The largest LGBTQ pride event in the Rocky Mountain region!

Estimated Festival & Parade Attendance: 525,000
Parade Participation: 239 entries
PRIDE 5K 1618 runners

The Mile High City was dressed up in rainbow flags and good will as The Center on Colfax produced the Rocky Mountain region’s largest annual celebration of LGBTQ pride, June 15 & 16, 2019.

The 2019 celebration was special as Denver Pride joined the worldwide celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, considered by many to be the start of the contemporary LGBTQ civil rights movement.

An estimated 525,000 people attended the two-day festival at Denver’s Civic Center Park. The Coors Light Denver Pride Parade marched proudly down Colfax Avenue on Sunday morning entertaining throngs of onlookers with our largest parade yet — 239 entries! And the PRIDE 5K doubled in size from previous years; a record 1618 runners kicked off PrideFest weekend in support of The Center.

Proceeds from Denver Pride go to The Center on Colfax, a non-profit organization serving Colorado’s LGBTQ community with year-round services for youth, older adults and the transgender community as well as training and legal services.

We thank you for your support of this important annual community celebration that makes The Center’s work possible.

With appreciation,
Rex Fuller
Vice President of Communication & Corporate Giving
The Center on Colfax • lgbtqcolorado.org

Thank you for your support of Denver Pride
Thank you to our 2019 Sponsors!

2019 Denver Pride Sponsors

2019 PRIDE 5K Sponsors
Kicking off Denver Pride on the Right Foot!
Saturday, June 15, 2019

The PRIDE 5K was a star performer in 2019! Doubling in size, the race attracted 1618 runners for a healthy and fun way to kick off Denver PrideFest weekend. As runners registered for the race, follow-up communications featured sponsors. Runners also received “virtual goodie bags,” including offers and incentives provided by sponsors that could be redeemed online. Runners gathered at the State Capitol, interacting with sponsors before the race kicked off. Running from the Capitol to Cheesman Park and back, runners saw Gold Sponsor banners along the route. Top fundraising teams and fastest individual finishers received awards before heading off to enjoy the festival. Sponsors were included in pre- and post-race acknowledgments and activations. Many sponsors used the PRIDE 5K as an opportunity to engage employees by assembling teams, such as Visa whose team included 100 employees. Gates Corporate Executive Vice President Jamey Seely presented the award for the top individual fund-raiser, a custom bicycle featuring the Gates Carbon Drive.

Awards

Fastest Finishers by Age

Top Individual Fund-raisers
- 1st Place: Gates Bicycle with Carbon Drive, 2 VIP Tickets to Denver PrideFest, Invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax, award
- 2nd Place: Runners Roost Gift Certificate, Invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax, award
- 3rd Place: Runners Roost Gift Certificate, Invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax, award

Top Youth Fundraising Team
- Award and invitations to four youth-friendly events including outings to Alamo Draft House and Waterworld

Top Corporate Fundraising Teams
- 1st Place: Award, team invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax, Voodoo Dough-nuts Gift Certificate
- 2nd Place: Award, team invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax
- 3rd Place: Award, team invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax

Top Community Fundraising Teams
- 1st Place: Award, team invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax, French for Sugar Gift Certificate
- 2nd Place: Award, team invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax
- 3rd Place: Award, team invitation to Rooftop Happy Hour at The Center on Colfax

Participants by City

Participants by Age

1618 Runners
# Website Performance

## 2019 Web Statistics
May 1 through June 26, 2019

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Thank You, Colorado!
Over 625,000 people from across the Rocky Mountains joined the Denver Pride Parade and Denver PrideFest. It was a beautiful way to celebrate love and our history, our struggle and our hope.

The weekend officially began Saturday morning, when our giant rainbow flag hanging from the Colorado State Capitol was the largest we’ve ever seen in Denver, with over 300 volunteers flying it from the Capitol Rotunda.

Head over to our blog to check out more highlights from the event!

It’s Here! Denver Pride Week is Underway!

Here’s your guide to all of the Official Denver Pride events. Please check our event calendar on our website for all event dates and times. To find out more visit our website.

Official Denver Pride T-Shirts Now on Sale

We are now less than one month away from Denver Pride 2019! (Can we get a “yes queen?”)

Speaking of “official,” this year’s official Denver Pride merchandise is in from Best of the Rockies and we are LOVING all of the designs they’ve created! They’ve got hoodies, t-shirts, tank tops and even hosiery, all available to help you get into the Denver Pride spirit. Because 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, we’re featuring a commemorative Stonewall 50 logo that has also been added to this year’s lineup.

Stonewall 50: Conversations That Spark

The Center on Colfax is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and all year long with a series of events, exhibits, art shows, and community discussions. Join us for these community discussions on issues impacting the LGBTQ community.

* Arts & Activism in the LGBTQ Community
  Wednesday, May 29, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

* Police & the LGBTQ Community
  Tuesday, June 4, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Thank You Denver Pride Parade & PrideFest!
Group Report

May 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

Included in this Report

@The Center On Colfax
@Denver Pride
@The Center On Colfax
Group Activity Overview

- Impressions: 1.4m
- Engagements: 40.9k
- Link Clicks: 15.3k

Group Audience Growth

FOLLOWERS GAINED, BY DAY

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Total followers increased by 11.2% since previous date range.
Group Message Volumes

MESSAGES PER DAY

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Sent Messages

- **Twitter Tweets and DMs Sent**: 308, **140.6%** change
- **Facebook Posts Sent**: 219, **93.8%** change
- **Instagram Messages Sent**: 10, **100%** change
- **Total Messages Sent**: 537, **122.8%** change

Received Messages

- **Twitter Messages Received**: 194, **113.2%** change
- **Facebook Messages Received**: 3,939, **2,204%** change
- **Instagram Comments Received**: 8, **100%** change
- **Total Messages Received**: 4,141, **1,481%** change

Message volume increased by **122.8%** since previous date range

Message volume increased by **1,481%** since previous date range
Group Impressions

**IMPRESSIONS PER DAY**

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**Impressions Metrics**

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Total Impressions increased by **425.1%** since previous date range.
Group Engagement

**ENGAGEMENTS PER DAY**

![Graph showing engagement per day from May 1 to June 30.]

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The number of engagements increased by **951.6%** since previous date range.

Group Stats by Profile/Page

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2019 Denver PrideFest Media Coverage
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50.4K
SOCIAL SHARES:

50
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432
YOUTUBE VIEWS:

77
AVERAGE DOMAIN AUTHORITY:
PHOTOS: 2019 Denver PrideFest brings rainbows, sunshine and Yve Oddity downtown

Pride parade sees impressive turnout, record float entries

Civic Center Park art highlights history of gay rights movement

PrideFest wins over a corporate partner. Now, can companies take a stance? PRIDEFEST 2019, June 20, 2019

2019 DENVER PRIDEFEST MEDIA COVERAGE

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The Denver Post

"We’ve come a long way": Thousands gather at Denver Pride Parade

The Center on Colfax announces line-up for Denver PrideFest 2019

The Denver Post
Debra Pollock, Mardi Moore, Jason Marsden guest opinion: The way to show people that you love them

By DEBRA POLLOCK, MARDI MOORE, JASON MARDSEN
PUBLISHED: June 21, 2019 at 10:25 am | UPDATED: June 21, 2019 at 11:03 am

On June 15 and 16, hundreds of thousands of people united at Denver PrideFest in an incredible display of diversity to celebrate the significant progress that the LGBTQ community has made since the Stonewall Riots, the historic events that sparked the LGBTQ civil rights movement 50 years ago. The celebration of diversity continues at Longmont Pride on Saturday.

So, it was with great sadness that during Pride Month we got a vivid reminder that in spite of the past five decades of progress, our...
DU Field Notes: Denver's Best Parks

Feature • In the Community • June 20, 2019

In this new summer series we’re setting out to discover the surrounding world outside our campus walls, exploring Denver and the near-beyond.

Colorado is famed for having more than 300 days of sunshine in any given year. And Denver, with more than 200 parks within city limits, offers an outdoor destination for nearly every one of them.

The city is blanketed with more than 5,000 acres of park space too diverse to capture in a few words. Some are near, some are far. Some are big, some are little. Some are tranquil, some are vibrant with city life.

All provide free fresh air, green grass and sunshine. Many of them also provide those...
Photos: 50 years of Pride at Denver’s PrideFest

From June 15 to June 16, Denver saw thousands gather in Civic Center Park for the 44th annual PrideFest celebration. Denver PrideFest is the biggest Pride celebration in Colorado, drawing 425,000 attendees and 415 volunteers in 2018.
PHOTOS: 2019 Denver PrideFest brings rainbows, sunshine and Yvie Oddly downtown

By Helen H. Richardson, The Denver Post - Jun 16, 2019, 6:52 pm

Jordin Holbrook, with One Colorado, spins a hula hoop as he takes part in the Denver Pride Parade on June 16 in Denver. (Helen H. Richardson, The Denver Post)

This year’s PrideFest was a two-day festival that featured the Denver Pride Parade, live entertainment on three stages in Civic Center park, and more than 200 exhibitors. Since 1990, Denver PrideFest has grown into the largest celebration of LGBTQ pride in the area.
The most colorful weekend in Denver did not disappoint when it came to the style on the streets. Denver held its Annual PrideFest this weekend and Civic Center Park had events happening all of Saturday and Sunday, from a 5k run to the Coors Light Pride Parade. The streets flooding with bright clothing, glitter and rainbows were nothing less than vibrant. Though everyone looked fabulous head to toe, here are some of our favorite looks from this year's Denver PrideFest.

Saturday, June 15
DENVER -- Thousands packed downtown Denver on Saturday morning to attend the annual Pride Parade, which starts at Cheesman Park. "It's very electric, just a very entertaining great time," Larry Snider of Aurora said. "I'm here to support my stepson and his husband."

Organizers say this year is the 44th PrideFest, a weekend long celebration of LGBTQ pride; this year's parade is the biggest Pride Parade for Denver yet - with more than 240 float entries, according to organizers.

"I'm from Ohio," attendee Jasmine Kellom said. "This is really, really big. A lot of people."

Colorado Governor Jared Polis, who is the first openly gay male governor, served as a Grand Marshal, alongside several others, including Brianna Erickson, actress and television personality from "Teen Mom 2."
CHEER Colorado Champions Local LGBTQ Community

BY DANIELLE LIRETTE  
MIDNIGHT JUNE 17, 2019 AT 11:47 PM

CHEER Colorado (CCO) is a nonprofit squad of volunteer adult cheerleaders that raises money for local LGBTQ organizations through performances and fundraisers. This year’s beneficiary is Rainbow Alley, a safe space for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 11 to 21.

CHEER Colorado, an adult cheer team in Denver, does stunts and performs to raise money for local LGBTQ charities. Weeks of hard work this spring, both in fundraising and practicing, paid off during Denver’s PrideFest weekend. the beneficiary of the group’s efforts was Rainbow Alley, a safe space for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 11 to 21.

Visit CHEER Colorado’s Facebook page for performance videos.
Top Denver news: PrideFest draws huge crowds; local Bishop recognized as LGBTQ change-maker; more

Missed the most recent top news in Denver? Read on for everything you need to know.

**After multiple tragedies, how Colorado schools are securing the classroom**

School shootings have become a tragic reality of modern American life. How can school administrators prepare for the worst-case scenario?

Read the full story on PBS.

**Denver based Bishop receives national recognition as LGBTQ change-maker**

NBC named the first openly lesbian Bishop in United Methodist Church to its #PRIDES0 list.
The 21 Best Events in Denver, June 17-23, 2019

Here comes summer! Denver’s hottest season starts this week, and the calendar’s packed with cool events to enjoy in the months ahead. But don’t wait for the solstice to get out and about. The Outdoor Retailer Summer Market returns to the Mile High City June 17 through 20, bringing movies, demos, concerts and other activities; no sooner does it leave than SeriesFest begins. And there’s plenty more to do in and around Denver; here are the 21 best events in the week ahead.

Monday, June 17

If history is told by the victors, what happens to the stories of the marginalized, the oppressed? State Historian and author Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel will attempt to answer that question during “Rethinking Colorado’s Native American History,” a lecture he’ll...
PrideFest was once a corporate pariah. Now, companies vie to show their support.

Most people were pretty chill after craft brewers were barred from participating in the annual parade, but the issue raises questions about corporate participation in an event grounded in activism.

In the weeks leading up to Denver’s PrideFest, news broke that craft breweries would not be allowed to sponsor a float in the annual parade. The reason was the contract between the GLBT Community Center of Colorado, which organizes the event, and Coors Brewing Company, which has sponsored it for two decades. The brewing giant stipulated that they are the only company allowed to promote beer in the massive celebration.

People reacted to the matter, and it became controversial online. But Call To Arms Brewing co-owner Chris Bell, who helped organize a private parade a day prior, said it wasn’t such a big deal.
“We’ve come a long way”: Thousands gather at Denver Pride Parade

This year’s parade marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots
DENVER (CBS4) — More brands than ever are showing their pride, despite the risk of losing customers whose values don't align with the LGBTQ+ community. Boulder-based Bobo's Oat Bars was one of many businesses that showed support at Denver's PrideFest Sunday.
Thousands gather for Denver Pride Parade led by governor

DENVER (AP) - Thousands of people turned out for the Denver Pride Parade on Sunday.

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, the nation's first openly gay governor, and his partner, Marlon Reis, served as grand marshals along with Colorado's first transgender state legislator, Brianna Titone, Out Boulder executive director Mardi Moore and drag performer Peppermint.

The parade headed past the state Capitol decorated with a rainbow flag with the Colorado state logo on it.

The parade was part of a weekend long PrideFest and marked the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York City. The Denver Post reports that festival organizers expect attendance this year to exceed last year's estimated crowd of 425,000.
DENVER (CBS4) – Every June when the weather warms up, Pride Month kicks off in Denver. Joe Lee who came out to the festival Saturday says, "It’s a judgement free safe space for everybody."

Pride was created to promote love and acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community in America and commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Riots.
Denver Pride Parade Arrives at Civic Center Park

By Miles Chrisinger  Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 6:11 PM

On June 16, the second day of Denver PrideFest, the Pride Parade marched from Cheesman Park to Civic Center Park, where the celebration continued.
Strong faith, finance and love: How these 'people of Pride' are making LGBTQ life better in Colorado


By: Jeff Anastasio

Denver7, a proud sponsor of PrideFest 2019, is featuring leaders in the LGBTQ community in Colorado who are helping to make life better and more meaningful. From building stronger faith, family and finances to giving a voice to the marginalized, these 'People of
Denver PrideFest 2019: largest celebration of LGBTQ pride in the Rocky Mountain region this weekend

By The Gazette and 9News  Jun 15, 2019 Updated Jun 15, 2019

Civic Center and downtown Denver will fill with LGBTQ rainbow colors Saturday and Sunday for the Denver PrideFest.

The festival includes three stages of entertainment, more than 200 vendors, food, a Pride 5K and the Coors Light Denver Pride Parade.

Since 1990, Denver PrideFest has grown into the largest celebration of LGBTQ pride in the Rocky Mountain region. This year’s festival will commemorate the 1969 riots at the historic Stonewall Inn in New York City, regarded by many as the beginning of the contemporary LGBTQ civil rights movement. More info: denverpride.org.

Read more at 9news.com.
DENVER (CBS4) – Thousands made their way to Civic Center Park for the kickoff of Pride. The event serves as a weekend for members of the LGBTQ community to come together to celebrate.

Denver Pride started with a 5k run. Those who signed up paid an entry fee which goes to "The Center" on Colfax Avenue which helps provide support and services to the LGBTQ community.
Over the Rainbow: PrideFest Returns to Denver

BY MILES CHRISINGER

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 AT 4:04 PM.

PrideFest 2019, which kicked off June 15 in Civic Center Park, has particular resonance this year, since it commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of Stonewall. The celebration continues on June 16, starting at 9:30 a.m. with the Pride Parade, which will march from Cheesman to Civic Center Park.
DENVER – Thousands of people will converge in downtown Denver this weekend for one of the biggest Pride celebrations in the West.

RELATED: 7 best things to do in Colorado this Father's Day weekend
Gay Flamingos Lance Bass And Freddie Mercury Couple Up In Denver Zoo

What do you get when you mix NSYNC with Queen? Probably a very strange combination of pop rock which, to be quite honest, I’d be fully here for.

When you mix Freddie Mercury and Lance Bass though, you apparently get two gay flamingos who are madly in love. Well, if you’re at Denver Zoo that is.

The Colorado zoo houses the two same-sex birds and say they have been a couple for a total of five years, which is no small feat considering NSYNC only lasted seven.
On 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, the Denver LGBTQ community reflects on the moment that “blew open the doors”

The Stonewall riots inspired Denver’s 1973 gay revolt, leading the city to abolish anti-gay laws

By CARINA JULIG | cjulig@denverpost.com | The Denver Post
PUBLISHED: June 14, 2019 at 6:06 am | UPDATED: June 14, 2019 at 12:28 pm
Yvie Oddly on winning “RuPaul’s Drag Race” just before Denver PrideFest

The drag queen will also host a June 14 Drag Nation show at Tracks

By John Wenzel · Jun 14, 2019, 8:56 am

Denver-based drag queen Yvie Oddly, who won “RuPaul’s Drag Race” Season 11 on May 30, will headline Denver PrideFest at Civic Center park on Sunday. (Provided by Voss Events)

“Unless they had higher-up connects than me,” Oddly said with a laugh. According to Oddly, her new role means more opportunities to perform. Since her drag debut at 16 years old, Oddly has always prepared to shock and awe. “I love shock,” she said. “I love being able to shock these judges.”

The Denver Post
Pride flag flown from the Colorado Capitol for the first time

DENVER — For the first time, a Pride flag will be flown outside the Colorado Capitol – across the street from the park where thousands of people will celebrate the LGBTQ community this weekend.

The Pride flag is being flown under the administration of Jared Polis, Colorado’s first openly gay governor. It was hoisted above the steps Friday morning, and has a little Colorado flare with a state logo at the center. 

Polis said PrideFest is part of the reason why his administration chose to fly the flag.

Denver PrideFest 2019: largest celebration of LGBTQ pride in the Rocky Mountain region this weekend
What you need to know for Denver PrideFest this weekend

Be prepared for this weekend's parade and festival

By Carina Julig - Jun 14, 2019, 6:00 am

Dominic Garza sporting Pride glasses at the Denver PrideFest inside Civic Center Park
June 16, 2018. (Andy Cross/The Denver Post)

Denver PrideFest will bring thousands of people downtown this weekend for a rainbow-filled celebration. Here's what you need...
The Best Concerts in Denver This Weekend

Westword Staff | June 14, 2019 | 5:55 AM

Denver PrideFest, which is on Saturday and Sunday, includes music and entertainment from Todrick Hall, Wheelchair Sports Camp, Lady Bunny, Peppermint and Yvie Oddly. Anderson .Paak & the Free Nationals headline Red Rocks Amphitheater tonight, while Empire of the Sun plays a three-night stand at the Ogden Theatre. Also on tap this weekend are Electric Funeral Fest IV at hi-dive and 3 Kings Tavern, Dressy Bessy at Lion's Lair for two nights and Tacocat at Larimer Lounge. Here's our full list of this weekend's picks:

- Celebrating 25 Years Of Bringing Families Together On Vacation
- Expedia Resorts

Recommended For You
- Vtech Theater the Focus of Headlined License Hearing

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Monthly Visits: 1.46M
Coverage Views: 5.13K
Domain Authority: 75

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Empire Of The Sun - Way To Go (Official Vi...
Zoo shares the story of same-sex flamingo couple Lance Bass and Freddie Mercury

DENVER — The bands *NSYNC and Queen might not have a lot of crossover in the music world, but they do at the Denver Zoo where two same-sex flamingos -- named Lance Bass and Freddie Mercury -- share a love story.

On Tuesday, four days before the start of Denver PrideFest celebrating the city’s LGBTQ community, the Denver Zoo shared a post on Facebook about the two...
DENVER -- Pride festivities are underway in the Mile High City. June marks 50 years since the Stonewall riots in New York City, representing the start of America's modern-day gay rights movement. That history inspired Denver-area artist Lonnie Hanzon to create a public display that celebrates Gay Pride history.

Hanzon is in his fifth year of working with other artists to create public art for Denver Pride. This year, his installation will focus on where we've come as a society.
DENVER – Every weekend, Denver7 compiles a list of some fun events you might enjoy. Here are our picks for the 7 best things to do in the Denver metro area and beyond this weekend.

1. Two-step it at the Country Jam Music Festival
What: Country Jam is a four-day country music festival featuring the biggest names in country music on multiple stages, surrounded by Colorado’s awe-inspiring red rock landscape. Little Big Town, Willie Jones, Sam Hunt, Morgan Myles and more
Marlon Reis is finding his voice as Colorado’s first gentleman

Gov. Jared Polis’ partner has taken up the causes of animal welfare, the environment and civil rights, especially for the LGBTQ community.

First gentleman Marlon Reis is applauded by partner Gov. Jared Polis and supporters during a signing for two LGBTQ bills on Friday, May 31, 2019. One bans the use of conversion therapy on minors in Colorado. The other simplifies the process of obtaining new documents when transgender persons transition.

By NIC GARCIA | ngarcia@denverpost.com | The Denver Post
17 things to do at Denver PrideFest, from drag queen brunch to block parties

Celebrate Pride 2019 with mimosas, rainbows and a 5K

By Danika Worthington · Jun 12, 2019, 9:52 am

Ben Shettsline struts his stuff across broadway at W. Irvington Pl. on a newly painted Broadway Rainbow Crosswalk during the annual Crosswalk Walk-Off June 15, 2018. Buffalo Exchange Colorado, the Baker Broadway Merchant Association and Denver Councilman Jolon Clark worked to raise $25,000 for two rainbow crosswalks at the intersection that hosts the annual Crosswalk Walk-Off in celebration of Denver PrideFest. (Andy Cross/The Denver Post)
Fifteen Ways to Celebrate Denver Pride 2019

This month marks the fiftieth anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall riots, the protests that catapulted the American LGBTQ-rights movement into the public eye. Fifty years later, Pride is important as ever. From parties and parades to comedy shows and races, Denver Pride 2019 has something for everyone, whether you are part of the LGBTQ community or an ally. Check out our list of the best Denver Pride events happening this week.
The Pride Resource Center is hosting Safe Zone training sessions this summer to help CSU faculty and staff learn ways to support the LGBTQ community.

Colorado State University's Pride Resource Center is offering faculty and staff summer training sessions to help them support LGBTQ communities on campus and beyond.
DENVER (CBS4) - With just a few days before Denver’s PrideFest celebrations, the Denver Zoo is sharing the love story of a same-sex pair in their flock. The flamboyant flamingos are named after two LGBTQ+ icons — *NSYNC band member Lance Bass and Queen frontman Freddie Mercury.
DENVER – Gay pride commemorates the legacy left behind following the 1969 Stonewall Inn riots in New York while raising awareness of the fight still ahead, but this year will be particularly poignant given it’s the 50th anniversary of the spontaneous and violent confrontations that sparked the LGBT+ civil rights movement.

While the Mile High City is recognized as one of the top 10 pride events in the country, it isn’t the only one taking place in Colorado. Here are all the events where
Denver Nuggets Participe in the 2019 Denver Pride Weekend

Join the Denver Nuggets as they participate in the 2019 Denver Pride Weekend!

Denver Pride Weekend 2019:

Day 1:
Stop by the Denver Nuggets tent for the chance to win pride themed swag and much more!

When: June 15th from 11am-7pm
Where: Civic Center Park
DENVER PRIDEFEST AND 31 THINGS TO DO IN DENVER THIS WEEK

Monday, June 10

The Princess Bride
How to Be Proud in Denver This Weekend

From the PrideFest parade to a drag-queen led tour of the Denver Zoo, here are some of the most fabulous LGBTQ events happening in Denver this weekend.

BY KIM HADDE | JUNE 10, 2019

Every June, Denver swells with pride as a myriad of events celebrating LGBTQ residents and culture take place across the city. This year, there’s extra cause for commemoration, as it’s the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots (a response to the police raid of the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village in 1969, which became a momentous turning point in the gay rights movement). Organizers of PrideFest, the city’s weekend-long festival put on by the Center on Colfax, a nonprofit organization that supports the LGBTQ community, are expecting one of the biggest turnouts yet,
After D.C. Pride panic, organizers urge Denver Pride attendees not to worry

Denver Pride will have a triple layer of security

People cheer and wave flags during the Denver Pride Parade along Colfax Ave. on June 17, 2018 in Denver. The big, bright and beautiful Denver Pride Parade wound its way down Colfax on Sunday morning to celebrate the LGBTQ community.
Get outside and explore Colorado festivals this weekend. Whether you're traveling, a local, or new to the Centennial State, you're sure to have a fun-filled weekend at one of the many festivals and events happening in Colorado. Here's a look at a few of our favorite events kicking off in Colorado this weekend, June 14-16, 2019.
Colorado overflows with festivals in the summer. Looking for high adventure? Culture? Diversity? Art? From the high country to city streets, this state has it all. You can get to know your neighbors, get to know your world. Get wet, get wild.

Here are ten ways to get wet and wild this summer.

**FIBArk Whitewater Festival**
June 13-16
Hundreds of Things to Do Around Colorado This Summer

Westword Staff | JUNE 7, 2019 | 8:15AM

Hot times, summer in the city...and all around Colorado.

Denver reportedly has 300 days of sunshine a year, and sometimes it seems like they’re all packed into the three months of summer. Whether you’re heading off on a long trip into the mountains or just a quick jaunt around town, the days ahead look bright with promise.

For our annual Summer guide, we compiled a list of hundreds of festivals, runs, shows and other activities in Denver and throughout the state this summer. Check our Ongoing section to get a jump on events that run through the summer, then continue on for our week-by-week listings, starting in early June and running through the week of September 26.

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ONGOING EVENTS
72nd Annual Juried Art Show: Through August 2, free, Gilpin County Arts Association, 117 Eureka Street, Central City, 303-582-5952, gilpincountyartsassociation.org.

72nd Annual Members Art Show: Opening reception August 17, 5-8 p.m. August 17-September 20, free, Gilpin County Arts Association, 117 Eureka Street, Central City, 303-582-5952, gilpincountyartsassociation.org.

Animalia: The animal kingdom is an evergreen subject for artists, as this group show proves. Opening reception August 10, 6 to 8 p.m. August 10-31, free admission, Abend Gallery, 142 Wazee Street, 303-383-0950, abendgallery.com.

Arvada Center Summer Camps: The Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities presents a slate of summer camps through August 9-15, 2019.
The Spot: What the heck does “local control” even mean?

Plus: Recall supporters set up shop, U.S. Senate candidates to gather and Gov. Jared Polis will be a grand marshal at Pride parade

Representative Dominique Jackson and Senator Aneela Williams Hieh five after Governor of Colorado Jared
Pride month is here. Which means we're poised to experience a month's worth of great block parties and parades meant to elevate, celebrate, and support LGBTQ+ communities worldwide. 2019 marks 50 years since the Stonewall Riots, the unofficial beginning of the fight for LGBTQ+ rights and equality in America, so this year's celebrations are poised to be even bigger than ever before. Over the past five decades, Pride marches have spread from New York City to San Francisco, which means you're sure to be absolutely spoiled for choices no matter where you live.
For this past weekend's PrideFest, which drew hundreds of thousands of people to downtown Denver, festival organizers had to map out a comprehensive plan to prepare for a variety of emergencies and safety issues.
Bobo’s Launches Pride Bar in Partnership with The Center on Colfax

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The Limited-Edition Lemon Poppyseed Pride Bar, Bobo’s Oat Bars

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Denver native Yvie Oddly becomes first Coloradan to win “RuPaul’s Drag Race”

The drag performer is known for shocking her audiences.
33 FASHION EVENTS TO ATTEND THIS JUNE

Mother nature fooled us a couple of times with snowstorms after 70-degree sunny days — hey, that’s Denver — but summer is finally here. We waited patiently for these longer sunny days and warm nights outdoors so break out your shorts, maxi-dresses and sandals. June celebrates fathers, Denver PrideFest and the first official day of summer. Our fashion-conscious city has plenty of fun opportunities this month with themed fashion shows, new markets, beauty and jewelry classes and designer trunk shows. Fashion enthusiasts, here are 33 ways to spend June in style.

Marilyn and Mimosas – Marilyn Monroe’s Birthday Bash
FirstBank and Rio Grande Youth During Pride

FirstBank to Donate to Rainbow Alley for Every Horseshoe Drink Sold

LAPENGO, Colo., May 30, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) —

FirstBank, one of the nation's largest privately held banks with a focus on “banking for good,” is teaming up with Colorado's Favorite "To-Mo-sary" the Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant to benefit Rainbow Alley, a safe space and support program for LGBTQ youth.

During Pride Month (June 1 – June 30, 2019), FirstBank will donate $3 to Rainbow Alley for each Horseshoe drink purchased at the following Rio Grande locations:

- Denver: 1626 Blake Street
- Boulder: 1101 Walnut Street
- Lone Tree: 9835 Park Meadows Drive

"We want to build a more diverse and inclusive Colorado, and help all communities, including our LGBTQ community, thrive," said Jim Seder, CEO of FirstBank. "LGBTQ youth often face obstacles, and Rainbow Alley provides much-needed services, from support groups, counseling to health programs. We're proud to not only help a life-changing cause, but help our business community, too, by partnering with a beloved Colorado grown restaurant."

In previous years, the bank partnered with local businesses, including gourmet popsicle purveyors, Slurpies, and Denver's favorite ice creamery, Ulli Minn's Dolci, to create specialty treats to benefit the LGBTQ youth focused nonprofit. This represents the first year FirstBank is expanding the promotion outside Denver and hosting it for an entire month.

With a very diverse staff of over 700 employees at Rio Grande Mexican Restaurants, this is a perfect fit for us and our shared values to support a more inclusive Colorado," said Jason Barnat, CEO of Rio Grande.

"We're so thrilled that two community-minded companies are joining forces to support our youth," said Karen McSherry, Director of Development for The Center, an LGBTQ nonprofit and community center which runs the Rainbow Alley program. "It's organizations like FirstBank that enable us to provide resources needed to advance the nearly 50,000 LGBTQ individuals here, and make a positive difference in their lives."

More than one hundred FirstBank employees will also be participating in PrideFest, the largest LGBTQ celebration in the Rocky Mountain region. On Sunday, June 16, from 6-11 a.m. outside Rite Bite, Cafe Arg, FirstBank will be giving out finest local rainbow view cones, Mile High City Sliders and other goodies.

"This event is one of many that FirstBank participates in which reflects the organization's companywide mantra of "Banking for good" — a long-term philosophy to always do what's right for customers, communities and employees. To learn more about "Banking for good" visit https://www.firstbank.com/bankingforgood.

About FirstBank

FirstBank began providing banking services in Colorado in 1963. Today, the bank maintains more than $19 billion in assets and operates more than 115 branch locations across Colorado, Arizona and California. FirstBank offers a variety of checking accounts, savings accounts, home equity loans, mortgages, and a full range of commercial banking services, including lending, treasury management and deposit accounts. Since 2000, FirstBank has been recognized as a leader in corporate philanthropy, contributing more than $50 million and thousands of volunteer hours to charitable organizations. This company is also unique in that a large portion of its stock is owned by management and employees, giving all employees a financial stake in the bank’s success through its Employee Stock Ownership Program. For more information, visit www.firstbank.com.

About the Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant

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Bobo’s Celebrates Colorado’s LGBTQ Community in Partnership with The Center on Colfax

The Boulder-Based LGBTQ Corporate Supporter Releases the “Pride Bar” to Spread Love and Raise Awareness

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ABOUT BOBO’S:
Bobo’s has been making products where people feel like family with fresh-baked, wholesome and homemade snacks and housemade cut bars since 2009 when Bobo and her mother decided to do something special in their Boulder, CO kitchen. Years later, every oven-filled Bobo’s treat is still made with all-natural, organic and community-sourced ingredients. Bobo’s can be found in natural and conventional grocery stores around the country or learn more about how we bake like you are family at www.bobos.com

ABOUT THE CENTER ON COLFAX:
The Center on Colfax opened in 1976 has grown to become the largest LGBTQ community...
On the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, where to celebrate Pride across the U.S.

NEW YORK. — There was nothing terribly unusual about the cops showing up that night 50 years ago at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar on Christopher Street in New York’s Greenwich Village. Police raided gay bars in that era all the time.

But this time was different. This time, in the predawn hours of June 28, 1969, hundreds of people from the LGBTQ community fought back. They threw everything from pennies to bottles and bricks, and they kept the protests going for days. A month later, a “Gay Power” demonstration took place in Washington Square Park. And a year later, on the last Sunday in June of 1970, a march was held to honor the Stonewall riots as the birth of the gay liberation movement.
Pride Around the USA

Katie Burkholder  May 23, 2019 2:15 pm  Culture, Today in Gay Atlanta, Travel

Want to flaunt your pride somewhere other than home but don’t want to cross country lines? These Pride celebrations across the country are perfect for those who want to get some traveling in without having to grab their passport!

Northeastern Prides

Provincetown, MA: May 31- June 2

Head up to P-town to experience the top-booked Pride celebration in the country this year, according to Orbitz. Take a ride on the official Provincetown Pride Ferry, get down at one of many Pride parties held throughout the weekend, and get a look at the “Global Rainbow,” an art installation that projects colored rays of laser lights across the sky, seen for up to 20 miles. More information: Provincetown Pride

Washington, DC: May 31- June 9

Celebrate Pride from the nation’s capital! Take part in a number of fun-filled events, including parties, a brunch, parade, festival, and concert. The parade will take place on June 8 in front of the Capitol, making it a great place to both celebrate your identity while also satisfying your touristic urges. More information: CapitalPride.org/Celebration-2019/
DENVER – It’s been nearly 50 years since spontaneous demonstrations and violent confrontations with police at the Stonewall Inn in New York changed the political landscape for the LGBT+ community across the nation. During PrideFest this year, Denver will honor the activism that grew out of those riots with a series of events and art installations throughout the month of June and beyond.

The Center on Colfax, one of the state’s oldest LGBTQ organizations and the annual
Lil Wayne, Blink-182, GRiZ, Wu Tang Clan and more Denver concerts on sale this week

By John Wenzel · May 8, 2019, 3:56 pm

Rapper Lil Wayne and Blink-182 will play a series of co-headlining dates at large venues this summer, including in Denver. The hip-hop star and influential pop-punk act preceded their 38-city tour announcement Monday by releasing a mashup performance of the Lil Wayne hit “A Milli” and Blink-182’s “What’s My Age Again” on YouTube. Tickets for their Sept. 4 concert at the Pepsi Center are on sale to the public at noon on May 10. ($42-$147.50. altitudetickets.com)
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Since 1990, Denver PrideFest has grown into the largest celebration of LGBTQ pride in the Rocky Mountain region. This year’s festival commemorated the 1969 riots at the historic Stonewall Inn in New York City, regarded by many as the beginning of the contemporary LGBTQ civil rights movement.
Sun's Out, Fun's Out: Summer Family Fun in Denver, CO

Families of all sizes and ages can find something this summer in Denver with blockbuster exhibitions, world-class events and performances and plenty of outdoor adventures.

DENVER, May 7, 2019 (PRNewswire) -- Summer is The Mile High City's time to shine. Its 300 days of sunshine are on full blast, and the warm days boast an abundance of family-friendly festivals, new amusement park rides at kid-friendly attractions, blockbuster exhibitions, exciting performances and plenty of urban adventures.

Below are just some of the things for families to do this summer in Denver. For more ideas, including hotel deals, go to the VISIT DENVER website.

Blockbuster Exhibitions
Apollonololooz, July 13-20
Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum in Denver, Colorado will be home to incredible activities, exhibits, seminars and more all dedicated to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first Apollo moon landing and showcasing the latest in space exploration and technology. The seven-day event will include an astronaut brunch, film screenings, educational STEM activities, world class speakers and exclusive industry access.

Our Senses: Creating Your Reality, through August 4
The senses get the scientific spotlight at Denver Museum of Nature & Science, an exhibition for the whole family that playfully reveals how and why what we perceive is not all, or exactly, what's actually going on around us. In a series of interactive galleries, visitors will enjoy some "sensory overload" as they play with color, patterns, sound, scents and touch and discover how there is so much more to our senses than just the usual five.
DENVER – We’re still more than a month away from Denver PrideFest, one of the biggest pride events across the country, but we’re getting a sneak peek of the drag queens that will grace the stage and the DJs who will pump the crowd during the free, two-day festival at Denver’s Civic Center Park in mid-June.

Legendary queen Lady Bunny and local queen Yvie Oddly will perform during this year’s PrideFest, but those aren’t the only big names coming to Denver for Pride:
Gloom be gone! OUT FRONT just received the best news! The amazing Denver PrideFest lineup has been compiled and released, with a dynamic and exciting list of entertainers set to hit the stages of Civic Center Park June 15-16.

The three stages will welcome some of Denver’s finest alongside the best-of-the-best out-of-towners.

Saturday will see the talents of Legendary Lady Bunny as she performs and DJs and feature the radically badass musical chops of Wheelchair Sports Camp. Voice finalist and Mexican recording artist Lluvia Vega, who was a semi-finalist on the Spanish-language version of The Voice, will also grace the stage on night one of the festival.

Get ready, because this list just continues to grow with Sunday’s star-studded line-up! We are thrilled to welcome home queen Yvie Oddly on
9Things to do in Colorado this weekend: June 14-16

Father’s Day weekend in Colorado features Pride, Renaissance, Celtic, BBQ, car, music and street festivals — plus pro wrestling and Country Jam.

COLORADO, USA — From festivals and fairs to expos and runs, there’s lots to do, see and explore in Denver and Colorado this June weekend. Celebrate the impending summer by experiencing the unique culture, food and geography that makes our state so special. Check out one of these fun events across Colorado:
Denver PrideFest 2019: Everything you need to know

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The two-day festival features live entertainment on three stages, more than 200 exhibitors, a PRIDE 5K and the Coors Light Denver Pride Parade.
Gay flamingos Freddie Mercury and Lance Bass are Denver Zoo's most iconic love birds

Birdkeepers say a Chilean Flamingo named Lance Bass and an American Flamingo named Freddie Mercury always want to be together.

Freddie Mercury and Lance Bass are just two of Denver Zoo's 76 flamingos.

They look like the other flamingos. They stand on one leg like the other flamingos. They're named for legendary performers like the other flamingos, as the head bird keeper is something of a music buff. (Others include Stevie, Santana, Hendrix and Harry Styles.)
Good morning!

I love the idea of a wedding in a public place like Cheesman Park. It almost feels like a love tribute to the city.

For instance, as this wedding crew wrapped up their event, sounds from the rest of the park spilled into the colonnade. Dogs barked. Twenty-somethings holding beers screamed as they played lawn games. A group of older guys on benches nearby were blaring "My Heart Will Go On," what I’m calling a commentary on the whole scene and a rather nice soundtrack for these bubbles. It was a beautiful mashup.

I think that’s what I love most about living in a city. All you need to do is walk outside and open your eyes. You’re liable to see some dense humanity.

It’s Monday, but don’t let that get you down. We’re all out here with you.

— Kevin (@kevinjbeaty)
FROM PROHIBITED TO PROUD: THE HISTORY OF DRAG IN DENVER

These days, Denver hosts drag shows nearly every night, while RuPaul's Drag Race is making international stars of modern drag queens including Denver's own Yvie Oddly, who was recently named winner of Season 11 and America's Next Drag Superstar. Much has changed since 1954, when Denver Ordinance 315 made it illegal for "any member of the male sex" to appear in public "in the dress of the opposite sex."

Denver quit jailing its drag queens in 1973. And there's so much more to learn about the amazing people and fascinating history of drag in Denver.

In celebration of Pride month, the I Am Denver team created From Prohibited to Proud: The History of Drag in Denver, which provided Denver's LGBTQ members and drag queens the chance to tell the story of their own community, which has been entertaining Denver crowds for generations in spite of any personal risk.

Our videos explore a variety of individual experiences of Denver drag. Check them out below.

WATCH: AMERICA'S NEXT DRAG SUPERSTAR, DENVER'S OWN YVIE ODDLY
9 Breweries and More Celebrating Pride in Denver

From parades to beer releases, the city is filled with love and pride.

by Carole Nierenberg | August 30, 2019 | Jun 10, 2019, 9:08am MDT

Each year, Denver hosts one of the largest PrideFests in the city — but this year, local bars, breweries, and restaurants are stepping up, too, to join (or create) their own parties. Check out what these nine establishments are doing for Pride this year:

Note: Restaurants on this map are listed geographically.

1. Brewer's Light Pride Parade & Rumpus

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