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Schuyler County Italian American Festival Committee Announces 2026 Dates, New Carnival Partner, and Festival Kickoff Fundraiser

WATKINS GLEN, NY — The Schuyler County Italian American Festival Committee is excited to announce that the festival will return to Clute Park in Watkins Glen on **August 13, 14 and 15, 2026**, bringing back the food, music, and community spirit that have made it a Finger Lakes tradition for more than 40 years.

Festivalgoers can look forward to a full midway experience in 2026, as the festival partners with **Knox's Great American Midway** to provide rides for all ages. The festival will also feature a wide variety of food and craft vendors, live entertainment, special activities, beer tent, a community parade, and the always-anticipated fireworks display. More details, schedules, and highlights will be announced in the coming months.

Vendor applications are expected to be released by the end of February, and interested vendors are encouraged to watch the festival's website and Facebook page for updates.

Organized by a volunteer committee, the Schuyler County Italian American Festival is a **non-profit community festival** dedicated to creating a space that celebrates culture, unity and generosity while giving back locally.

Festival Fundraising Kicks Off with Wing Night

The festival committee is also launching the 2026 fundraising season with a **Wing Night Fundraiser on Thursday, February 19, from 4–10 PM at Bleachers Sports Bar and Grill** in Watkins Glen. During the event, **20% of all sales** will benefit the festival. Attendees can also purchase raffle basket tickets, with winners drawn that evening. Supporters are encouraged to bring friends and help keep the tradition going strong.

For the latest updates, visit www.wgitalianamericanfestival.com and follow the festival on [Facebook](#).

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