Fall Fun for All

September 2019 – The weather may be cooling off in Boise, but autumn sunshine and the season’s change creates opportunities for fitness, beer drinking, and everything in between.

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Why travel all the way to Germany when there are several Oktoberfest celebrations in the City of Trees? Payette Brewing is first out of the gate with their annual Oktoberfest, followed by Old Boise Oktoberfest. But it’s Boise Brewing’s Hoptober Freshtival that lays claim to the title of Idaho’s largest fresh hops beer festival featuring several local and regional breweries. Want a side of food with that beer? The Boise Grilled Cheese & Beer Festival features gourmet and classic grilled cheeses served up by local chefs and beer tastings from local breweries. Trade your beer in for a glass of wine at the Idaho Wine Commission’s Sippin’ in the City event at 8th & Main. Or focus on the entrée instead of the beverages and explore Dine Out Downtown Boise Restaurant Week, where special prix-fixe menus are designed by local restaurateurs to bring out your inner foodie.

Run, Boise, Run
Running might be Boise’s favorite fall sport, next to Boise State football. Several 5-kilometer, half marathon and marathon-length running events are keeping runners on their toes this fall, starting with St. Luke’s FitOne race. Haven’t started training? There’s plenty of time to trade your sweatpants in for running shorts before the City of Trees Marathon and Half Marathon. If you’d rather watch some fast guys instead of trying to be faster, then perhaps you belong in the stadium with the blue turf watching Boise State football return for another season. Not enough? Hook some friends and catch the Idaho Steelheads hockey team on the ice at CenturyLink Arena in downtown Boise.

Trick or Treat
Spooky or not, these fall events are sure to get your whole family in the spirit of Halloween. Sneak out for the Idaho Botanical Garden’s Fall Harvest Festival for fun fall hayrides, local food and beer, and live music. Step back in time at the Old Time Farm Day at Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead to experience what life on the farmstead was like in the fall of 1860. For our spookier visitors, the Idaho Horror Film Festival will be showing a mix of horror, suspense, and thriller films in Boise’s own rumored-to-be-haunted Egyptian Theatre. Prisoners of Idaho’s past will be scaring everyone at Frightened Felons Halloween weekend at the Old Idaho Penitentiary.

Boise’s Winter Wonderland
Looking to buy locally made gifts for friends and family this year? Wintry Market is a great place to do your shopping. Or wander through the Idaho Botanical Garden while it’s covered in bright lights and dusted with snow at Winter Garden aGLOW. Nothing will get you and your family excited for the holidays like seeing the beautifully decorated trees and meeting Santa at Festival of Trees. The energy of the Downtown Boise Holiday Tree Lighting really can’t be beat.

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