

This Weekend in Kansas City: June 19-21

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Things are in full swing, Kansas City. FIFA Fan Festival is on and kicking, World Cup matches are just beginning, and tons of other events are springing up around them.

JuneteenthKC Heritage Festival

June 19–20

On June 19, 1865, the last enslaved African Americans were notified of their liberation. Juneteenth celebrates this with demonstrations of Black culture and pride.

Kansas City's largest Juneteenth celebration—the [JuneteenthKC Heritage Festival](#)—will fill the 18th and Vine district from noon to 10 p.m. this Friday and Saturday. You'll find food vendors, artisan booths, and on Saturday, a stacked concert that culminates with a performance by rap legend Common.

The soft opening of FIFA Fan Festival. *Photo by Evan Pagano*

World Cup Festivities

June 19–21

Ecuador plays Curaçao at Arrowhead Stadium—or, as FIFA insists it be called during the World Cup, Kansas City Stadium—on Saturday at 7 p.m. If you want to see it live, start your search on [Ticketmaster](#). Tickets availability is slim, though, and prices bottom out around \$600.

Of course, there's plenty of opportunity to take it all in. [Dashmote's map of game KC-area game screenings](#) is quite deep; and if you'd like to narrow it down, check out our articles on KC's top [watch parties](#) and [soccer bars](#). Flo Rida (Friday), CimaFunk (Saturday), and The Chainsmokers (Sunday) are the headlining musicians at FIFA Fan Festival.

Meanwhile, the United States takes on Australia at 2 p.m. on Friday. It's in Seattle, but watch parties will be rocking in KC.

A scene from a Heart of America Shakespeare production of *Henry V*. *Photo courtesy of Heart of America Shakespeare Festival*

Macbeth opening weekend

June 19–21

The [Heart of America Shakespeare Festival](#) returns to the stone confines of Southmoreland Park on Tuesday with the bloody tragedy *Macbeth*. It's an ambitious outdoor production with multiple battles, supernatural beings, and a beheading. It all takes place as dusk turns to night over the park, leaving the audience rapt under the stars. You can experience it for free Tuesdays through Sundays until July 5.

We interviewed the festival's executive artistic director, Sidonie Garrett, about [how this year's show is coming together](#). We also interviewed one of the stars of this year's show, [Cinnamon Schultz](#).

Photo via Kansas City Dragon Boat Festival

Kansas City International Dragon Boat Festival

June 20

The [Kansas City International Dragon Boat Festival](#) will take place just a few blocks south, on and along Brush Creek, this Saturday morning. At 10:30 a.m., a fleet of stunning Chinese-style dragon boats will set off down the creek. You can gather along the shore to cheer them on—and enjoy Asian food, performances, and activities while you’re there—until 2:30 p.m. Entry is free.

Image via In the Lowest Ferns

Garden Party: In Celebration of Summer Solstice

June 20

Summer technically begins at around 3:25 a.m. on Sunday morning, but you can start the celebration early at [In the Lowest Ferns](#), an industrial garden-themed nightclub in the West Bottoms. (It’s on our list of the 21 [top nightlife destinations in Kansas City](#).)

[Garden Party: In Celebration of Summer Solstice](#) starts at 7 p.m. this Saturday—and yes, the World Cup match will be playing. Expect live art, food vendors, flash tattoos, and DJs all night. Entry is \$12.46.

The Oscar Polk AllStar Band performs on Make Music Day KC in 2024. *Photo by Evan Pagano*

Make Music Day

June 21

Sunday is Father’s Day, and a good way to celebrate is to catch one of nearly 100 free concerts going on across the city for [Make Music Day](#). [Venues](#) include the City Market, the Lakeside Nature Center, the Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium, and even a couple of private lawns; genres range from Afrobeat to swing.

Looking to combine your concert with a day outdoors? At 1 p.m., the Eboni Fondren Quartet headlines a [free concert at Starlight](#), set within the wider Swope Park.

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