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The best free events in Philly this weekend and next week

Indigenous Peoples' Day, Harvest Weekend, Day of the Dead Collective Ofrenda, Oktoberfest, and more.



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Antakari Machi, member of the indigenous dance group Canpatlanezi, at the Philly Indigenous People's Day celebration in Fairmount Park, October 7, 2021. There will be a celebrat ... [Read more](#)
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Get Vaccinated

(Community / in-person / multiday) The delta variant is causing COVID cases in the region to increase. Make a plan to get vaccinated; there are many places throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey — CVS, Rite Aid, neighborhood rec centers, and more — where you can get your free

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fall celebration combines a traditional Oktoberfest party with the [Made in Philadelphia Fall Market](#). Look for seasonal food, beer, and bourbon cocktails from Maker's Mark, as well as live music, circus performers, DJ sets, and more. There will also be family-friendly activities like the Hay Maze on Greenfield Lawn, pumpkin painting, and a professional pumpkin carving demonstration. (Oct. 8-10, [1 S. 15th St., centercityphila.org](#))

Night of Lights

(Art / in-person / community) Chestnut Hill Conservancy brings its participatory art display along Germantown Avenue back for its fifth year. A mix of interactive activities including storytelling, light installations, and photo booths bring this year's celebration to life in new ways. Come meet local artisans, hear stories from neighborhood oral historians, and support local businesses at this Chestnut Hill tradition. (Oct. 8-17, 7-9 p.m., [Germantown Ave. between Highland and Willow Grove Ave., chconservancy.org](#))

Awbury Harvest Festival

(Seasonal / in-person / kid-friendly) Hayrides, pumpkins, and live music all make for a great celebration of the autumn season at the farm at Awbury Arboretum. Bring the entire family for a day of festive fun at this annual favorite. (Oct. 9, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., [6336 Ardleigh St., awbury.org](#))

Indigenous Peoples' Day Philly celebration

(Community / in-person / outdoors) Philly with Standing Rock, Philadelphia Assembled and Indigenous Peoples Day Philly host a celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day with artists, vendors, dance, storytelling, and Lenape guests. There has been an Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration for more than a decade, but this is the first time the day is officially recognized by the city. The event will be held at Shackamaxon, also known as Penn Treaty Park. (Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., [1301 N. Beach St., facebook.com](#))

Traditional Day of the Dead Collective Ofrenda, John James Audubon Center in Mill Grove

(Seasonal / in-person / kid-friendly) The Aztec dance group Kalpulli Tlahuiztilli (translation: Earth's Hummingbirds) collaborates with Norristown's Artivistas of the Center for Culture, Art, Training and Education to honor pre-Hispanic culture with dance, crafts, art, and sound, in both English and Spanish. Ages 3+. (Oct. 13, 5-7 p.m., [1201 Pawlings Rd, Audubon, pa.audubon.org](#))

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Oktoberfest, Craft Hall

(Seasonal / in-person / family-friendly) An event where German brews

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Story Time with Pineapple, John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove

(Nature / in-person / multiday) What's better than a free, all-about-nature Sunday morning story time on a porch? How about all that plus a live chicken named after a tropical fruit? Bonus: For two hours after the story, admission to the John James Audubon Center and Fledgling Trail is free. Ages 2-6. (*Sundays through Oct. 24, 9-10 a.m., [1201 Pawlings Rd, Audubon, pa.audubon.org](https://www.pa.audubon.org)*)

Scarecrows in the Village at Peddler's Village

(Seasonal / in-person / kid-friendly) They're back. One hundred sets of straw-stuffed outfits line the walkways of Peddler's Village, vying for your vote in hopes of coming home on Halloween with \$500 tucked into a back pocket of their scarecrow khakis. Ages 2+. (*Free, through Oct. 30, Routes 202 & 263, Lahaska, peddlersvillage.com*)

Lights Out Philly

(Seasonal / in-person / multiday) Humans aren't the only ones going through it lately. Migratory birds making their way South for the winter are dealing with disorienting artificial light that causes deadly nighttime collisions. The easiest thing to do to help yellowthroats and their feathered friends: Turn off those outdoor bulbs before you go to bed. Age 6+. (*Free, through Nov. 15, 12-6 a.m., birdsafephilly.org*)

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(Biking / in-person / multiday / kid-friendly) Volunteers have dug out the gaps between the person-made hills along Parkside, and the track is ready for bike riding. You don't need to have your own dirt bike, BMX bike, or even helmet: Those are available to borrow, free of charge. Closed-toe shoes, masks, and for riders under 18, signed waiver required. Ages 5+, with 5-and-under days to be announced. (*Free, Tuesdays-Saturdays through October 30, noon-5 p.m., based on weather and volunteer availability, [Parkside Ave. N., phillypumptrack.org](https://parkside-ave-n.com)*)

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