FRANKENMUTH LOCAL · CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Frankenmuth, Nov 2026 to Oct 2027

Dates in **bold** are confirmed by the organizers. The rest show each event's usual timing; exact dates are announced each year.

What's on this week

November 2026

Nov 16 Stop & Snap photo challenge starts, through Jan 17

Nov 17 Outdoor ice rink opens at Zehnder Park, through Feb 28

Late Nov: Letters to Santa mailboxes, through Dec 24

Sat, Nov 21 Merry & Bright Christmas market, Harvey Kern Pavilion

Fri, Nov 27 Christmas Experience Kickoff: tree lighting, Santa, drone show

Nov 28 Musical tree show starts, through Jan 11

December 2026

Sat, Dec 5 Breakfast with Santa, Zehnder's (tickets)

Sat, Dec 5 and Dec 12 Lunch with Santa, Splash Village (tickets)

Dec 1–12 12 Days of Christmas Sale at River Place

Dec 27 Last day of the free weekend shuttle

No ChristKindlMarkt in 2026; it returns in a future year (the Farmers Market's note)

Bronner's closes Christmas Day and at 4 p.m. Dec 24 and 31

January 2027

Jan 11 Last musical tree show

Jan 17 Stop & Snap challenge ends

The quiet season: indoor waterparks, museums and short lines

February 2027

Feb 3–7 Zehnder's Snowfest: snow and ice sculptures, Saturday fireworks

Sat, Feb 13 Winterläufe winter race

Feb 28 Last day of the ice rink

March and April

Around Easter: Bavarian Easter Celebration, four weeks

Apr 16–17 Bringin' Back the 80s Festival

May

2nd Thursdays, May to Sept: Funtown Chowdown food trucks

May 21–22 World Expo of Beer

May 29–30 Frankenmuth Dog Bowl

Memorial Day weekend: Balloons over Bavarian Inn

June

June 10–13 Bavarian Festival, the town's signature festival

Sundays, mid-June to Aug: Concerts in the Park

July

July 4: Volksläufe race, with a party the night before

3rd weekend: Cass River Colonial Encampment

Last Saturday: Antique Apparatus Muster

August

1st weekend: Flower Festival at Grandpa Tiny's Farm

Aug 11–14 Summer Music Fest

September

Sept 10–12 Auto Fest

Sept 16–19 Oktoberfest

4th weekend: Fire Arts Festival

October

Early October: Big Country Fest

3rd and 4th weekends: Scarecrow Fest at River Place Shops

Year-round

Bronner's, open 361 days a year

Christmas Lane lights, dusk to midnight

The free Gnome Hunt

Free parking downtown

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