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"Go A Little Overboard"

Explore Cultural Celebrations and Family Fun at Navy Pier This Season

Start the Year at Navy Pier with Educational, Fun Programming and Entertainment for All Ages

Chicago - Explore educational, entertaining and cultural celebrations for visitors of all ages. Embrace the diversity of the city with activities and performances taking place at Navy Pier January through April 2010. Escape the cold this winter and catch up on some fun!

Toddlin' Thursdays, Presented by Bank of America

Jan. 28 – April 8, 2010: 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Come to play and stay all day with **Toddlin' Thursdays Presented by Bank of America**. Every Thursday this season, the Family Pavilion Stage at Navy Pier is reserved for all toddlers to gaze and be amazed by an exciting entertainment lineup. Chicago's most talented, professional children's entertainers and educators will delight toddlers with special programs and live performances, including popular television characters. These acts are created specifically to provide creative, interactive and colorful fun that engages children to think, learn, sing, play and laugh.

Family Fun Days at Navy Pier

Jan. 30 – April 25, 2010

Navy Pier has planned to take the chill out of winter with entertainment that will warm your heart and fill your calendar with **Family Fun Days!** Plan a play date with us and every member of your family! Enjoy quality time together with gospel choirs, holiday & cultural celebrations, variety shows, dancing, cooking demos, sports clinics and special appearances! For events dates & times, visit www.navypier.com.

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Black History Month – “Perseverance & Persistence: An Exhibition of Pride”

Feb. 1 – 28, 2010

Experience the successes of pop icon *Michael Jackson* at the learning lab in the Crystal Gardens as **Navy Pier commemorates Black History Month** with a specially-themed, month-long exhibit entitled, “*Perseverance & Persistence: An Exhibition of Pride.*” The showcase is open to the public daily in February.

This walk-through gallery experience, located in Navy Pier’s Crystal Gardens, highlights the achievements of notable African-Americans in various fields, including math, science, film, literature, politics, diplomacy, education, sports and more.

Chinese New Year at Navy Pier

Sunday, Feb. 14: 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the **Chinese New Year** with the Chinese Fine Arts Society at Navy Pier. A festival of performances, including Chinese Lion Dancers, music, martial arts demonstrations, folk dance, calligraphy, arts and crafts and more, will honor the “Year of the Tiger.” Since Feb. 14 is also Valentine’s Day, there will be love-inspired routines for all ages. Audiences are welcome to participate in a variety of activities to celebrate a new beginning in a new year!

Polish Pride Celebration at Navy Pier

Sunday, Feb. 28: noon – 6 p.m.

Celebrate Poland on the day before Pulaski Day. Guests can enjoy a celebratory day full of music, dance and food. Chicago is home to the largest Polish population outside of Warsaw, the capital of Poland! Experience the culture of Poland with a variety of entertainment, including Polish folk dancers, choral groups and many other aspects of Chicago’s rich Polish heritage.

Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier

March 6 – 14, 2010: Times vary daily.

The ***Chicago Flower and Garden Show*** returns for yet another great year at Navy Pier. Guests will be inspired by the new themed gardens and will participate in interactive, educational seminars and workshops! Returning this year is the popular vendor Marketplace, filled with fantastic products and services for all of your gardening needs. Highlights at the show include: *Feature Gardens, Tablesapes, Marketplace, Garden Gourmet, Educational Seminars, Kids Activity Garden, Horticulture Competitions, New Plant Varieties* and more. For additional information please refer to www.chicagoflower.com.

There is entertainment for all ages at Navy Pier. Chicagoans, suburban residents and travelers from around the world are thrilled when they explore the many facets and treasures of Chicago’s lakefront playground. For additional information and event listing, call 312.595.PIER. Outside the Chicagoland area, call 800.595.PIER or visit our website at www.navypier.com.

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