2015 Guide to LGBT Family-Friendly Pride Events in Upstate New York

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May 2015
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in
Albany, NY*

Thursday, June 4 – Saturday, June 6, 2015

Say It Loud! Black and Latino Gay Pride | Hosted by In Our Own Voices

In Our Own Voices describes the Say It Loud! Black and Latino Gay Pride celebration: “The importance of Say It Loud! is obvious. It is an opportunity for LGBT POC to come together in solidarity, to celebrate our individuality, diversity and strengths.” For information about this year’s Pride activities, be sure to visit IOOV’s Facebook page or check out their website.

Saturday, June 13

Capital Pride Parade and Festival | Hosted by the Capital Pride Center | 12 Noon

From website: “The Pride Week festivities kick-off on Sunday May 31st with our extremely popular annual Kick-Off BBQ -and this year is going to be bigger than ever with a few surprises to celebrate the Pride Center’s 45th Anniversary! The celebration carries on with events throughout Pride Week, culminating with the Capital PRIDE Parade and Festival. The Capital PRIDE Parade steps off from Washington Park at 12p Noon on Saturday June 13, 2015 with some of the best viewing spots on Lark Street. The Capital PRIDE Festival opens in Washington Park at 12 noon on the same day.”

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Albany this summer. For more information, please visit the Facebook page or check out their website!
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Binghamton, NY*

Saturday, June 6
Rainbow Flag Raising | City Hall, Binghamton | 12 Noon
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.

Sunday, June 7
Pride Community Picnic | 183 Riverside Drive, Binghamton NY | 1:00 PM
The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton will be holding its annual Pride Community Picnic, and all are welcome! The picnic will feature a cookout and children’s activities, all during a lovely afternoon spent on the grounds of the UUCB church. Burgers, hot dogs and rolls will be provided (as well as paper goods). Folks are asked to bring side dishes, desserts, etc., to share. There will be face painting and free ice pops for kids! This event is a great way to relax, meet other families, and begin the celebration of Pride Month!

Wednesday, June 10
People of Blessing Interfaith Service | Endwell United Methodist Church, 3301 Watson Blvd. | 7:00 PM
The interfaith service is a very special part of the Binghamton area’s Pride celebrations. Various faith leaders come together with lay people to share an evening of fellowship, support and warmth as we experience the blessing of a vibrant, unified community. We hope you’ll join us.

Saturday, June 13
Binghamton Pride Palooza | Court Street (Between Collier and State Streets) | 2:00 – 8:00 PM
Binghamton Pride Coalition’s Annual Pride Palooza is not to be missed! This year’s event, which has extended hours, will feature dozens of local vendors and live entertainment. Pride and Joy Families will be hosting a Kids’ Zone tent with crafts and activities, so stop by and say hello. Come celebrate your local community!
Saturday, June 20
Adults Only Pride Picnic | Binghamton Pride Coalition | Chenango Valley State Park | 12 Noon
Free food and an afternoon with friends -- what more could you ask for?

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Binghamton this summer. For more information, please check out Binghamton Pride Coalition’s [website](#) and Facebook [page](#), or visit ours!
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in Buffalo, NY*

Monday, June 1

Pride Flag Raising Ceremony | Niagara Square in front of City Hall (65 Niagara Square) | 12 Noon

From the website: Buffalo, let your Pride flag fly! To kick off Pride Week, The Pride Center of Western New York will join Mayor Byron Brown and other city officials to raise a pride flag in Niagara Square, in front of City Hall. With our flag at the heart of the city, we invite everyone - near and far - to join us in celebration and advocacy.

Sunday, June 7

Pride Parade | Corner of Elmwood and Forest Avenues | 12 Noon

Sunday, June 7

Pride Festival | Canalside (44 Prime Street, Buffalo) | 1:00 – 7:00 PM

There will be a $5.00 admission cost per person.

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Buffalo this summer. For more information, check out Buffalo Pride Festival’s [website](#) or Facebook [page](#).
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Hudson Valley, NY*

Saturday, May 30
Family Pride Day | Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
From the website: 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. Pride and Joy Families is a proud co-sponsor of this event!

If you are an organization and would like to table at this event, please email corinne@lgbtqcenter.org while there is still space!

Sunday, June 7
Hudson Valley LGBTQ Pride March | New Paltz Middle School | 12 Noon
From the website: “The Hudson Valley Pride March and Festival has quickly become a fixture across the region. Over 2500 people participate in the celebration each year, and this number continues to grow! Marchers of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures join with family and friends; agencies, businesses and faith-based organizations march with their banners in solidarity; and hundreds of spectators cheer. Gather at the New Paltz Middle School for a rally and celebration!”

Special note: For admission to Hudson Valley Pride Week events, be sure to purchase your Pride Pass.

* This is just a sampling of the Pride events in the mid-Hudson Valley this summer. For more information, please visit the LGBTQ Community Center’s website or Facebook page.
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Rochester, NY*

Saturday, July 18
Pride Festival | MLK Park | 1:00 – 9:30 PM
From the website: “We will have family and senior friendly activities including games, storytelling, live entertainment with food and merchandise vendors set up and ready to celebrate. There will be a designated alcohol area. The Annual Pride Parade will kick off at 1 pm on Park Avenue. Prizes will be given for the best Parade floats, those that best represent the Pride theme. The Parade ends at the Festival grounds at Manhattan Square Park. Entrance to the Pride Festival after 1:30 pm will be $10 in advance and $15 at the gate and includes on-stage entertainment, music, dancing, food, beer garden, and more.”

Sunday, July 19
Pride Picnic | Genesee Valley Park | 1:00-7:00 PM
Pride is happy to announce that the Pride Picnic on July 19 will be free for all to attend! We are going back to our roots where it all started 41 years ago. The Picnic has always been about community getting together and enjoying a day with no pressure. By not charging an entrance fee we hope to renew the spirit of this event and help it grow even stronger in the future! Hope to see you all there!

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Rochester this summer. For more information, please visit their website.
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Rockland, NY*

Sunday, June 14
Rockland Pride Festival | Main Street Lot | 12 Noon – 5:00 PM
For details, please visit Gay Pride Rockland’s website.
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Syracuse, NY*

Saturday, June 20
CNY Pride Festival (12:00 noon) | Flag-raising Ceremony at City Hall (11:00 AM) | Parade (11:30 AM)
The Syracuse, NY Pride Festival hosted by CNY Pride has been a long standing Central New York tradition. The festival serves to give the members of the LGTBQ community a day to celebration all that we are and have contributed to our community. Please visit the Pride and Joy Families Kid Zone tent for crafts and activities!

Hosted at the scenic Inner Harbor, our family friendly festival has a plethora of LGBTQ vendors and entertainment. We welcome you to join us for the day and celebrate your PRIDE!

Friday, August 28th
FAIR NY Pride Day
From the website: “Pride Day celebrates the LGBT community, providing a welcome for all members of our community, our families and allies! It is the unofficial "gay day" at the Fair. Visitors to the Booth can pick up free literature, handouts and can take their photo at our I Love New York LGBT display, complete with the rainbow heart logo! We provide information on services, professional resources, and the vast array of programs for the LGBT community. We also foster awareness of issues of concern to the LGBT concern, and resources for safe space training. We work to build pride in the LGBT community, and celebrate the diversity of our community. For 2015 we have free stickers from the HRC, for the first 500 visitors to the Booth. This iconic sticker lets everyone know you support equal rights for all. The highlight of gay day will be Melissa Etheridge's free concert at Chevy Court on Pride Day, so visitors are encouraged to stop by the Booth prior to or after the concert to celebrate your Pride!”

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Syracuse this summer. For more information please visit CNY Pride’s Facebook page or website.
2015 Family-Friendly Pride Events in

Warwick, NY*

Friday, June 19
Exclusive Beach Party | Greenwood Lake, NY | 3:00-6:00 PM
Reservations are required.

Friday, June 19
Pride Drive-In Double Movie Feature | Drive-In Theatre, Warwick NY | 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Saturday, June 20
Gay Day | Vernon, NJ
20% off your stay at Crystal Springs Resort with code: PRIDE.

Saturday, June 20
Pride Dance Party | Likquid Lounge, Chester, NY | 7:00 PM – 4:00 AM

Sunday, June 21
Orange County’s 2nd Annual Pride Event | Railroad Ave., Warwick NY | 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Many live vendors and entertainment!

Sunday, June 21st
Warwick Restaurant Crawl | Warwick, NY | 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Maps provided at the front gates to the Pride Festival.

* These events are just a sampling of the Pride events in Warwick this summer. For more information please visit their website or check out their Facebook page.