

# YOUR WINTER CHECKLIST

## in the greater Champaign County area

January-March 2023

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## MUST-ATTEND EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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### MLK JR. COUNTYWIDE CELEBRATION

January 15 | [mlkcelebration.org](http://mlkcelebration.org)

Honor the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by celebrating those in the community who uphold the principles and ideals of Dr. King.

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### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AREA RESTAURANT WEEK

January 27-February 4 | [ccrestaurantweek.org](http://ccrestaurantweek.org)

Discover local flavors during this nine-day celebration of Champaign County area's award-winning culinary scene. Check out the menus and start planning!

### FIGHTING ILLINI WOMENS BASKETBALL

[fightingillini.com](http://fightingillini.com)

The women's team is on fire this season under new head coach, Shauna Green. Support these athletes at State Farm Center now through March as they make a run at a Big Ten title.

### AGTECH WEEK

March 6-10 | [cuagtechweek.org](http://cuagtechweek.org)

Champaign-Urbana AgTech Week celebrates Champaign-Urbana's robust AgTech ecosystem, including the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Parkland College, corporate innovation partners, startups, state-of-the-art facilities, student organizations, local ag companies, the Illinois AgTech Accelerator, and more.

### IHSA BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 9-11 | [legendsplayhere.com](http://legendsplayhere.com)

The Illinois High School State Boys Basketball Tournament returns to Champaign for 2023. Join in the excitement at the State Farm Center to catch the state's top talent compete for a title.

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### FIGHTING ILLINI BASEBALL

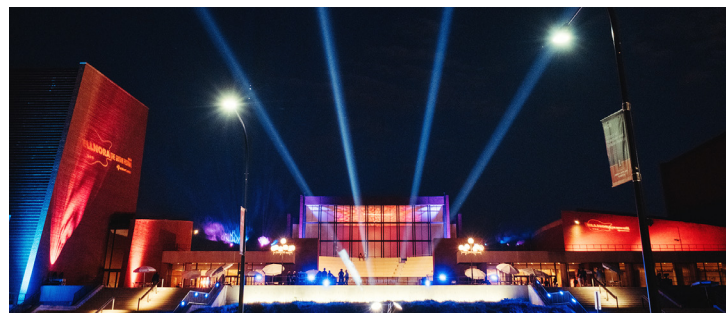
Home Games Begin March 14 | [fightingillini.com](http://fightingillini.com)

Nothing says spring like the start of baseball. Head out to Illini Field this spring to catch Illini Baseball in action. These games are free and family-friendly!

### ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

March 31-April 1 | [eohillinois.org](http://eohillinois.org)

Be awed by the innovation and creativity from the U of I students during this free, fun two-day event with hundreds of demos, workshops, and displays.



## Did you know?

- ⚡ Krannert Center for the Performing Arts boasts five performance spaces that host over 400 performances during the academic year. Among them, Foellinger Great Hall, is a world-renowned for its acoustics due to details from the shape of the ceiling to the upholstery on the seats.
- ⚡ The Engineering Open House has wowed attendees for over 100 years. The open house has showcased new technologies before they were adopted into the mainstream.
- ⚡ Located on UIUC's campus, The Morrow Plots are the oldest experimental crop field in America and the second oldest in the world.



## COMMUNITY RANKINGS

- ⚡ The City of Urbana is a Tree City USA designee. Over 262 varieties of trees can be found in the city.
- ⚡ Champaign-Urbana ranked #24 for "2022 Best of The Midwest - Startup City Rankings" list, August 2022 (Midwest Startups)
- ⚡ For the eleventh year in a row, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation has recognized the City of Champaign for its inclusive LGBTQ+ laws, policies, and services.

Want more ideas for events & activities?

[visitchampaigncounty.org](http://visitchampaigncounty.org)

Learn more about community rankings & innovations  
+ search for jobs:

[yourewelcomecu.com](http://yourewelcomecu.com)

# TOP IDEAS FOR FOOD & DRINK

Featuring Champaign County Area Restaurant Week Participants



**A Taste of Both Worlds** 401 Broadway Ave., Urbana

**Baldoratta's** 300 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana | baldarottas.com

**Big Grove Tavern** 1 E. Main St., Champaign | biggrovetavern.com

**Chophouse on Main** 401 E. Main St., Mahomet  
chophouseonmain.com

**Cracked on Green** 619 E. Green St., Champaign  
crackedongreen.com

**Esquire Lounge** 106 N. Walnut St., Champaign  
esquirelounge.com

**ET's Downtown** 107 E. Sangamon Ave., Rantoul

**Hamilton Walker's** 201 N. Neil St., Champaign  
hamiltonwalkers.com

**Hopscotch Market** 802 W John St. and 122 N. Neil St. (The Literary),  
Champaign | hopscotchmarket.com

**Houlihan's** 1900 S. First St., Champaign | houlihans.com

**Industrial Donut** 501 Commerce Dr., Savoy | industrialdonut.com

**Kohinoor** 6 E. Columbia Ave., Champaign  
kohinoorchampaign.com

**La Bahia Grill** 132 W. Church St., Champaign | labahiagrill.com

**La Paloma Mexican Food Truck**

**The Main Scoop** 501 E. Main St., Mahomet | themainscoopmahomet.com

**Maize Mexican Grill** 100 N. Chestnut St., & 60 E. Green St., Champaign  
maizemexicangrill.com

**Martinelli's Market** 500 N. Walnut St., Champaign | martinellismarket.com



**Nando Milano** 204 N. Neil St., Champaign | nandomilanochampaign.com

**Neil St. Blues** 301 N. Neil St., Champaign | neilstblues.com

**Pekara** 811 W. Springfield Ave., Champaign | pekarabistro.com

**Pizzeria Antica** 10 E. Chester St., Champaign  
anticachampaign.com

**Po' Boys Restaurant** 202 E University Ave., Urbana | poyboysurbana.com

**Project 47 Smokehouse** 101 N. Lombard St., Mahomet  
project47smokehouse.com

**Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant** 1209 W. Oregon St., Urbana  
redherringlove.com

**The Ribeye** 1701 S. Neil St., Champaign | theribeyerestaurant.org

**Seven Saints** 32 E. Chester St., Champaign | sevensaintsbar.com

**Stango Cuisine** 500 N. Walnute St., Champaign | stangocu.com

**Sticky Rice** 415 N. Neil St., Champaign | stickyricechampaign.com

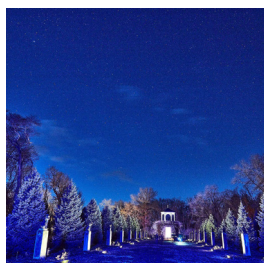
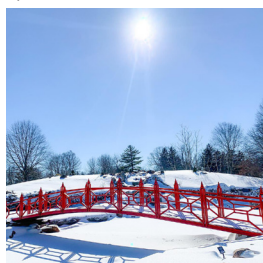
**Sun Singer Restaurant** 1115 Windsor Rd., Champaign | sunsingerwines.com

**Watson's Shack & Rail** 211 N. Neil St., Champaign | watsonschicken.com

**Wood N' Hog Barbecue** 500 N. Walnut St., Champaign  
woodnhogbarbecue.com

## Winter Photo Spots

Check out these spots, or any on our checklist, and share on Instagram with #outsideofordinary and #yourewelcomecu!



Clockwise from top left

1. Lake of the Woods
2. Allerton Park & Retreat Center
3. Mr. Eggwards at Esquire Lounge
4. Eternal Flame on Valentine's Day

## CHAMBANA WELCOME CREW

**We get it – moving to a new community can be intimidating. Let us make it easier for you!**

Chambana Welcome Crew is a program designed to help new and potential Champaign-Urbana area residents navigate their new home, connecting newcomers to one of our knowledgeable Ambassadors serving as a community champion who can authentically share their stories about living and working here. Get connected to one of our ambassadors today!



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## STAY ACTIVE

Bundle up because there's plenty of opportunities to get outdoors and check out our parks and preserves. Here's our top spots to get some snow time this winter.

**Urbana Boulders** | urbanaboulders.com

From novice to challenging, Urbana Boulders offers ever-changing walls to climb in their vibrant indoor space.

**Stephens Family YMCA** | sf-ymca.net

Feel healthy to start the new year at the YMCA, with plenty of classes, top-notch equipment, a track, lap pool, and more.

**Busey Woods** | urbanaparks.org

Wander in the woods this winter and keep an eye out for wildlife amongst the county's oldest trees.