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Picnic in Your Park returns to Gateway Arch National Park on June 7, powering the next chapter of downtown St. Louis

Signature fundraiser invites the community to experience the Arch grounds while supporting conservation, preservation, and transformative projects like the Old Courthouse.

ST. LOUIS, MO (April 29, 2026) — On Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gateway Arch Park Foundation will host its sixth annual Picnic in Your Park, welcoming the community to gather, share a meal, and celebrate in one of the nation’s most iconic public spaces while directly supporting initiatives that ensure its vibrant future.

Held at the iconic Gateway Arch National Park, the Foundation’s signature fundraiser arrives at a pivotal moment. Following a year of major milestones, including the reopening of the Old Courthouse and celebrating a decade of Blues at the Arch and Winterfest, Picnic in Your Park fuels the work that keeps this momentum moving forward.

Hosted by the Foundation’s Friends Advisory Board, the event invites guests to enjoy a catered picnic lunch at their leisure, paired with live entertainment and iconic views of the Arch. Attendees can choose from Classic and Deluxe picnic baskets, with Deluxe options featuring a four-course meal and picnic blanket, along with family-friendly add-ons including kids’ meals and vegetarian selections.

The experience extends across the Park with activities for all ages. Guests will enjoy live music from the Red and Black Brass Band, interactive lawn games like cornhole and Build-an-Arch, caricature artists, and, new this year, guided tours of the Explorer’s Garden highlighting native flora in the North Gateway.

“Everything we do is rooted in the belief that the Arch belongs to everyone,” said Becca Zimmermann, chair of Gateway Arch Park Foundation’s Friends Advisory Board. “Picnic in Your Park brings that idea to life, creating a shared experience while directly supporting the work that keeps this space thriving for generations.”

As the Foundation’s largest annual fundraiser, Picnic in Your Park plays a critical role in supporting initiatives that extend far beyond a single day. Proceeds support our mission to help maintain the park’s grounds, preserve historic landmarks like the Old Courthouse, fund educational programs for students, and sustain free, large-scale community events such as Winterfest and Blues at the Arch, which together draw tens of thousands of visitors downtown each year.



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“Picnic in Your Park is more than a great day outdoors, it’s a meaningful way for our community to invest in the future of the Arch and downtown St. Louis,” said Ryan McClure, executive director of Gateway Arch Park

Foundation. “Every picnic basket purchased directly supports the conservation, preservation, education, and community-focused initiatives that make this space vibrant and accessible.”

Additional perks include complimentary parking at Kiener East Garage and access to exclusive discounted St. Louis Cardinals tickets for select summer games, offering attendees even more ways to celebrate the weekend.

Participants enjoying their Picnic in Your Park basket on the Arch grounds should follow Leave No Trace principles to help Gateway Arch Park Foundation keep the national park vibrant and welcoming for generations to come. Picnic in Your Park will take place rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, baskets will be available for curbside pickup to enjoy at home. Pets are welcome and [should follow B.A.R.K. guidelines](#); Bag your pet’s waste; Always leash your pet; Respect wildlife; Know where you can go.

Picnic Basket sales are open now through May 30. Supporters can learn more and reserve their picnic baskets at archpark.org/picnic.

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About Gateway Arch Park Foundation

[Gateway Arch Park Foundation](http://archpark.org) is the official philanthropic partner and nonprofit conservancy for Gateway Arch National Park. Its mission is to ensure the Gateway Arch, its grounds, neighboring public spaces, and attractions are a vital, welcoming, well-supported resource to the community and nation for generations to come. It seeks to fulfill its mission by providing for ongoing conservation, preservation and education at the park, in addition to hosting, facilitating and promoting community programs that bring the park and its surrounding areas in Downtown St. Louis to life. The Foundation is part of an alliance that helps meet this mission, which includes the National Park Service, Bi-State Development, Great Rivers Greenway, Jefferson National Parks Association, and the City of St. Louis. For more information, visit <http://archpark.org>.

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