



**WAUSAU EVENTS**

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**2025 Sponsorship Opportunities**





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### About Wausau Events:

Wausau Events, Inc. is a **501(c)(3) non-profit** organization dedicated to our mission of **Creating Community Through Events** by enhancing the quality of life that the Wausau area is known for. Most of our events are offered free of charge. This would not be possible without the generous support of many businesses, organizations, individuals and Wausau's Room Tax Program.



### Partnerships:

Through our events, we are able to provide great opportunities for local businesses to show their support of the community, meet potential customers at events and gain brand recognition through our promotion of the events sponsors via various medias. We also help improve the quality of life for your families, employees and potential clients. We want to create community partnerships with businesses that benefit the community and the sponsoring businesses.



### Opportunities:

Wausau Events is searching for sponsor support to continue to provide quality events throughout the year. We have sponsorship levels for every business and encourage finding the right fit for each individual business. We want to work with you to create the best event with the best exposure for your business.



If you are interested in an opportunity to partner with Wausau Events through a sponsorship, please contact the Executive Director, at [execdir@wausauevents.org](mailto:execdir@wausauevents.org) or 715-297-9531.



# 2025 EVENTS



## **Winter Brew Fest: January 24**

### **Winter Fest : January 25**

Featuring ice sculptures, sled dogs, art projects, cookie decorating, kid's activities and more!



## **Concerts on the Square**

### **Wednesdays: June 4 -August 27**

For 12 Wednesday nights in summer, the 400 Block is transformed into a live music venue with a different band featured each night. Single night and multiple night sponsorships are available.



## **Wings Over Wausau: June 27-28**

This event draws attendees from Wausau and beyond to witness the professional airshow and the area's largest fireworks show!



## **Run the Runway 5K: June 28**

Join us for the ultimate 5K on one of the runways at our local airport!



## **Chalkfest: June 28-29**

This event transforms downtown Wausau into a colorful display of drawings. Featuring artists of all ages!



## **4th of July Fireworks: July 4**



## **Big Bull Falls Blues Fest: August 15-16**

Wisconsin's longest running Blues Fest is celebrating 34 years in 2025! 34 years of great regional and national blues acts and the best venue – Fern Island Park!



## **Beer & Bacon Fest: September 13**

Featuring 160+ different beers and 10+ bacon vendors, this event has proven to be a success and we expect it to keep getting bigger and better each year.



## **Harvest Fest: October 4**

A celebration of Autumn on the 400 Block! Activities include a pumpkin patch, crafts, animals and live music.



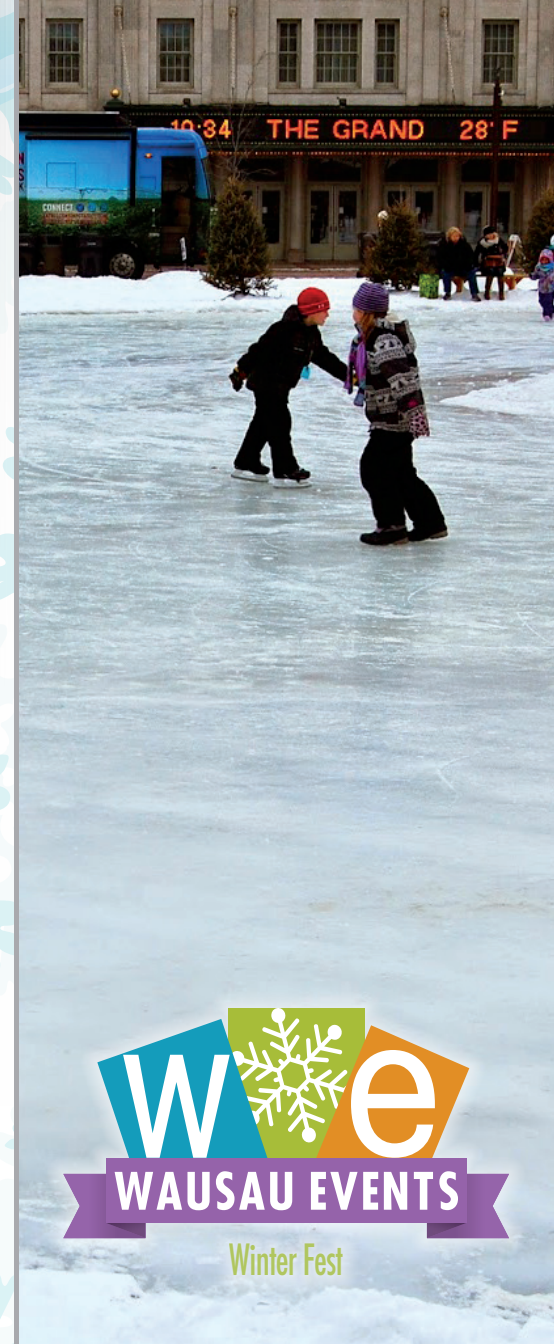
## **Holiday Parade: December 5**

This parade features many decorated floats as it celebrates the season. The parade starts at Marathon Park and ends at the 400 Block. After, the warming party features hot chocolate, cookies and a visit from Santa.



# WINTER WEEKEND

JANUARY 25 » 400 BLOCK & DOWNTOWN WAUSAU



Winter Fest offers a day of activities for the entire family, including crafts, cookie decorating, ice-skating and more! Adults are invited to join us the night before for Winter Brew Fest – a taste of various beers throughout the region!

**Estimated Attendance: 2,000**

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

### Presenting Sponsor (1): \$5,000

- \* See Presenting Sponsor Level
- Presence at event

### Gold Sponsor (3):

- \* See Gold Sponsor Level
- Presence at event
- Sponsor an activity: sled dogs, ice sculpture, other

### Silver Sponsor (5): \$1,000

- \* See Silver Sponsor Level
- Presence at event
- Sponsor an activity: cookie decorating, craft, other

### Bronze Sponsor (5): \$500

- \* See Bronze Sponsor Level
- Presence at event

### Winter Brew Fest Sponsor

#### (4): \$1,000

- \* See Silver Sponsor Level
- Presence at event

### Winter Brew Fest Presenting Sponsor (1): \$2,000

- \* See Presenting Sponsor Level
- Logo on event tickets & glasses at the event







# CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 4-AUGUST 27 » THE 400 BLOCK



For 12 Wednesday nights in summer the 400 Block is transformed into Wausau's most popular activity! A different band plays each night with all types of genres covered. It is THE place to be on a Wednesday night in summer.

**Estimated Attendance: 3,000 Each Night**

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

### Series Sponsor (2): \$10,000

- \* See Presenting Sponsor Level
- Recognition at each concert via signage & vocal recognition
- Large logo on banner that Wausau Events provides for full duration of Series

### Single Night Sponsor (13): \$2,000

- YOUR night to shine!
- Recognition with signage
- You get to introduce the band that night

- Presence at event
- Can do giveaways, prizes, contests - the night is yours!
- Medium logo on banner that Wausau Events provides for full duration of series

### Employee Appreciation Add On: \$1000

- Includes 10 tables, 100 chairs & a 40'x20' tent

### Event Booth Sponsor: \$500

- 2 Available per night



# WINGS OVER WAUSAU

JUNE 27-28 » WAUSAU DOWNTOWN AIRPORT



This event draws attendees from Wausau and beyond to witness the professional airshow and the area's largest fireworks show! The event also features kid's activities, live music, food and more!

Shuttle bus is available from this event for those going between downtown.

**Estimated Attendance: 40,000**

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES: Weekend Presenting

### Sponsor (1): \$20,000

- Special sponsorship package discussed at time of consideration includes prominent marketing and company input in event.
- Includes the presenting sponsorship for Chalkfest
- 8 Pilot Welcome Dinner Tickets
- 20 VIP Passes

### Airshow Sponsor (6): \$10,000

- \* See Gold Sponsor Level
- Named Wings Over Wausau Airplane Sponsor
- Logo on volunteer shirts and other advertising
- 4 Pilot Welcome Dinner Tickets
- 100 General Admission Passes
- 10 VIP Passes

### Fireworks Sponsor (6): \$5,000

- \* See Silver Sponsor Level
- Named Fireworks Sponsor – the largest fireworks in the region!
- Signage at event
- Recognition by PA announcers during fireworks show
- 2 Pilot Welcome Dinner Passes
- 50 General Admission Passes
- 4 VIP Passes

### Pilot Welcome Dinner Sponsor (2): \$3,000

- Named Sponsor for the Pilot Welcome Dinner the week before the event
- 8 Tickets to the Welcome Dinner
- Banner displayed at event
- Opportunity to speak at event

### VIP Area Sponsor (2): \$2,500

- Named VIP Area Sponsor
- VIP Signage in the area
- 10 Full VIP Passes







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Wings Over Wausau

### Junior Pilots Area (5): \$2,000

- Named Kid's Area Sponsor
- Signage by activities
- Sponsor an activity at the event
- Logo on select marketing materials

### Shuttle Sponsor (2): \$1,500

- Named Shuttle Sponsor
- Logo on map, shuttle signage, and event website
- Commutes between Chalkfest & Wings Over Wausau

### Event Sponsor (4): \$1,000

- Choice of signage sponsoring food court, Military Area or Live Entertainment Area
- PA recognition
- Logo on select marketing materials



# RUN THE RUNWAY 5K

JUNE 28 » WAUSAU DOWNTOWN AIRPORT/ALEXANDER PARK



## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

### Presenting Sponsor (4): \$2,500

- \* See Presenting Sponsor Level
- Opportunity to place an item in the race bag
- 10 Free race entries
- Logo on race banner provided by Wausau Events
- Booth at event

### Gold Sponsor (5): \$1,500

- Logo on 5K map, poster & event website
- Opportunity to place an item in the race bag
- 5 Free race entries
- Signage at event

### Silver Sponsor (10): \$750

- Small logo on participant t-shirt
- Logo on 5K map, poster & event website
- Opportunity to place an item in the race bag
- 2 Free race entries
- Signage at event





# CHALKFEST

JUNE 28-29 » DOWNTOWN WAUSAU



Downtown Wausau is transformed into a colorful display of chalk drawings from artists of all ages. The event also features live music, food trucks and kids activities.

**Estimated Attendance: 5,000**

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

### Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000

- Logo on t-shirts, event website, print materials and social media
- Mention on radio & TV ads
- Presence at event
- Signage at event

### Gold Sponsor (4): \$2,500

- Logo on t-shirt, event website and social media
- Signage at event

### Featured Artist Sponsor (5): \$1,000

- Logo by one featured artist's work
- Logo on event website and social media





# BIG BULL FALLS BLUES FEST

AUGUST 15-16 » FERN ISLAND PARK



This is Wisconsin's longest running blues fest! It is two days filled with regional and national bands performing, delicious food, a VIP section and tasty beer. Fern Island is a gorgeous place for this event.

**Estimated Attendance: 7,000**

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

### Presenting Sponsor: \$10,000

- \* See Presenting Sponsor Level
- Vocal recognition by emcee between bands
- Logo on video screens next to stage
- 10 Full VIP packages
- 20 Two-Day complimentary tickets
- Extensive signage

### Gold Sponsor (Saturday Bands): \$5,000

- \* See Gold Sponsor Level
- Vocal recognition by emcee (Saturday)
- Logo on video screens next to stage
- 6 Full VIP packages
- 20 Two-Day complimentary tickets

### Silver Sponsor (Friday Bands): \$3,500

- \* See Silver Sponsor Level
- Vocal recognition by emcee (Friday)
- Logo on video screens next to stage
- 4 Full VIP packages
- 10 Two-Day complimentary tickets







#### **VIP Section Sponsor (2): \$3,000**

- Named VIP Area Sponsor
- VIP signage
- 2 Full VIP packages
- 20 VIP access tickets

#### **Food Court Sponsor (3): \$500**

- Signage around tables and between vendors
- 4 Two-Day passes

#### **Shuttle Sponsor: \$2,000**

- Named Shuttle Sponsor
- Logo on shuttle map and shuttle
- 20 Two-Day passes

#### **In-Kind Sponsors: Golf Carts/UTV, Snacks/ Back Stage Hospitality, Hotel Accommodations**

- All in-kind sponsors receive recognition with advertising
- 4 Two-Day passes







# HARVEST FEST

OCTOBER 4 » 400 BLOCK & DOWNTOWN WAUSAU



This family-friendly event features a variety of activities including crafts, a pumpkin patch, kids pedal tractor pull, live animals, carriage rides and more! These activities bring autumn downtown!

**Estimated Attendance: 2,000**

## **SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000**

- \* See Presenting Sponsor Level
- Pumpkin Patch Sponsor Recognition

### **Gold Sponsor: \$2,500**

- \* See Gold Sponsor Level

### **Silver Sponsor: \$1,000**

- \* See Silver Sponsor Level

### **Bronze Sponsor: \$500**

- \* See Bronze Sponsor Level

### **Candy Sponsor: \$250**

### **Pumpkin Carving Competition Sponsor (8): \$75**



# HOLIDAY PARADE

DECEMBER 5 » MARATHON PARK & 400 BLOCK



This annual tradition in Wausau joins young and old to watch the holiday parade. The parade runs from Marathon Park to the 400 Block. After the parade, the public are invited to come to the warming party for cookies, hot chocolate, live music and a visit from Santa.

**Estimated Attendance: 3,000**

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

### Presenting Sponsor: \$2,000

- \* See Presenting Sponsor Level
- Named Warming Party Sponsor & Parade Presenting Sponsor
- Banner in the Warming Party & Cookie Sponsor
- Provide a judge for the float contest
- Named candy sponsor
- Free coloring book page
- Free float entry

### Santa Sponsor: \$1,000

- \* See Gold Sponsor Level
- Named Candy Sponsor
- Logo on Santa's Float
- Free coloring book page
- Free float entry

### Snowflake Sponsor: \$500

- \* See Silver Sponsor Level
- Named Candy Sponsor
- Free float entry

### Coloring Book Page

#### Sponsor: \$150

- Coloring book page with company logo in free coloring book handed out along parade route



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Holiday Parade














# SPONSOR LEVELS



This Sponsorship Matrix is a general idea of what your sponsorship will entail. It does not include your entire sponsorship but provides direction for what you can expect. Each event is unique and so is each sponsorship opportunity. Please note that there are activity sponsorships available as part of these levels as laid out in the booklet.

Together, we can create community through events, while reaching our individual goals.

Thank you for your time and we hope to partner with you soon!

| Benefits   | Event Naming Rights   | Level Exclusivity  | Sponsor an Activity   | Booth Space   | Banners/ Signage | Event Tickets | Recognition<br>Sponsor Logo/Mentions to Appear: Website, Print Materials, Radio/TV, Social Media |
|------------|---|--|---|---|------------------|---------------|--|
| Presenting |  |   |    |    | 2                | 10            | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  |
| Gold       |   |  |   |   | 1                | 5             | ★ ★ ★ ★  |
| Silver     |   |  |  |  |                  | 2             | ★ ★ ★  |
| Bronze     |   |  |  |  |                  |               | ★ ★  |

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact: The Executive Director · Wausau Events · [execdir@wausauevents.org](mailto:execdir@wausauevents.org) · 715-297-9531



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