

Cedar Rapids Resources

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

AsianFest

facebook.com/AsianFestIA/

- AsianFest celebrates the colorful Asian cultures in Iowa's Creative Corridor in a free and public festival held in Cedar Rapids. This is a fun, family-friendly event downtown hosted this year at NewBo City Market. Taste the exotic foods of Asia, while watching cultural performers entertain you with vibrant traditional dances and music. Visit the "villages" of Asia and learn about their culture through artifacts and photos.
- **Time of year:** September

Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers Market

Downtown Cedar Rapids, 501 1st St SE Cedar Rapids, IA

- The Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers Market, presented by Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust, has become one of the largest open-air markets in the Midwest.
- **Distance from Coe:** 1.6 miles
- **Time of year:** Summer

Cedar Rapids Jerk Festival

McGrath Amphitheatre, 475 1st St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

cedarrapidsjerkfest.org/

- Spades, Bingo and Dominoes Tournaments, How Low Can You Go Limbo Contests, Jerk Chicken and Jamakin' me Crazy Chili Cook Off Contests. By the way, all Tournaments and Contests include Cash Prizes and trophies to the winners! Beautiful cirque-du-style entertaining acts! Live music, train rides and game trucks provided all day to rock your world and for your entertainment pleasure! Concessions for unique buying experiences, and Cedar Rapids, there will be a plethora of Caribbean cuisine along with other culinary delights to excite your pallet and reggae soulful beats with other diverse genres of music to delight your ears!
- **Distance from Coe:** 1.8 miles
- **Time of year:** September

Cedar Rapids Public Library Community Cultural Celebration and Expo

crlibrary.org/ccce/

- **Time of year:** March

I'll Make Me a World in Iowa

Des Moines, IA

worldiniowa.org/?fbclid=IwAR2eWq2y3DsE3vJknaE9SUT12Y_AOUmezOdbeljuPmflrryitJCUyc7Mes

- I'll Make Me a World in Iowa (IMMAWII) is Iowa's African-American Festival. The two-day celebration includes: Education Day, featuring the Black History Game Show; Embracing Excellence Gala; Celebration Day, featuring African-American celebrities.
- **Time of year:** February

Market After Dark

Downtown Cedar Rapids

cedarrapids.org/events/market-after-dark

- Market After Dark is one of Downtown Cedar Rapids' largest, free, open-air events. Featuring a variety of vendors mixed with lively entertainment, Market After Dark 2019 saw a record attendance of 50,000 people! This event brings a unique atmosphere to Downtown Cedar Rapids with food, beer, wine, art, entertainment and creative place making displays.
- **Time of year:** August

Meskwaki Powwow

1600 Battle Ground Road and E49, Tama, IA

meskwakipowwow.com/

- Held on the only Native American settlement in Iowa, you can expect traditional Meskwaki dancing and singing, Native art, artwork and handcrafts, as well as games, food and fun
- **Time of year:** August

Uptown Marion Market

1070 7th Avenue, STE 100 Marion, IA

- Historically held in City Square Park, the Uptown and Fall Marion Markets offer fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, Iowa wines and a wide variety of artisan items - all from local vendors. Grab a bite to eat in the Uptown and enjoy live entertainment from some of the area's finest musicians. Save the dates, more details to come. Admission is free to the public.
- **Walking Distance from Coe:** 5.6 miles