2016 Guide to LGBT Family-Friendly Pride Events in Upstate New York

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May 2016
2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Albany, NY*

**Sunday, May 15**
**REVEL Pride Dance / Franklin Plaza, Troy, NY / 4-8 PM**
From the Organizers: “This year’s Pride Celebration starts with one of the best parties of the season. Dance the afternoon away with DJ Jemini, chill out to live acoustic music, enjoy amazing food and much more. Food stations, hors d’oeuvres, soft drinks, cash bar. The Capital Region’s Biggest Tea Dance to Kick Off Capital PRIDE!” Tickets available.

**Tuesday, May 17**
**Trans* Pride family Dinner / The Pride Center - 322 Hudson Ave, Albany, NY / 6:30PM-9:30PM**
From the Organizers: “Trans* Pride wants to invite all those who identify as trans, gender non-conforming, gender-queer, gender-full, gender-less, or anywhere in between, to join us for an evening of friends, food, and fun. The Pride Center will provide the food, but if you have a favorite dish you’d love to share, then bring it on in! This is a fundraiser for future Trans Pride events, so there will be a $12.00 donation at the door, or $10.00 in advance. If you’re unable to pay, contact staff to discuss other arrangements. If you want to donate more than $12.00 dollars to Trans Pride events, come with cash or a check!”

**Saturday, May 21**
**Frieda and Carmie's Cabaret for Kids / New York State Museum - 310 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY / 2:00PM-4:00PM**
From the Organizers: “Join the Queens of Pride, Carmie Hope and Frieda Munchon plus special guests, including Chardonnay LaTease, for a fun-for-the-whole-family children’s concert. There will be songs, games, prizes, balloon twisting, and sing-alongs for kids of all ages. Bring the entire family for a one-of-a-kind afternoon of fun and music. This is a free event!”

**Sunday, May 22**
**Pride Kick-Off Celebration / Washington Park Lake House, Albany, Ny / 2:00PM-5:00PM**
From the Organizers: “A wonderful annual tradition that continues to get bigger and better each year! Come together with The Pride Center and In Our Own Voices as we officially kick-off
Pride at the Washington Park Lakehouse. Enjoy a fun, casual afternoon with food, music, and chances to win fun prizes. Get tickets to upcoming events and learn more about the festivals. Meet up with friends, new and old, as the community kicks off the 2016 Pride season! $5.00 suggested donation.

**Friday, May 27**
19th Annual Alternative Prom / Daniel P. Nolan Gymnasium at The College of Saint Rose - 420 Western Avenue, Albany, NY / 7:00pm-11:00PM
This event costs $20 at the door (cash only, please), $17 for tickets online or $17 at the door with 305 travel-sized toiletries for runaway and homeless youth. For more info, click [here](#).

**Saturday, June 4**
Say It Loud and Proud Black and Latino Gay Pride: The Celebration / Washington Park, Albany, NY / 12:00PM-5:00PM
From the Organizers: “It is the culmination of the Say It Loud! Black & Latino Gay Pride event series! Together, we celebrate the freedom, strength and talent of LGBT POC, families, friends and allies. Local and national environment will be providing entertainment. The Kid’s Corner will feature a Bouncy Bounce and face painting.”

**Sunday, June 5**
Pride 5K and Rainbow Fun Run / Corning Preserve, Albany, NY / Registration at 8 AM
From the Organizers: “Registration begins at 8:00 AM at the Boat Launch, Rainbow Fun Run (open to walkers and runners of all ages and abilities) at 9:00 AM, and 5K (3.1 miles) at 10:00 AM. Awards and Prizes immediately following the 5K!

Prizes will then be awarded to the Top 3 participants in the female, male, and open gender categories, as well as the top 3 participants in each age bracket. Also, wear your Rainbow Best! Awards for Individuals and Teams ‘Best Use of Rainbow.’

For information on registration, click [here](#).
Please complete one registration per race participant. Paper Pre-Registrations must be received by Tuesday, May 31st. Online Pre-registration closes Thursday, June 2nd at 7:00 am.”
Saturday, June 11
Capital Pride Festival / Washington Park, Albany, NY / 12:00PM-5:00PM
From the Organizers: “Don’t miss one of the biggest celebrations in the Capital Region and the largest PRIDE in upstate New York! Join tens of thousands as we show off our pride in Albany’s Washington Park. With tons of great vendors, all types of food and drink, tremendous performances, a fun-filled family zone, fire eaters, spinners, face painters, and so much more the Capital PRIDE Festival is a great family-friendly celebration of the LGBTQ community and our allies!”

Saturday, June 11
Capital Pride Parade / Downtown Albany, NY / Starts at 12:00PM
From the Organizers: “Come celebrate the Capital Region’s great LGBTQ Community and our allies with one of the most anticipated and loved parades of the year!

The parade is full of color, music, and whimsy. Features include the powerful Youth March, elected officials supporting the LGBTQ community, businesses, community organizations, families and friends of the LGBTQ community and of course amazing floats, music, dancing and free goodies. Bring friends and set up on the Parade route to cheer on this amazing event!

The parade steps off at noon and takes a route along Sprague Pl. & State St. to Lark St. to Madison Ave. to Washington Park, Albany.”

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Albany this summer. For more information, please check out Capital Pride Center’s [website](http://example.com) and Facebook [page](http://example.com)! You may also want to explore In Our Own Voice’s [website](http://example.com).

2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Binghamton, NY

Saturday, June 4
Flag Raising / City Hall, Downtown Binghamton, NY / 12:00PM
One of our favorite local traditions! Join with us and with Mayor David as we come together as a community to raise the Rainbow Flag high in celebration of Pride Month. Claudia from Pride and Joy Families will be speaking at this event!
Wednesday, June 8
People of Blessing Interfaith Service for PRIDE Month / First Congregational Church of Binghamton, 30 Main Street, Binghamton NY / 7:00PM
From the Organizers: “The First Congregational Church of Binghamton is hosting the People of Blessing Service as part of PRIDE Month, Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM. The (cont’d) service affirms diversity in community, lifting up the common thread amongst us and affirming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The theme for this year’s service is “It’s Just Love.” The service will include music, readings, speakers and a shared blessing by community clergy. The offering for the evening will go to support this annual service and other programs of the PRIDE Coalition. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided following the service. The First Congregational Church is located at the corner of Main and Front Streets in Binghamton. For more information, contact Carol Gallagher (gallagher592@twc.com ), Reverend Art Suggs (artsuggs@gmail.com) or Rabbi Barbara at Temple Concord (607-723-7355, rabbigoldmanwartell@gmail.com).”

Saturday, June 11
Binghamton Pride Palooza / Peacemaker’s Stage, Downtown Binghamton, NY / 2:00PM-9:00PM
From the Organizers: “Join us for our 12th Year of Pride Celebrations with Pride Palooza 2016. Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Kids Area, Music, Entertainment and Drag Performances. We are moving to a new location right on the waterfront. More info to follow, but trust me this will be the best pride Binghamton has ever seen. New Location is Peacemaker Stage area, and the entire area in front of Citrea and the Peacemaker Stage area.”

Sunday, June 26
Family Pride Picnic / Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton, 133 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY / 1:00PM
From the organizers: “A picnic celebrating LGBTQA Pride for the whole family. Meat/Alternatives and Buns provided. Please bring a dish to share. Activities for kids, fun for all!” Be sure to RSVP at the event’s Facebook Page!

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Binghamton this summer. For more information, please check out Binghamton Pride Coalition’s Facebook Page!
2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in
Buffalo, NY*

Tuesday, May 31
Flag Raising Ceremony / Niagara Square in front of City Hall - 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY / 12:00PM-1:00PM
From the Organizers: “This event is free and open to the public. Time to show your true colors, Buffalo! LGBTQ Pride Week starts with a flag raising ceremony in the heart of Buffalo. Join the Pride Center of Western New York, Mayor Byron Brown, and other city officials to raise a pride flag in Niagara Square in front of City Hall. Our high-flying flag is an invitation to everyone—near and far—to join us in celebration and advocacy.”

Thursday, June 1
Gay 5K Run / SoHo Burger Bar - 64 W. Chippewa Street, Buffalo NY / Registration 4:30-6:00 PM
From the Organizers: “The most fabulous race in Buffalo is back for another year! Dust off your running heels, squeeze into your sparkliest spandex, and get ready for the Gay 5K—the only race in Buffalo where you can flaunt your pride and athletic prowess at the same time. The best part of the Gay 5K? We believe that if you work hard, you should get to play harder! Join us immediately after the race at Soho Burger Bar to celebrate you like the Olympian that you are. Have a burger and some fun—all the runners are doing it.

PS—You don’t have to be gay to 5K. You only have to love races, want Buffalo to be a supportive and welcoming place for everybody, and have a great fashion sense. (Put simply: this race is for everyone!)

Race starts at 6:30 PM.”
For more information...

Registration Fee: $22 in advance; $25 late registration; $25 day-of registration from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. a Soho Burger Bar. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Location & Raceday Registration: June 2nd from 4:30-6:00 pm at Soho Burger Bar (64 W. Chippewa Street)
Thursday, June 1

Pride Parade / Elmwood Ave. & Forest Ave., Buffalo, NY / Step-Off is at 12:00PM

From the Organizers: “Have you ever wanted to paint the town rainbow? The Pride Parade is a time when our LGBTQ community marches together in celebration of our history, culture, and achievements. You will enjoy vibrant floats, see entertaining performances, and spend time with thousands of your closest friends to say, ‘HOORAY!’ for our community. Over 100 organizations participate in the parade. This is some good, gay fun for the family. You definitely don’t want to miss it! The biggest thank you to M&T Bank—Pride Week’s presenting sponsor. “

Registration: Parade registration is free and open to the public. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Parade Route

“Line-up begins on Buffalo State campus. For spectators, the parade begins at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Forest Avenue and continues down Elmwood, ending at the corner of Allen Street. Participants and attendees are encouraged to take the NFTA train from either the Allen Street/Medical Campus Station or the Fountain Plaza Station district to the Pride Festival at Canalside.”

Sunday, June 5

Pride Festival / Canalside - 44 Prime St., Buffalo, NY / 1:00PM-7:00PM

From the organizers: “It’s that time of year again…Buffalo & WNY Pride Week is back, and it’s better than ever. This year, it’s going to be a party fit for a king…or queen… No other event in WNY brings so many different people together. At Pride, you’ll see everyone from the barista to your best friends from college to the lady you see walking her cat every day. And, with over 15,000 people at Canalside for the Festival and over 30,000 people at events throughout the week, you’re bound to make some new friends. Mark your calendars. Save the date. Build a paperchain to help you count down the days to Pride Week 2016 (or, you could just follow our Facebook & Twitter…). And, in the meantime, explore our website for ways that you can volunteer or donate—both are important ways to make sure that Buffalo & WNY Pride continues to kick some serious festival booty, baby.”

Admission: $5 general admission (children under 10 get in for free)

For more information...
Tuesday, June 21
Candlelight Wish Celebration / Evergreen Commons - 67 Prospect Ave., Buffalo NY / Doors open 6:30 PM, Celebration Begins 7:30 PM
From the Organizers: “In 1991, Buffalo’s LGBTQ community held its first outdoor, public celebration behind the Buffalo Historical Society. At a time when LGBTQ rights were only a dream and little protection was available, community members, government officials, journalists, and performers joined together to openly celebrate Buffalo’s vibrant and resilient gay community. This event planted the seeds that have grown into the Pride Week that Western New York loves today. This year, we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Buffalo’s first public Pride event—the Candlelight Wish Celebration. Join us for performances, presentations, and recreations to commemorate the (cont’d.) trailblazing event. The evening will end with attendees making the same candlelight wish that was made 25 years ago—an acknowledgement of how far we’ve come, and how far we still have to go.”
Admission: Free and open to the public.

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Buffalo this summer. For more information, please check out Buffalo Pride Festival's [website](#) and the Pride Center of Western NY’s Facebook page!

2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in
The Fingerlakes Region*

Sunday, June 12
Fingerlakes Pride / Seneca Lake State Park - 100 Waterloo Road, Geneva NY / 12:00PM
From the Organizers:
“- Brown Bag Picnic Lunch (bring your own)
- Outdoor Games & Activities
- Family Friendly!

(Note: the park costs $7/carload for entry)

* To learn more about Fingerlakes Pride and find more summer events, check out their Facebook page!
2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in The Hudson Valley*

**Saturday, May 30**
*Family Pride Day / Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center, Kingston, NY / 10:00AM-2:00PM*
From the Organizers: “Learn how to become a foster parent or get support if you already are a parent. There will be family activities, so bring your kids! There will also be a workshop by Berkshire Farms at 11 am and 1 pm: Finding Children Homes in the LGBTQ Community. This workshop will review the requirements for becoming a foster or adoptive parent, as well as the option of providing respite for youth in our community if not able to foster, and discuss the many myths and facts about foster care and adoption for the LGBTQ community. Admission is free!”

**Sunday, June 5**
*Pride Family BBQ / Hudson Valley LGBTQ Family Network – please email organizers for address and more info! / 3:00PM*

From the Organizers: “The Hudson Valley Pride Parade is 1-2 PM, with a fair afterwards at Hasbrouck Park. Join us for a post-parade BBQ in our backyard!

We’ll provide BBQ basics of burgers and hotdogs. It would be great if you could bring a side, salad or sweet your kid likes – or grown-up drinks you like. 😊

To receive the address and RSVP for this event, please email AnnaConlan@gmail.com and/or join The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Family Network group on Facebook!

**Sunday, June 12**
*Pride March and Festival / New Paltz, NY / 12:00PM*

From the Organizers:
“Pride March & Festival!

Sunday, June 7, 12-4 pm (happy hour begins at 4 pm)

Free admission for all

Meet us at noon at New Paltz Middle School and march with us to Hasbrouck Park at 1 pm sharp! The festival will follow with great food, vendors, family activities, singers So Brown and Mike Hamel, and music by DJ John Martin powered by Superior Sounds. Join us at Bacchus afterwards for a special happy hour! Stay tuned for more info!”
**Sunday, June 12**
*Queen City Pride Summer Picnic / Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie, NY / 5:00PM-11:00PM*

From the Organizers: “Big Gay Hudson Valley’s 8th annual summer community pride picnic is back! We’ll be returning to the fabulous grounds of the historic Locust Grove Estate with the biggest and gayest BYO picnic of the summer season. Pack a basket and spend the day enjoying live entertainment, family activities, lawn games, picnicscape competitions, community groups and so much more.”

For more information, please visit the Queen City Pride website.

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in the Hudson Valley this summer. For more information, please check out this website.

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**2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in Orange County**

**Sunday, June 12**
*3rd OCNY Pride Event / Village of Warwick - Rail Road Ave. / 10:00AM-4:00PM*

From the Organizers: “Come have a great time at this awesome place! Roller skating, mini golf, race cars, rides, arcade games, Lazer tag and much more. Food and drinks available in their restaurant. Let them know you’re there for pride day. No tickets necessary, but feel free to check out our website or Facebook page.

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**2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in Rochester**

**Friday, July 8**
*Rochester Victory Alliance Pre-Pride Beach Party / Ontario Beach Park / 5:00PM-9:00PM*
**Sunday, July 10**
**Pride 5K Run** / Cobbs Hill Park / Check-in at 7:00AM, Run at 8:00 AM

**Sunday, July 10**
**Pride Games: Tennis Tournament, Preliminary Rounds** / Cobbs Hill Park / 10:00 AM

**Sunday, July 10**
**Pride Games: Volleyball Tournament, Preliminary Rounds** / Cobbs Hill Park / 10:00 AM (4’s and doubles on grass)

**Sunday, July 15**
**Flag Raising** / Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park at Manhattan Square / 6:00 PM

**Sunday, July 14**
**Movie Night** / Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park at Manhattan Square / 9:30 PM

**Saturday, July 16**
**ROC Pride Parade** / Corner of Miegel and Park, Rochester, NY / Kick-Off at 1:00PM
From the Organizers: “Come out to see your favorite community bands, floats, kings & queens, politicians, churches, community groups, and more.”
Theme: Let’s Make Magic!

**Saturday, July 16**
**ROC Pride Fest** / Cobbs Hill Park / 1:00PM-9:00PM
Sunday, July 17
Art Walk / Cobbs Hill Park / 11:00AM-12:00PM

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Rochester this summer. For more information, please check out Buffalo Pride Festival’s [website](#) and the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley’s [Facebook](#) page!

2016 Family-Friendly Pride Events in Syracuse*

Saturday, June 11
Pride Dance at SAGE / 431 E. Fayette Street, Suite #050, Syracuse, NY / Info: Call (315) 478-1923

Monday, June 13
Flag Raising at City Hall / 233 E Washington Street, Syracuse, NY / 12:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

Tuesday, June 14
Interfaith Pride Service / University United Methodist Church, 324 University Avenue, Syracuse, NY / 7:00 PM
From the Organizers: Join us in Solidarity Through Pride, an interfaith worship service. All are welcome.

Saturday, June 18
CNY Pride/SAGE 5K (Sponsored by Carrier) / Long Branch Park, Liverpool, NY / Registration from 7:30AM-9:00AM, Race at 9:00AM
From the Organizers: “Registration is now open for our very first 5k presented by Carrier Corp and co-hosted by CNY Pride and SAGE Upstate. A portion of the proceeds raised from registered runners will benefit CNY Pride and SAGE Upstate. So if you like to run or know someone who likes to run 5k’s, send them to [cnygay5k.com](#) and register. We are still looking for sponsors: go to [cnygay5k.com](#) and sign up as a sponsor.”
Saturday, June 18
CNY Pride Parade / Kick-Off at the Destiny Mall Parking Lot / 11:30AM
From the Organizers: Kicks off at 11:30 at the Destiny Parking Lot and will end at the festival. This year’s theme: “Who's your hero?” Come out and show with a float or marching unit. There will be awards for best representation of the theme.

Saturday, June 18
CNY Pride Festival / Syracuse Inner Harbor - West Kirkpatrick Street / 12:00PM-5:00PM
From the Organizers: “CNY Pride is proud to once again bring our celebration of the LGBTQ communities to the Syracuse Inner Harbor. This shining example of revitalization truly echoes this year’s theme: ‘Celebrating the colors of our past, creating the pride of our future.’ Once an overgrown waste land inlet of a polluted lake bordering ‘Oil City’ (a large collection of over 70 large oil storage tanks), it is now a beautiful park and amphitheater that can be and is used for many events such as ours. After much hard work by various state, local and private organizations the lake too is now swimmable again, after being one of the most polluted lakes in the country, and well on its way to being a thriving summer hotspot. Our festival reaches well over 4500 people every year, last year setting record attendance and we hope to break our record again this year. We strive to make sure we have a family friendly event in which all are welcome and comfortable to show themselves for who and what they are. We offer a variety of food, entertainment and vendors for you to enjoy! This year’s festival will host a bigger-and-better-than-ever Kids and Family Area! Pride and Joy Families and Q Center are teaming up to bring more activities, more space to hang out, and more FUN for families attending CNY Pride!

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Syracuse this summer. For more information, please check out CNY Pride’s website and Facebook page!