p.m.					Balloons by Kevin 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Corner of Water and Washington	Opening Ceremonies 6:45 p.m. including performances by Luren Singers and Nordic Dancers along with introductions of Board of Directors, Grand Marshal and Flag Recipient as well as Flag and Bunad presentations
7:00 p.m.						
7:30 p.m.						
8:00 p.m.	Nick Vande Krol and Friends	Jim Busta Band with Molly B	Lewis Knudson Band			
8:30 p.m.						
9:00 p.m.						
9:30 p.m.						
10:00 p.m.						
10:30 p.m.						



Friday, July 27:

Time	Canopy 2 Water & Washington St	Canopy 3 Water & Court St	Canopy 4 Water & Mechanic St	Beverage Garden River and Day Spring Lane	Other Locations	Courthouse Square Main St	Vesterheim	
10:00 a.m.		Jim Busta Band with Mollie B			Arts & Crafts Center 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Decorah Middle School			
10:30 a.m.			Helen Johnson			Family <i>Fornoyelse</i> (FUN) Event 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Decorah Covenant Church	Nordic Dancers	9:00 - 5:00 p.m. Activities in Vesterheim's Open Air Division Skjaldborg Viking Encampment
11:00 a.m.								
11:30 a.m.	Kyle & Dave		Ace Jones		NEIA Montessori Water Play Area 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Water St. between River and Mechanic		12:00-4:00 p.m. <i>Ole Oleson</i> Haugan House Open Air Division	
12:00 p.m.								
12:30 p.m.								
1:00 p.m.		CBB Jazz Combo		Open Bags Play See details on page 10.	ArtHaus Kids Arts and Crafts 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.		1:30 p.m. Center for the Study of Upper Midwest Cultures 50 Years of Folk Music at Nordic Fest Bethania Church	
1:30 p.m.								
2:00 p.m.								
2:30 p.m.	Helen Johnson		Jacob Hrdlicka		Quilts of Valor Presentation 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Decorah Middle School Gym		3:00 p.m. Arna Rennan Bethania Church	
3:00 p.m.								
3:30 p.m.			Gullgutane Accordion Band		Anne Elisebeth Skogen 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Ballroom A Hotel Winneshiek	Luren Singers with Gullgutane		
4:00 p.m.	Meadowlark Valley							
4:30 p.m.		The OK Factor			Balloons by Kevin 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Corner of Water and Washington	Nordic Dancers		
5:00 p.m.								
5:30 p.m.	Ace Jones		Grass Run Band					
6:00 p.m.								
6:30 p.m.								
7:00 p.m.	93rd Meridian	Les Lalone Square Dancers			Matt Muhlum	Gullgutane Accordion Band 8:30-9:15		
7:30 p.m.								
8:00 p.m.				Lewis Knudsen Band				
8:30 p.m.								
9:00 p.m.					Avey Grouws Band			
9:30 p.m.								
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12:00 a.m.								

Saturday, July 28:

Time	Canopy 2 Water & Washington St	Canopy 3 Water & Court St	Canopy 4 Water & Mehanic St	Beverage Garden River and Day Spring Lane	Other Locations	Courthouse Square Main St	Vesterheim				
10:00 a.m.											
10:30 a.m.	<h1 style="color: blue;">GRAND PARADE</h1>										
11:00 a.m.											
11:30 a.m.											
12:00 p.m.											
12:30 p.m.											
1:00 p.m.	Kyle & Dave	Namoli Brennet	Rochester Accordion Band	Bags Tournament Play See details on page 10.	Arts & Crafts Center 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Decorah Middle School Family <i>Fornoyelse</i> (FUN) Event 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Decorah Covenant Church NEIA Montessori Water Play Area 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Water St between River and Mechanic ArtHaus Kids Arts and Crafts 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bunad Show 2:00 p.m. Steyer Opera House at Hotel Winneshiek Anne Elisebeth Skogen 3:30 p.m. Steyer Opera House at Hotel Winneshiek Quilts of Valor Presentation 2:00 p.m. Decorah Middle School Gym Gullgutane 2:00 p.m. Decorah High School Auditorium Balloons by Kevin 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Corner of Water and Washington	Stix of Fury	9:00 - 5:00 p.m. Activities in Vesterheim's Open Air Division Skjaldborg Viking Encampment 12:00-4:00 p.m. <i>Ole Oleson</i> Haugan House Open Air Division 1:00 p.m. <i>Center for the Study of Upper Midwest Cultures</i> 50 Years of Folk Music at <i>Nordic Fest</i> Bethania Church 3:00 p.m. Arna Rennan Bethania Church 3:00 p.m. Film Screening: <i>Album</i> Viking Theater				
1:30 p.m.											Decorah High School Drum Line 2:00-2:45
2:00 p.m.											Lutefisk Contest
2:30 p.m.											
3:00 p.m.											
3:30 p.m.	Squirrel Tail	Joshua Vorvick	Nick Vande Krol and Friends								
4:00 p.m.											
4:30 p.m.											
5:00 p.m.	Erik Sessions & John Goodin	Thor	Squirrel Tail		Jeffery Lackmann						
5:30 p.m.											
6:00 p.m.											
6:30 p.m.											
7:00 p.m.	Foot-Notes	Michelle Lynn	61 Rumors								
7:30 p.m.											
8:00 p.m.											
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9:00 p.m.											
9:30 p.m.											
10:00 p.m.	FIREWORKS			You Oughta Know	FIREWORKS						
10:30 p.m.											
11:00 p.m.											
11:30 p.m.											
12:00 a.m.											

NORDIC FEST

ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER

FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Many exhibitors of arts and crafts.

Decorah Middle School, 405 Winnebago St. No charge.

Saturday, July 28

Fireworks 10:00 p.m.

Fireworks — Amazing fireworks display along the Upper Iowa River. Seating at athletic fields near city hall. Buy chair raffle tickets at the Chamber to support the fireworks show.

FUTURE NORDIC FEST DATES

JULY 25-27, 2019 JULY 23-25, 2020 JULY 29-31, 2021

Sporting Events

Friday

Molkky—3:00 p.m. Decorah Middle School field. A yard game that involves throwing a wooden baton at pins to accumulate points. The rules of the game are simple and anyone of any ability or age can play. Finland has a large Molkky following with many clubs and tournaments, along with the world championships. Demonstrations will start at 3:00 p.m., Friday and tournament at 4:00 p.m., Friday. Tournament is open to anyone from ages 8 to 80. Entrants can confirm by emailing: usmolkky@gmail.com or calling (218) 640-2063.

Kanoløpet—6:30 p.m. Sign up for some fun along the beautiful Upper Iowa River. The Kanoløpet is a canoe race from OFF The Driftless, 2012 Pulpit Rock Road, to the Twin Bridges located on 5th Street. The race will have two canoe divisions determined by the combined ages of the participants in each canoe and a third division for kayaks. For canoes with a combined age of participants (2/canoe max) 35 and under will be in the youth division, while 36 and up will compete in the adult division. The first canoe to pass under the Twin Bridges will be declared the winner. Registrations may be completed at the Chamber of Commerce and must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Cost is \$30 per person and includes canoe rental, life jackets and paddles. Those who provide their own canoe may enter for \$20 per person.



Kids Activities

Boy Scouts Inflatables—Friday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday from after the parade until 5:00 p.m., near Softball Diamond 2. Decorah Boy Scouts will provide three inflatables for youth. Small fee.

Family Fornoyelse (FUN) Event—Sponsored by The Toy Jungle at Donlon Pharmacy. Located at the Decorah Covenant Church on Washington Street. Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00-5:00 p.m. Air conditioning, restrooms, family seating areas and stroller parking. Activities for all ages: STEAM Activities (science, technology, engineering, art, math), Toddler Play Area with Bouncy House, Ping Pong tables for youth and adults, Ping Pong Tournaments for Youth: (under 17) Friday at 4:00 p.m. Prizes! For Adults: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Prizes! (Preregistration is required to enter tournaments. Please register at Donlon Pharmacy or through their Facebook Event.)

NEIM Little Troll Badeland (Water Play Area)—Lively outdoor play area at Northeast Iowa Montessori School at 418 Water Street features water play tables, toys and activities for preschool-age children. Indoor air-conditioned play space, coloring area, family-friendly restrooms, diaper-changing station, and semi-private nursing room open for family use. Small towels and free sunscreen provided. Small, healthy, kid-friendly snacks available for purchase. Hours: Friday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Park & Rec Activities for Kids—Friday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Softball Diamond 2. Decorah Park & Rec with host open house activities for youth ages 1 to 10. A wide variety of fun, free activities for children to take part in. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times while participating in the activities.

Trolls Trolley (Pokey Pete) — Tickets sold at corner of Washington and Water Streets. Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to parade and after parade - 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Lions Club.

Continuous Events

Arthaus Art Fair—Join Arthaus as we welcome artists Red Piglet, Bijoux Jewelry, Lauren Bonney, LaLunette Jewelry, Jody Holland, Andrea Adams and Michaleen Melby. Browse their work and take home illustrations, paintings, jewelry, apparel, and much more. At the Arthaus Gallery (508 W. Water St.) and the Arthaus Studio (516 W. Water St.) Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Norwegian-American Genealogical Center— In Vesterheim's library (second floor of Westby-Torgerson Education Center): open from 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Representatives from the center, located in Madison, Wisconsin, will be on hand to offer genealogical research advice.

Saturday

The Ultimate Norseman Competition—Athletics play an important role in the Scandinavian cultures. Strength, stamina and a strong stomach are all traits of the Norse. Festers who participate in the three Saturday events of the Elveløpet 5K or 15K run, Rock Throw, and the famed Lutefisk eating contest will have their results combined to face off with other Ultimate Norsemen! Register at packet pick up for the Elveløpet.

Elveløpet—7:30 a.m. Decorah's "River Run" race course along the Upper Iowa River and surrounding area highlights the natural beauty that Northeast Iowa has to offer. The race begins and ends at Decorah's City Hall (400 Claiborne Dr). Hydration stations are provided along the course with fruit and drinks available at the finish line.

Online registration is open through Wednesday, July 25th. Final registration and packet pick-up will be Friday 6:00-8:00 p.m. at City Hall and Saturday 6:00-7:15 a.m. at the Beverage Garden tent.

Nordic Rock Throw—1:00 p.m. Decorah Middle School field. There are three weight classes for men (50 lb. rock for up to 160 lbs.; 75 lb. rock for 161-210 lbs.; 100 lb. rock for over 210 lbs.) and 1 weight class for women (50 lb. rock for all weights). Must be at least 18 years of age. Entry fee: \$2. Located at the 400 block of River Street next to Decorah Middle School.

Kubb—1:30 p.m. Decorah Middle School field. A lawn game where the object is to knock over wooden blocks, known as kubbs, by throwing wooden batons at them. Play takes place on a small rectangular playing field, known as a "pitch." Tournament is open to all ages. Registration for the "After the Parade Tournament" will be onsite from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with play beginning at 1:30 p.m. Demonstrations will be available for those new to the game.

Vintage Baseball Game—2:00 p.m. Decorah High School baseball field. Come watch the Driftless Dodgers take on the Highland Prairie Hayseeds in a game of vintage baseball. The game is a blast from the past, featuring teams playing by the rules of 1860 and wearing uniforms from the time period. Among the different rules are a ball caught off one bounce is an out, the pitcher doesn't try to throw strikes, no leading off the base and balls hit over the fence (home runs in modern rules) can be retrieved for an out.

Lutefisk Eating Contest— 3:00 p.m. Courthouse Square. Put your lutefisk eating skills to the test in this competition. No registration or fee, just show up ready to down that lutefisk!

Friday and Saturday

Open Bags Play and Bags Tournament—Open bags play on Friday in Canopy 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. On Saturday there will be bags tournament play from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with the winners choosing their board set immediately after.

Register teams during the free play time on Friday and 30 minutes before tournament play begins on Saturday. Cost is \$5 per junior division team (combined age of participants 35 and under); \$10 per senior division team (combined age of participants 35 and over).

Play in the Bags
Tournament for a
chance to win a
custom board set!



Nordic Fest
KUBB
Tournament

