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## Idlewild Park Announces Summer Picnic Schedule for Area Schools and Communities

**LIGONIER, PA - May 8, 2006** - The annual tradition of community and school summer fun picnics at Idlewild & SoakZone ([www.idlewild.com](http://www.idlewild.com)) will soon begin for tens of thousands of people throughout western Pennsylvania. The award-winning theme park today released its picnic schedules for the months of May, June, July and August:

The following list each county's participating school districts and communities and picnic dates:

Armstrong County	Apollo-Ridge School District - <b>May 27</b>
Cambria County	Conemaugh Valley, Ferndale Area, Forest Hills, Richland, Westmont Hilltop School Districts and Greater Johnstown Career and Technology - <b>all on May 27</b> Greater Johnstown School District - <b>June 3</b>
Fayette County	Brownsville Area Schools - <b>May 27</b>
Indiana County	Blairsville-Saltsburg, Marion Center Area, Purchase Line, and United School Districts plus Homer Center Community Days - <b>all on May 27</b>
Somerset County	Conemaugh Township Area, North Star, and Rockwood Area - <b>May 27</b> Somerset Area District - <b>June 3</b> Shade-Central City and Windber Area School Districts - <b>June 9</b>
Westmoreland County	Derry Area Schools/Community - <b>June 7</b> Greater Latrobe Schools/Community - <b>June 13</b> Greensburg Salem Schools/Community - <b>June 15</b> Ligonier Valley Schools/Community - <b>June 16</b> Scottsdale Community and Southmoreland Schools - <b>June 18</b> Mount Pleasant Area Schools/Community - <b>July 10</b> Manor/Westmoreland City Communities - <b>July 27</b> Norwin Community - <b>August 2</b> Dormont and Penn Township Communities - <b>August 4</b> Sewickley Township Community - <b>August 9</b> Alverton Community - <b>August 20</b>

Call 724.238.3666 for ticket outlet information.

## About Idlewild & SoakZone

Founded in 1878 as a simple picnic ground along the Ligonier Valley Rail Road, [Idlewild & SoakZone](http://www.idlewild.com) ([www.idlewild.com](http://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>) Family owned and operated by [Kennywood Entertainment](http://www.kennywood.com) ([www.kennywood.com](http://www.kennywood.com)), the largest provider of summer fun in western Pennsylvania, 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 25 to Labor Day and "Hallowboo," a Halloween-themed event, takes place in October. For more information, call 724.238.3666 or visit [www.idlewild.com](http://www.idlewild.com).