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Idlewild Park Announces Summer Picnic Schedule for Area Schools and Communities

LIGONIER, PA – May 15, 2009 – A sure sign that summer is on the way, Idlewild & SoakZone (<http://www.idlewild.com>) today released its schedule of community and school district picnics, an annual summer tradition for tens of thousands of people and families throughout western Pennsylvania. These special dates will once again combine community and school spirit with exciting entertainment and thrilling amusements at the award-winning theme park located in Ligonier. The following list shows each county's participating school districts, communities and picnic dates. Call 724.238.3666 for ticket outlet information.

Armstrong County	Apollo-Ridge School District - May 23
Bedford County	Chestnut Ridge – June 12
Cambria County	Conemaugh Valley, Ferndale, Richland, Westmont Hilltop School Districts - May 23 Greater Johnstown School District – May 30
Fayette County	Brownsville Area Schools - May 23
Indiana County	Blairsville, Purchase Line, and United School Districts plus Homer Center Community Days - all on May 23
Somerset County	North Star and Rockwood Area - May 23 ; Conemaugh Township – May 30 Somerset Area School Districts – June 6 ; Shade-Central School District - June 12
Westmoreland County	Greater Latrobe Schools/Community - June 9 Derry Area Schools/Community - June 10 Ligonier Valley Schools/Community - June 12 Greensburg Salem Schools/Community – June 19 Scottdale Community and Southmoreland Schools - June 21 Mount Pleasant Area Schools/Community - July 13

ABOUT IDLEWILD & SOAKZONE

Founded in 1878 as a simple picnic ground along the Ligonier Valley Rail Road, Idlewild & SoakZone (www.idlewild.com) is the oldest amusement park in Pennsylvania, third-oldest in America and is rated the second best kid's park in the world by *Amusement Today* magazine (<http://www.amusementtoday.com>) and one of the top five family amusement parks in the world by the National Amusement Park Historical Association (<http://www.napha.org/>). Idlewild features seven fun theme areas such as SoakZone Waterpark, Story Book Forest and Mister Rogers' Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Seasonal operations run from May 21 through Labor Day and "Hallowboo," a Halloween-themed event, takes place in October. Idlewild is part of the Palace Entertainment family of parks that hosts over 14 million visitors annually at five theme parks, two animal parks, 10 waterparks, and 21 family entertainment centers. Palace Entertainment is part of the Parques Reunidos family of parks. For more information, call 724.238.3666 or visit <http://www.idlewild.com> and <http://www.palaceentertainment.com>.