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Naper Days has family-friendly fun June 19-21

Naperville, Ill. — Naper Days, a family-friendly and affordable festival, is held June 19-21 over Father's Day weekend on the beautiful grounds of Naper Settlement at 523 S. Webster St. in downtown Naperville. Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. You'll find 17 outstanding restaurants and caterers at the Taste of Naperville™, activities for children of all ages, the Naper Days Express train, plus music from contemporary artists to the finest in kids' entertainment, including Dave Rudolph from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Amy Lowe from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday and Scribblemonster from 3 to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. The Bed Races are back and take off at 11 a.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5; children 8 and under are free. Tickets are now available on-line at www.naperdays.org. After 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, tickets are \$10 at the gate.

In a nod to the '90s, The Smithereens will take to the Main Stage at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Opening act Band of the Lost, an award-winning rock band, starts off the evening at 6 p.m. On Saturday, headliner Matthew Sweet performs at 8:30 p.m. Heartache Tonight, an Eagles tribute band, starts off Saturday's Main Stage music at 3:30 p.m., followed by Chicago area favorite Michael McDermott at 6 p.m. On Sunday, the Hix Brothers Teen Band Showcase, highlighting up-and-coming young musicians, takes to the stage at 11 a.m., followed at 4 p.m. by Wheelhouse, a classic rock band.

Children's activities are the mainstay of Naper Days with nonstop entertainment Saturday and Sunday, plus four craft areas, face painting and much more. New this year is the Get Fit Naperville Walk that will be held from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Bring your dad to this mile-long walk and enjoy the beautiful grounds on Father's Day. Also on Sunday is the Blue Ribbon Baking Competition from noon to 2 p.m. Amateur bakers can rise to the challenge and fill out an entry form available on the Naper Days Web site.

Naper Days has been attracting a dedicated following since 2004. Thank you to our Heritage Level sponsors including *The Naperville Sun*, 95.9 The River and Star 96.7, in addition to all our sponsors who make this event possible. Funds raised through this festival support education and preservation programs at Naper Settlement, a historic museum village. For more information about Naper Days, visit the Web site at www.naperdays.org.

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