
SPECIAL EVENTS

Sparks Special Events Calendar - 2011



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Sixteenth Annual Sierra Art's Brew HaHa

**Friday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. – VIP and 8:00 p.m. -
General Admission (Rose Ballroom – John Ascuaga's
Nugget)**

Raising money for the arts has never been more fun. The event will feature thirty five breweries and live music to keep the party hopping throughout the evening. Cost: \$60 VIP, \$50 General Admission. Details: John Ascuaga's Nugget (800) 843-2427 or (775) 356-3300.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

**Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Area Opens,
7:00 p.m. Films Begin (Rose Ballroom – John
Ascuaga's Nugget)**

The Banff Mountain Festival World Tour brings the best of Banff to audiences around the globe. Each year the films travel to 30 countries reaching more than 210,000 people at over 550 screenings. Details: John Ascuaga's Nugget (800) 843-2427 or (775) 356-3300.

Wild West Rodeo

Saturday – Sunday, April 16 – 17 (Victorian Square)

Bus drivers representing various districts participate in an entertaining rodeo-style skills competition. Details: (775) 348-0400.

March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon

Saturday, April 30 (Sparks Marina)

Join in supporting this nationwide event to improve the health of babies. Details: (775) 826-2166.

MS Walk

May 2011 (Sparks Marina)

Bring your friends, family and co-workers to the Sparks Marina and enjoy a morning of fun, festivities and teammanship as you take in the ambiance of this beautiful venue while walking to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis. Details: (775) 702-736-1478.

Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament

May 2011 (D'Andrea Golf Club)

The 10th Annual Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament benefits the Sparks Youth Scholarship Fund. The event features a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Details: (775) 331-6363.

Sparks Arts in Bloom Festival

**Sunday, May 8, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Sparks Plaza –
Victorian Square)**

Celebrate Mother's Day and the arrival of spring at this inspiring Mother's Day fine arts show. Event includes a celebrity painted-plate auction that benefits Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. Details: (775) 353-2291.

MIRACLES In Motion

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am (Sparks Marina)

"Kids running for Kids" to benefit Children's Miracle Network and local children. Come walk, run, or skip around the Sparks Marina Park while taking part in fun-filled activity stations in this non-competitive event for ages 4 to 14. Details: (775) 233-5050.

Senior Softball USA

**Saturday – Sunday, May 28 – June 5 (Sports Complex at
Golden Eagle Regional Park)**

Rock-n-Reno National Qualifier is the largest softball tournament in Northern Nevada and Senior Softball USA's largest qualifier in the country. Details: 916-326-5303.

Street Vibrations, Spring Rally

Friday – Sunday, June 3 – 5 (Victorian Square)

An early June celebration of motorcycles for both those who currently ride and those who may be interested in riding. Details: (775) 329-7469.

Sparks Hometowne Farmer's Market

Thursdays, June 9 – August 18, 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm – except August 11th (Sparks Plaza – Victorian Square)

Thursday is still the place to be in Victorian Square on the Sparks Plaza (new location) across from John Ascuaga's Nugget. The event will again feature the best in produce and a wide variety of seasonal items, along with musical performances, food & beverages, arts & crafts and assorted community booths. Details: (775) 353-2291.

Kids' Free Fishing Day

Saturday, June 11, 7:00 am to 11:00 am (Sparks Marina)

Sparks Rotary and Sparks Parks & Rec come together to offer a day of free trout fishing at the Sparks Marina Park. For youth, ages 7-17, as part of the State of Nevada's official free fishing day. Details: (775) 353-2385.

Mark Wellman's Adventure Day

Sunday, June 12, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Sparks Marina)

Adaptive rock climbing, hand cycles, and kayaking will be available for children and adults with disabilities. Details: (775) 353-7815.

Star Spangled Sparks, presented by

Northern Nevada Chamber of Commerce & John Ascuaga's Nugget

Monday, July 4 (Sparks Marina & Victorian Square)

Take part in an old fashioned 4th of July celebration at the Sparks Marina Park followed by a spectacular evening fireworks show on Victorian Square. Details: Sparks Marina activities – (775) 358-1976. Victorian Square event, (800) 843-2427 or (775) 356-3300.

Air Nautique WWA National Championships

Wednesday – Sunday, July 13 - 17 (Sparks Marina)

Close to 200 of the world's top male & female wakeboarders compete for cash prizes & season-ending championships. Details: (407) 628-5662 ext. 1308 or visit www.prowakeboardtour.com.

Scheels Paddle, Pedal, Patter Kids' Triathlon

Saturday, July 30 (Sparks Marina)

Kids age 12 and under are introduced to the sport of triathlon with kayaking, swimming, biking, and running courses that make their way around the beautiful Sparks Marina Park. Details: (775) 353-2385.

Hot August Nights

Monday – Saturday, August 8 – 13 (Victorian Square-Sparks Site)

Hot nights, hot rods, fabulous tunes, and a great location to enjoy it all. Details: (775) 356-1956.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off,

presented by John Ascuaga's Nugget

Wednesday – Monday, August 31 – September 5 (Victorian Square)

A world-class event featuring the best barbecue ribs, special concerts, an arts & crafts fair, and plenty of family fun. Details: John Ascuaga's Nugget (800) 843-2427 or (775) 356-3300.

Balloon Race Softball Tournament

Saturday – Sunday, September 10 – 11 (Sports Complex at Golden Eagle Regional Park)

The longest running softball tournament in Northern Nevada held to coincide with the annual Reno Balloon Race event. Details: (775) 240-6026.

Street Vibrations, Fall Rally

Wednesday – Sunday, September 21 – 25 (Victorian Square)

Motorcycle enthusiasts gather on Victorian Square in late September to display their motorcycles, shop for motorcycle merchandise, hear a variety of music and partake in an assortment of food and beverages. Details: (775) 329-7469.

Blood n Guts Softball Tournament

October 2011 (Sports Complex at Golden Eagle Regional Park)

One of the most popular softball tournaments in the west. The Halloween themed event utilizes the original triple elimination tournament format for men and coed. Details: (775) 240-6026.

Buddy Walk

Saturday, October 1 (Sparks Marina)

The Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada hosts its annual Buddy Walk at the Sparks Marina Park to promote awareness and inclusion for people with Down syndrome and to raise funds for education, research and advocacy. Details: (775) 828-5159.

Scheels Turkey Trot

Thursday, November 24 (Scheels at Legends)

A fun run / walk event for families & out-of-town guests on Thanksgiving morning. The first race begins at 8:30 A.M. Details: (775) 353-7898.

Crafts for Christmas

Friday, November 25, Noon to 8:00 pm, Saturday, November 26, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday, November 27, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Rose Ballroom – John Ascuaga's Nugget)

Join the Nugget for a spectacular holiday celebration over Thanksgiving weekend. What better way to kick off Black Friday and all of your holiday shopping plans – than attending this free event featuring crafts from all over the world, plus baking demonstrations, wine tastings, silent auction, raffles, Santa and more! Details: John Ascuaga's Nugget (800) 843-2427 or (775) 356-3300.

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Friday – Saturday, December 2 – 3 (Victorian Square)

The 25th annual celebration will showcase a colorful holiday parade, family entertainment, photos with Santa, arts & crafts, and a spectacular tree lighting ceremony. Tree lighting, Dec. 2 and parade, Saturday, Dec. 3. Details: (775) 353-2291.