

**NAPER SETTLEMENT**

2026 SUMMER PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

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# NAPER NIGHTS

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

**JUNE 19 & 20,  
JULY 17 & 18,  
AUGUST 14 & 15**

**[NaperNights.org](https://NaperNights.org)**



# NAPER SETTLEMENT

523 S. WEBSTER ST.  
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**NaperSettlement.org**

## HOURS:

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

**TUESDAY-SATURDAY: 10 AM-4 PM**

**SUNDAY: 1-4 PM**

**CLOSED: Monday**

## ADMISSION:

THROUGH OCTOBER

**\$12/ADULT**

**\$10/SENIOR (62+)**

**\$8/YOUTH (4-12)**

**VETERANS (with ID verification): \$9**  
**FREE/Members & Children under 4**



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All special events and programs are subject to change without notice. All proceeds benefit the museum and the Naperville Heritage Society, administrator of Naper Settlement.

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## PLAN YOUR VISIT

Embark on an interactive journey through Naperville's and our nation's vibrant past. Your 2026 summer admission includes full access to our award-winning, 13-acre living history museum.

*Naperville residents receive FREE museum general admission with proof of residency!*

### HANDS-ON HISTORY!

Step into our 13-acre learning laboratory and take an immersive journey through history as you meet historical interpreters, educators, and volunteers that help connect Naperville's history to the nations through hands-on demonstrations like blacksmithing, printing, and more!

### USA 250 CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Get even more hands-on with history this summer through special activities that celebrate 250 years of the United States! Explore 18th and 19th-century pastimes, master homesteading skills, compete in yoke and bucket races, learn stamp and candle making, and more.



### GUIDED TOURS OF THE MARTIN FAMILY'S VICTORIAN MANSION

Built in 1883, each room of this Victorian mansion tells the unique story of the Martin family who shaped Naperville forever through their business and philanthropy. Take a guided mansion tour on the half-hour from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

### IMMERSIVE EXHIBITS

Discover the unique stories of our community through engaging artifacts, hands-on activities, and more!

*We the People*  
NAPERVILLE  
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AMERICAN STORY

PRE-EMPTION HOUSE  
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PRE-EMPTION HOUSE  
LOWER-LEVEL

*Thresher Experience*

HERMAN AND ANNA  
HAGEMAN MEMORIAL  
THRESHER HALL

# SPECIAL ADMISSION & ENHANCED EXPERIENCES



## GETTYSBURG DAY

**July 3 | 10 AM-4 PM**

*Included in Museum Admission*

Take a fun and engaging step back in time to commemorate the 163rd anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg as you experience life in Naperville during the crucial summer of 1863. Activities and educational programs include:

- Meet President Abraham Lincoln and experience one of the most famous speeches in American history, The Gettysburg Address.
- Learn about the newest fashion inventions of the 1860s at the Civil War Fashion Show.
- Stop inside the IDNR STEM Learning Lab to make fireworks in a jar.
- Children ages 6-13 can participate in a hands-on Civil War drilling program (*pre-registration is required. Drilling includes the use of wooden toy muskets*).



## JULY 4TH

**July 4 | 10 AM-4 PM**

*Included in Museum Admission*

Celebrate America250 this July 4th as Naper Settlement opens its historic grounds for a day of history, community, and red-white-blue fun. Explore our historic buildings, engaging exhibits, and hands-on activities that bring 250 years of American stories to life!

## HOMETOWN PICNIC

**August 8 | 10 AM-4 PM**

*Included in Museum Admission*

Enjoy a day full of old-fashioned fun with lawn games, food, and laughter spread across the museum's 13-acre learning laboratory. Explore how our community and country have come together over its history with living history demonstrations, exhibits, and more!

# FAMILY PROGRAMS



*Family STEM Nights honors the work of Sally L. Pentecost, Naperville educator and administrator for her twenty-four years of service to the Naperville Heritage Society Board of Directors.*



## GARDEN 101

**June 4 or 18 | 6-7 PM**

*\$8/Person | Children Ages 5-11 and their Caretaker*

Families that garden together stick together! Explore Naper Settlement's many gardens and green spaces, learn the science underneath the soil, and germinate your own corn, beans, and squash seeds to take home and to plant in our Permaculture Garden.

## SOLAR SCIENCE

**July 2 or 16 | 6-7 PM**

*\$8/Person | Children Ages 5-11 and their Caretaker*

Become an astronomer and investigate the largest star in the galaxy...the sun! Engineer your own rocket and launch it higher and higher, and then check out some solar flares.

## ENGINEERING CHALLENGE (SKYSCRAPERS)

**August 6 or 20 | 6-7 PM**

*\$8/Person | Children Ages 5-11 and their Caretaker*

Reach for the sky at Family STEM Night: Engineering Challenge! Make the tallest spaghetti tower and engineer your own skyscraper using cardboard, toothpicks, marshmallows, and popsicle sticks.

## POLLINATOR POWER

**September 10 or 24 | 6-7 PM**

*\$8/Person | Children Ages 5-11 and their Caretaker*

Celebrate Monarch migration by learning all about pollinators including bees, butterflies, and even bats! Learn about what pollination is and how it shapes our world. Activities include making a shelter for a migrating butterfly, and exploring the grounds on a pollination scavenger hunt.

To learn more about upcoming programs and purchase admission, visit [NaperSettlement.org](http://NaperSettlement.org)

## NATIONAL TREASURE ESCAPE ROOM (FAMILY EDITION)

June 13 or July 3 | 10:30-11:30 AM, 12-1 PM or 1:30-2:30 PM

July 4 | 10:30-11:30 AM, 12-1 PM or 1:30-2:30 PM

*\$15/Person | Recommended for Families with Children Ages 12+*

Join the adventure and become a history hero! Work together to solve puzzles, uncover hidden clues, and protect a lost American treasure in this hands-on museum escape.



## THE GREAT DECODING ESCAPE ROOM

June 20, July 11, August 15, or September 5  
10:30-11:30 AM, 12-1 PM, 1:30-2:30 PM

*\$15/Person | Recommended for Families with Children Ages 12+*

The year is 1915 — the second year of the first World War. You and your party are cargo shipping analysts for the Great Lakes Naval Intelligence Office. They need your help in figuring out where to land an Allied ship full of secret cargo. Good luck with your mission!

## SPEAKEASY ESCAPE ROOM

June 21, July 19, August 23, or September 13  
1-2 PM or 2:30-3:30 PM

*Included in General Admission / All ages*

You have been recruited to help a local detective agency track down Prohibition's most notorious crime boss. It is up to you to gain entry into the speakeasy.

## HOMESCHOOL DAY: PIONEER CHORES

September 3 | 1-4 PM

*\$8/Person | Grades K-6 (All Participants Under 18 Must be Accompanied by an Adult)*

Step into the past to try real pioneer chores and daily tasks. From washing clothes on a washboard to carrying water, grinding corn, and helping with early settler work, learners will experience history through hands-on activities.



# NAPER NIGHTS

## COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Grab your lawn chair and get ready for a one-of-a-kind concert experience featuring the hits of Taylor Swift, Ozzy Osbourne, Van Halen, Toby Keith, and more! Spanning across Naper Settlement's 13-acre outdoor campus, the museum's historic buildings and gardens create a unique backdrop for visitors to experience some of the nation's most recognized tribute performances while enjoying local restaurants, food trucks, businesses, a FREE children's area, and more!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

**R-E-S-P-E-C-T: A Tribute to  
Aretha Franklin**  
6:00-7:30 PM

**Sly & The Family Stone  
Tribute by Bumpus**  
8:00-10:00 PM

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

**AC/DC Tribute by  
DOWN/POUR**  
6:00-7:30 PM

**Ozzy Osbourne Tribute  
by Crazy Train**  
8:00-10:00 PM



For tickets and more information, visit:

**NaperNights.org**

**NON-MEMBER TICKETS:**  
Adults \$25 Youth (4-12) \$15



**FRIDAY, JULY 17**

*ZZ Top Tribute  
by Eliminator  
6:00-7:30 PM*

*The Doobie Brothers Tribute  
by The Doobie Others  
8:00-10:00 PM*



**SATURDAY, JULY 18**

*K-Pop Dance Party by  
DLC: DANCE  
6:00-7:30 PM*

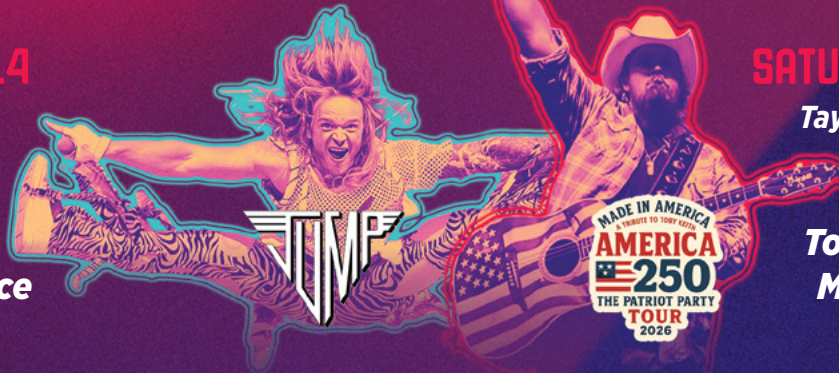
*Pop Hits by  
Dylan Chambers  
8:00-10:00 PM*



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

*Epic Rock Covers by  
Dan Peters Band  
6:00-7:30 PM*

*JUMP - America's  
Van Halen Experience  
8:00-10:00 PM*



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

*Taylor Swift Tribute by  
Sparks Fly  
6:00-7:30 PM*

*Toby Keith Tribute  
Made in America  
8:00-10:00 PM*

*Beverages provided by:*

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# ADULT LEARNER PROGRAMS

## CRAFT BY BEER SERIES

### AMERICA 250 HISTORY ON TAP TRIVIA

July 2 | 7-9 PM

*\$20/Adult (21+) | Must be 21+ to Participate*

Test your knowledge of the people, inventions, and moments that shaped our nation. Enjoy brews, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs as we celebrate the American spirit in honor of the 250th anniversary of the U.S.

### BREWING REVOLUTIONS

September 12 | 1-3 PM

*\$20/Adult (21+) | Must be 21+ to Participate*

Raise a glass to America's spirited past! This unique tour explores how brewing has shaped communities, sparked innovation, and reflected the nation's changing identity from the Revolution to today.

### THAT BELONGS IN A MUSEUM

September 17 | 7-9 PM

*\$20/Adult (21+) | Must be 21+ to Participate*

Think your garage sale treasure, family heirloom, or bizarre collectible deserves a spot in a museum? Prove it! Bring your most curious, sentimental, or downright strange object and make your case to the crowd for why it belongs in a museum.



### NAPERVILLE ARCHITECTURE WALKING TOUR

June 11, July 9, August 6, or September 3 | 5:30-6:30 PM

*\$15/Person*

Learn about the important and interesting architecture from the 1800s to today that makes Downtown Naperville a beautiful place to live, work, and play.

### NAPERVILLE CEMETERY WALKING TOUR

June 25 or August 20 | 5:30-6:30 PM

*\$15/Person*

As you stroll through the serenity of this final resting place, you will step back into the past to learn the stories of pioneers, trailblazers, and everyday heroes who once breathed life into the very streets you walk today.

### ORIGINS OF NAPERVILLE WALKING TOUR

July 23 or September 17 | 5:30-6:30 PM

*\$15/Person*

Listen to stories from Naperville's founding to the generosity of Caroline Martin Mitchell on a walking tour of the west side of Downtown Naperville.

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# GOLDEN DAYS

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*Free with Registration for Adults 55+*

## GOLDEN DAYS: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE WALKING PLAY

August 29 | 11 AM-2 PM or 3-6 PM | August 30 | 3-6 PM

Stroll through Naper Settlement in this charming outdoor walking adaption of Pride and Prejudice. As the story unfolds in different locations, enjoy the wit, romance, and family drama of Austen's classic while pausing for delightful high tea inspired by the era.

## GOLDEN DAYS: GRIMM BROTHERS WALKING PLAY

September 26 | 11 AM-2 PM or 3-6 PM | September 27 | 3-6 PM

Journey across the site in this lively outdoor walking performance where Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm bring their famous tales to life. As you move from place to place, enjoy a playful, trunk-show retelling of classic stories while celebrating the magic of storytelling, and sample traditional German-inspired snacks along the way.



Thank you to  
Rep. Janet Yang Rohr, D-Naperville  
for obtaining Golden Days funding

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS SERIES

*All Community Conversations are free to attend with registration! Snacks included!*

Join us for Illinois Humanities' Community Conversations: History Belongs to All of Us and explore the founding of the United States through the lens of local history. Each program creates space for shared conversation, activity, learning, and connection through the joy of investigating history in its rawest form: the primary document and artifact. This experience goes beyond a traditional lecture and encourages participants to share and connect their own lived experiences to our country's history.

## BLACKHAWK AND THE WAR OF 1812 LAND GRANT

June 27 | 1:30-3 PM

## COMPARISON OF GETTYSBURG ADDRESS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

July 3 | 11 AM-12:30 PM

## BICENTENNIAL EPHEMERA

July 25 | 12-1:30 PM

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**TUESDAYS, 3-7 PM | JUNE 30 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with **FREE** local shopping, live music, hands-on demonstrations, museum exhibits, and more—all set in the museum's stunning outdoor park! Plus, don't miss the chance to explore the museum's captivating new ***We the People: Naperville and the American Story*** exhibit and historic buildings including the blacksmith shop, one-room school house and more— ***all with no admission fee.***

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

**[NaperSettlement.org/FarmersMarket](http://NaperSettlement.org/FarmersMarket)**



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## WHY?

- LEARN NEW SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE
- BUILD YOUR RESUME
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Join the passionate team of Naper Settlement volunteers and become an integral part of our community! Volunteers founded the Naperville Heritage Society in 1969, and they remain the core of the Society's mission, engaging and delighting over 300,000 visitors each year from around the globe. If you're a dynamic, lifelong learner eager to make an impact, we invite you to be a part of Naper Settlement's volunteer team.

Volunteer Opportunities include Special Events, Education Programs, Weed Ladies, Curatorial, Buildings and Grounds, and more!

Discover our Youth & Adult Volunteer  
Opportunities at:  
**[NaperSettlement.org/Volunteer](http://NaperSettlement.org/Volunteer)**

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