

10 Things To Do This Weekend (Aug 23-25)

The weekend outlook, will be relatively cooler than what we've been experiencing. Friday will start out partly cloudy, with only a 20% chance of rain, but be 83 degrees. Saturday and Sunday will both be slightly cooler with no rain. Great weekend for planning activities!



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As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Check out our tutorial. For more info, you can click on each title. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, August 23rd

FREE Fun Fridays: FREE Whaling Museum Admission (9:00 am-5:00 pm)

Free Fun Fridays is the annual summer program that opens doors at no cost to visitors to many of the most treasured cultural venues in Massachusetts. This year, 60 museums and cultural venues will participate in the program, which is an increase from the 50 venues that participated in 2012. This means that all day today you can explore the [New Bedford Whaling Museum](#)

for free!

**Follow the Fish Paddle on the Weweantic River (Wareham, MA)
(9:00 am-12:00 pm)**

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Osprey Sea Kayak as they paddle up the Weweantic River as it transitions from salty water to fresh. They will stop at the Weweantic River Reserve and learn about this unique spot on the Bay's largest tributary. The cost is \$30 for Buzzards Bay Coalition members and \$40 for the general public.



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If you do not have a kayak, you can rent one from Osprey Sea Kayak for \$15. They will meet at the rest stop on 195 East in Wareham. Registration is required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Alicia Pimental at 508-999-6363 x226 or pimental@savebuzzardsbay.org.

1st Annual "18 Holes for a Cause" (11:45 am)

Want to hit the greens and help out a great cause? The Allendale Country Club will be host the 1st Annual "18 Holes for a Cause" event. There will be a Hole in One Challenge, Closest to the Pin, and Putting Contest. Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 placings. Bring your a-game!

Westport Rivers Sunset Music Concert Series: Arc Iris (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)

Westport Rivers Sunset Music Concert Series to take place at Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery. Admission is \$10 per carload and beer, wine and SoCo local food will be served for a fee. No alcohol may be brought into the event. Bring blanket, chairs, bug spray, glasses and a cork screw. (508) 636-3423.

Saturday, August 24th

Westport Farmers' Market & Crafts Fair (8:30 am – 1:00 pm)

Weekly farmers' market providing fresh produce from local farms. The market is held rain or shine. Inside the grange building there will be craft vendors and the cafe will be open serving up goodies. Hope to see you there!

Day of Bluegrass in Tihonet Village (Wareham) (11:00 am – 7:00 pm)

Enjoy the sweet sounds of Bluegrass along the shores of Tihonet Pond at Tihonet Village, 146 Tihonet Road (rain or shine) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Crab Grass, followed by Changing Strings and ending with Four Bridges.



Robbie Thatcher Memorial Fundraiser, Saturday.

After that there will be an open picking session from 4 – 7 p.m. Food will be available onsite, and don't miss your chance listen to the tunes while cruising around Tihonet Pond in a duck or swan paddle boat! Advance tickets \$8, \$10 at the door, under 7 free. Additional fees apply for some activities. Click the title for more info on the acts.

8th Annual "Barn Bash" (Dartmouth, MA) (6:00 pm – 10:30 pm)

The annual Barn Bash is back! Square Dancing, catering by Morton's Fork, full open bar, auctions, dinner, arts, activities, and live music by "Three Cats and A Dog." All proceeds support DNRT. Full program [here](#).

10th Anniversary Robby Thatcher Memorial Fundraiser w/ Craig DeMello & Bob's Day Off (4:00 pm – 10:30 pm)

Robby Thatcher was an athlete, a poet, a surfer and a musician. He grew up in Fairhaven, Massachusetts and attended Fairhaven public schools until his junior year. Robby was diagnosed with leukemia. He underwent chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant and enjoyed 13 months of remission before the leukemia came back. Robby relapsed. His second series of treatments were too much for his body to handle. Robby lost his battle with cancer on November 28, 2003.

The Robby Thatcher Memorial Fund, Inc will support families affected by catastrophic illnesses. The fund will give emotional and financial support to families facing undue hardship. The fund will give Scholarships and Poetry Awards annually to high school students in the Greater New Bedford Area. Takes place at the Seaport Inn.

Opium Fest featuring Weld Square (12:00 pm – 10:30 pm)

Weld Square is a rock trio from New Bedford, MA that describes their music as "...Dirty..dirty..Rock 'N' Roll." The group consists of Joe Froias on vocals and guitar, Kev Patrick Nunes on bass, and Derek Brasseur on drums. In 2012, they released an EP called Femme de Maison. They will be playing at the Opium Fest that takes place at Knuckleheads Bar & Grill. The

fest starts at noon and Weld Squares set begins at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 25th

Shenanigans Reunion Benefit (12:00 pm)

Head to Knucklehead's Bar & Grill for the Shenanigans Reunion to benefit the Dana Farber Institute featuring Damaged Goods, Murphy's Law, Crabby Appleton, React, Ageless and Likk. Of course, great specials, your favorite bartenders and knuckleheads will be there.

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