

2026 Events for Chamber Calendar

January 2026

- 17 Fall River History Conference:** The Fall River County History Conference is an annual event sponsored by the Pioneer Museum. It features many sessions on the history of Fall River County presented by local and guest speakers. Each year highlights different topics. For the most current information, it is best to check the event's Facebook page or the Pioneer Museum's website.
Mueller Civic Center • Schedule TBD

February 2026

- 19 Hot Springs Concert Series: Diego Figueiredo** is an infectious, joyful Brazilian guitarist creating a fusion of Jazz, Bossa Nova, and Classical music.
Mueller Civic Center • Begins at 7PM

1/30-23 Business Bingo: Spend \$10 at a participating business and shop your way to a Bingo! A Bingo wins \$20 in Chamber Bucks--and a full Blackout gets \$50--as well as being entered into the Bingo Bonus drawing. Bingo Bonus of \$150 to drawing winner! Game plays until end date or there are 50 winners.

March 2026

- 14 Chamber of Commerce 86th Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner:** The Annual Meeting Dinner and Awards event serves as a business meeting to sum up the Chamber's activities of the previous year, provide updates on Chamber activities and projects, and outline the next year's goals. It also offers the opportunity to recognize Member businesses and outstanding community members. The Chamber members nominate and vote for the recipients and the Chamber presents awards in the following categories: Retail, Service and Hospitality Businesses of the Year, Community Pride, Citizen of the Year and the Joyce Farrell Youth Volunteer of the Year. The Chamber also awards Employer of the Year, Excellence in Digital Media and the Director's Award.
Mueller Civic Center • Social Hour 5:00PM, Welcome 5:55PM, Dinner-Taste of Hot Springs 6:00PM, Program 7:00PM

April 2026

- 5 Easter Egg Hunt:** Hip-hop over to the Centennial Park on Saturday, April 5th! The fun starts at 9am with a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at the American Legion (donations accepted). American Legion Riders Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:00am SHARP, (the hunt goes quick!) for kids 14 and under. Lots of candy-filled eggs are hidden for seekers to find! Games and activities are planned for those who would like to stay after the hunt in the Legion Center Hall, as well as a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny!! Dress accordingly as this is a rain or shine event.
Centennial Park • Begins 10AM
- 17-18 KHSB Earth Day Rummage Sale:** This sale is Keep Hot Springs Beautiful's main source of income for the year with proceeds going to run all of their programs. This two-day event is held every year in April in an effort to help local residents reduce and repurpose the gently used items they no longer need. Items can be donated on Friday and shoppers arrive on Saturday in the hopes of finding a treasure. You never know what you will find: a new sofa, an antique doll house, a new lawn mower or maybe your neighbors' dishes (that you always loved!). Shop during the last hour of the sale for fan favorite \$5 bag sale!
Mueller Center • Friday Donations: 7:30-4:30PM, Saturday Sale: 7:30-1:30PM

April - Con't

- 30 Hot Springs Concert Series:** Quartet comprised of four dynamic gentlemen performing four genres of music hits from the 50's through the 80's--including Motown, Doo Wap, and Rock n' Roll!
Mueller Civic Center • Begins at 7PM

May 2026

- 2 KHSB Great American Clean-Up:** KHSB's largest program, with over 90 volunteers participating in 2025, the Great American Clean-up is a nationwide event held the first Saturday in May every year. Volunteers work together with neighbors to clean up trash and debris throughout Fall River and Hot Springs. Work as an individual or part of a group to clear your section. Awards presented to the groups that bring the most volunteers!

River and ditch crews are always needed to cover as much of Hot Springs as possible. Interested in signing your group up to help? Contact Keep Hot Springs Beautiful at KHSB605@GMAIL.COM

Centennial Park • 8:00-11:00AM

- 22 Wine Walk & Play:** This fun event takes place on Friday of the Salute to Valor Festival to officially start the summer. Participating downtown businesses host either a Wine-Stop, Snack-Stop or Game-Stop. Participants roam the downtown from business to business, and partake in wine tasting, snack eating and enjoying fun games.

Downtown Hot Springs • 4:30-7:00PM

- 22-25 "Salute to Valor" Memorial Day Festival:** A Memorial Day weekend celebration of our veterans and servicemen who sacrificed so much for our country, as well as a kick-off to the summer tourist season. A special program honoring veterans, downtown parade, jet flyover, vendor market, and our annual Wine Walk & Play are some of the activities planned. We hope to make it a bright kickoff for both our local businesses and community!

Downtown Hot Springs, Centennial Park & Veterans Home • Schedule TBD

- 25 Stars, Stripes & Steps Memorial Day Stair Climb Challenge:** Stars, Stripes & Steps is a sponsored, stair-climbing race held on Memorial Day. Run, walk or stroll one of 3 routes to honor America's fallen heroes by having the courage to get strong. Proceeds support the Hot Springs South Dakota Boys & Girls Club.

Centennial Park • Schedule TBD

June 2026

- 26-28 Main Street Arts & Crafts Festival:** The MSA&C Festival includes local and regional artisans. Handmade crafts of all kinds are showcased, as well as a variety of food vendors. Places are also reserved for community information and service groups. Musical entertainment is a highlight for all three days at the north stage.

Special activities for children take place at the south end of the park. On Friday and Saturday, kids can "make and take" birdhouses. The Kids Zone offers an abundance of fun activities for children.

The Fabulous Fall River Fiber Fest features fantastic events that are educational, fun and philanthropic. Don't forget the church service on Sunday at 9:00am with a free will offering designated for the Food Pantry.

The Main Street Arts & Crafts Festival has traditionally taken place on the last full weekend of June. This will be the 49th year! Schedule and more details to come--keep watching!

Centennial Park • Schedule TBD

June - Con't

TBD Rockin' Riverside Summer Concert Series—Concerts #1 & #2: A series of FREE concerts starting in June and going through August, with 2 concerts per month. These concerts are a great way to connect families and friends throughout the community as they enjoy a fun-filled evening of music.

Centennial Park • 7:00-9:00PM

July 2026

3 Annual Street Dance: FREE Street Dance at Centennial Park with LIVE MUSIC! Begins at 7:00pm and goes to around 11:00pm. Come enjoy the free music and dance the night away! Sponsored by the Hot Springs Rotary Club.

Centennial Park • 7:00-11:00PM

22-25 Fall River 4th of July Celebration: Celebrate the Fourth of July in Hot Springs, SD!

Lots of fun activities to do with the whole family!

SATURDAY -- July 4th

Firecracker 5k/10k & Mile Race at Chautauqua Park, registration starts at 6:00am! FOR MORE INFORMATION Email: hotspringsfirecracker@yahoo.com - Online Registration: www.active.com

Fourth of July Celebration Parade starts at 10:00am. Parade begins on River Street (behind Evans Plunge) and continues to Jennings Avenue, and Chicago Street until it concludes on 6th Street (after Lynn's Dakotamart). For those interested in being in the parade, please fill out and return an entry form before the deadline. You may [DOWNLOAD AN ENTRY FORM BY CLICKING HERE.](#)

Ready for Lunch? We got you covered! The Chamber will have their annual **Community Picnic** at the MUELLER CENTER beginning at 11:30am Cool off and come get a cheap meal (Hot Dog & Chips) in air-conditioned comfort!

FireQuacker Duck Race at 1pm, starts at the Centennial Park Bridge down to the dip bridge. Get your Duck tickets at the Main Street Arts and Crafts Festival at the Chamber Booth June 26-28 OR at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Mueller Center, 801 S. 6th St. the following week (June 29-July 2nd). Many great PRIZES for winners!

Downtown Hot Springs • 4:30-7:00PM

TBD Rockin' Riverside Summer Concert Series—Concerts #3 & #4

Centennial Park • 7:00-9:00PM

29-2 Fall River County Fair: Demolition derby, rodeo, kids' activities and food. Everything you want at a County Fair!

Fall River County Fairgrounds • Schedule TBD

August 2026

7-16 86th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally: The [86th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally](#) will take place from **August 7–16, 2026**. It is themed "Sturgis Salutes America!" to commemorate the country's 250th birthday and will include numerous events, such as concerts, charity rides, and races.

Sturgis • Schedule TBD

TBD Rockin' Riverside Summer Concert Series—Concerts #5 & #6

Centennial Park • 7:00-9:00PM

TBD 11th Annual Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival: This event is the Chamber's signature event and is the largest annual event that the Chamber organizes. With the support of Sponsors, City Government, Members and the Community, the Chamber brings 20 – 30 Hot Air Balloons to

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Hot Springs each August. The festival begins Friday at noon, with a Vendor Fair in Centennial Park, which continues until Saturday afternoon. Balloons launch early Saturday & Sunday mornings of the festival, then Saturday evening there is a Night Glow in Centennial Park (weather permitting for all events). The Chamber is slowly growing the event each year with the intention of increasing the amount of nights spent in Hot Springs and highlighting the many attractions, businesses and activities that Hot Springs has to offer. Currently, an estimated 5,000 people attend the festival throughout the weekend.

Centennial Park & Hot Springs Municipal Airport • Schedule TBD

29 Southern Hills Triathlon: The race event takes place at Angostura Recreation Area in the Black Hills, south of Hot Springs. The park is a wonderful natural area with a pristine sand beach for the swimming portion (no rocks, no weeds); a rolling bike course through neighboring ranch land for the biking portion; and a wonderfully scenic run path along the lake shore for the running portion.

Angostura Recreational Area • Schedule TBD

September 2026

11 9-11 Grand Stair Climb: The 9/11 Grand Stair Challenge is a unique event. Every year participants meet at the foot of the Battle Mountain Grand Staircase, in downtown Hot Springs, to climb the 141-step staircase with neighbors and friends, old & new. Although sign in begins at 6:00am and climbing starts at 6:46am, climbers may arrive any time after that. The Challenge Director stays until 6:46pm or the last climber is done, whichever comes first.

Battle Mountain Grand Staircase • 6:00AM-6:46PM

24-26 Buffalo Round-up & Arts Festival: Feel the earth shake as the hooves of more than 1,300 American buffalo thunder through the valley. Friday, at the annual Buffalo Roundup, cowboys and cowgirls on horseback spur them over the ridge, down the hill and into corrals for sorting. After they are safely in the corrals, you can watch as the herd is sorted, branded, tested, and treated.

The annual [Buffalo Roundup Arts Festival](#) is held the same weekend from Thursday to Saturday on the grounds of the [State Game Lodge](#). Many events accompany the festival, but food, entertainment, and art booths top the list.

Custer State Park • Schedule TBD

October 2026

TBD Oktoberfest: A fall, German-themed event with food, real German Bier, and a LIVE Polka Band for lots of fun and dancing. So, put on your best lederhosen or dirndl and “Oomp-pahh-pahh” your heart out! Fun contests and prizes, too!

Centennial Park • Schedule TBD

TBD Fall River County Ag Appreciation Banquet: Every autumn, as the community finishes another year’s harvest and prepares crops and livestock for winter, the Chamber of Commerce & Ag Committee hosts a special Agriculture Appreciation Banquet to thank our farmers and ranchers for another year in the books. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and entertainment as we honor the incredible ag community.

Red Rock River Resort • 4:30-8:00PM

TBD Fossil Fright Night at The Mammoth Site: This annual event takes place at The Mammoth Site, with spooky fun for all ages! The event encourages you to bring canned food, supporting the local

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food pantry while enjoying hands-on entertainment. Attendees can look forward to educational encounters mixed with festive themes and live animals.

The Mammoth Site • 6:00-8:00PM

- 31 Merchants Trick-or-Treat:** Make plans to come out for our annual Halloween Trick-or-Treating event. Visit the many downtown businesses participating and get some sweet treats! It's a fun and safe evening for the whole family to enjoy!

Participating Downtown Businesses • 4:00-6:00PM

November 2026

- TBD 9th Annual Holiday Bazaar Vendor Fair:** Lots of vendors! Door Prizes at each booth, and the Hot Springs Bison High School Soccer Team will be serving food & drink all during the event. Come enjoy a fun time with the family!

Mueller Civic Center • 9:00AM-3:00PM

- 7 KHSB Christmas Light Hanging:** Along with dozens of local volunteers, Keep Hot Springs Beautiful meets the first Saturday of November every year to hang Christmas lights in the trees and shelters throughout Centennial Park in Hot Springs.

It's a great time to mingle and jingle with fellow residents as music blasts throughout the park and hot cocoa and cookies are shared.

Custer State Park • Schedule TBD

- 11 Veterans Day Celebration: Hot Springs School District:** Holds its annual Veterans Day program at 9am in the Case Auditorium, starting with a breakfast for veterans provided by the Student Council at 8:30am

American Legion: Hosts a community dinner from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Senior Adult Center on November 11. A free meal is available for veterans, and the public can pay a fee.

National Park Service: All National Park Service sites will offer free admission for visitors on Veterans Day.

- 28 Small Business Saturday:** Observed every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday is a day to support small businesses.

December 2025

- 4 Cookie Cruise:** local bakers are paired with businesses to show off their baking skills and win a prize. Participants cruise from store to store, tasting delicious cookie samples and vote on their favorite cookie.

Participating Downtown Businesses • 4:00-6:00PM

- 4-5 Christmas in the Hills:** What better way to celebrate the holidays! Tree Lighting, Parade of Lights, Light Up Our Town displays, Crafters Marketplace, Free Christmas Music Show, plus FOOD & FUN for all! There are several other fun, Christmas themed events planned as well. Be sure to put this on your calendar and plan to attend!

Mueller Civic Center & Downtown Hot Springs • Schedule TBD

- 19 Santa Hat Shopping Spree:** The Chamber is sponsoring the Santa Hat Shopping Spree again this year. This is a fun shopping event! Just wear a Santa Hat while visiting participating businesses in order to receive some great deals, discounts, and treats.

Participating Businesses • 11:00AM-4:00PM