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2018 Kitchen Kettle Village Festivals & Events Schedule

35th Annual Rhubarb Festival May 18-19, 2018 • Friday and Saturday 9am-6pm

It's one of the largest and oldest Rhubarb events in the U.S. Kitchen Kettle Village's 33rd Annual Rhubarb Festival celebrates America's harbinger of spring with food, music, games and family fun – including a “Bake a Pie, Save a Farm—Best Rhubarb Dessert in Lancaster County” baking contest, and offering such zany exclusives as the World's Only (electronically timed) Rhubarb Race Car Derby, and food demonstrations, even a Rollicking Rhubarb Stroll (a mini parade) filled with music, mascots and the Pink Ladies. Guests enjoy a full menu of rhubarb-inspired foods, baked goods and beverages, and three fabulous Kitchen Kettle Rhubarb Jams made especially at festival time. An American Bus Association “Top 100” event in 2013 & 2004 and a Frommer's® “Best of U.S. Festivals Spring 2006.”

Splash into Summer Celebration June 16, 2018 • Saturday 9am-6pm

This new event celebrates the beginning of summer with a fun and delicious kick off to the warm months ahead! Enjoy beach music, yard games and contests, great shopping & grilled foods all while raising funds for Music For Everyone.

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Watch for our list of performers as we get closer to the 2018 event date.

The non-profit Music for Everyone has assisted thousands of music students and awarded almost more than \$850,000 in grants, scholarships, and direct support to schools and community organizations in Lancaster County.

Yummie’s “Simply. . .World Famous” Birthday Party
Saturday • Aug. 4th, 2018 • 9am-6pm (weather permitting)

Kids of all ages love Yummie, Kitchen Kettle’s mascot and official greeter. Each year the Mad Hatter throws a gigantic birthday party spiced with Lancaster’s A-List in costumed characters, guest entertainers, kids crafts, interactive singing and games, and specially-made Yummie’s birthday cupcakes.

From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Schreiber Pediatric sponsors the Kids’ Fun Zone. For an entrance fee of \$5 kids can enjoy cookie decorating, a bounce house, face painting and games. All proceeds benefit Schreiber Pediatric. Young guests can also participate in storytelling with featured mascots! Yummie’s Birthday Party is best suited for children ages 10 and under.

44th Annual Tailgating Festival
Sept. 14-15, 2018 • Friday and Saturday 9am-6pm

This is not the usual harvest event that dots the area this time of year. Kitchen Kettle’s Tailgating Festival pays tribute to Autumn and tailgating season with a celebration of food, music and sports fun. The Village comes alive with a sports-themed scarecrow competition, tailgating food demonstrations, tailgate parade and a tailgate games area staffed by local booster clubs. Kids especially enjoy the Saturday games area including a bounce house, tailgate toss, pumpkin bowling and face painting. Guest entertainers keep everyone smiling throughout the two-day event. Employees and guests alike are encouraged to dress in their favorite “team” gear and cheer on the local bands, mascots, cheerleaders and others in the Tailgating Parade at noon on Saturday. There is plenty of music and lots of great samples for everyone to enjoy!

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Annual Kitchen Kettle Christmas

Fridays Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21, 2018 – 5pm-9pm

Saturdays Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2018 – 9am-5pm

At Christmastime, with its traditional decorations and revival of old-world customs to be enjoyed by all throughout the holidays, Kitchen Kettle Village offers a refreshing, outdoor shopping alternative to the frenzied pace of the mall. Guests can stroll and shop in the Village on Friday nights until 9:00 p.m. between Thanksgiving and December 22nd. Carolers and roaming musicians, cookie decorating, and s'more making are all part of the holiday festivities. And kids of all ages look forward to a visit with Santa Claus, who stops by the Village on select Friday nights from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Visitors can also enjoy a magical experience with Santa or Mrs. Claus. Friday and Saturday evenings between November 23rd and December 22nd families can indulge in a family-style holiday feast during Christmas with Mrs. Claus & Yummie at the Kling House Restaurant. There is storytelling with Mrs. Claus and Yummie, a gift for young guests from Mrs. Claus and photo opportunities. Saturday mornings feature a special event, Breakfast with Santa & Yummie, with lots of ways to add fun to the holidays and create a new family tradition. The experience includes a breakfast buffet of Lancaster County foods, a special gift from Santa for young guests, and photo opportunities with Santa, Yummie and Frosty. **Advance registration is required for both experiences.** Call 1-800-732-3538 for pricing, reservations and varied seating times.

On Saturdays from November 24th through December 22nd visitors can take advantage of candy-making demonstrations while strolling carolers and brass bands spread holiday cheer! Guests can roast marshmallows to make s'mores, sample hot cider, decorate a cookie and much more!

Abundant treasures at the more than 42 village shops offer gift opportunities to complete every wish list. Wares include PA Dutch favorites like music boxes, hand-crafted quilts, fresh-baked cookies and pies, estate wine, and tasty jams and relishes. And there are national brands like Ugg boots, Brighton handbags and jewelry, Pandora bracelets, Vera Bradley bags, and more!

Located in the beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch countryside, Kitchen Kettle Village has been entertaining visitors from all over the world for more than 60 years. With 42 unique specialty shops, 8 delicious restaurants and eateries, charming lodging, and of course, the famous Jam and Relish Kitchen, guests can watch local farm women putting up over 90 original recipes of jams, jellies, and relishes in large open kettles, take a carriage ride, or enjoy the free seasonal Festivals and year-round family events. Conveniently located on Rte. 340 in the Village of Intercourse, Pennsylvania (10 miles east of Lancaster and less than 2 hours from Philadelphia and Baltimore), Kitchen Kettle Village is the ideal destination for the guest who wants a tasty and authentic Village experience. For more information, please visit kitchenkettle.com or call (800) 732-3538 or (717) 768-8261.

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