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Idlewild & SoakZone Unveils 2025 Event Lineup Featuring the World's Largest Rubber Duck

Park's Upcoming Season Offers Something to Quack About – From A “Splash-Tacular” Visit by The World's Largest Rubber Duck to Beloved Neighbor Days, Kids Fest and HALLOWBOO!

LIGONIER, PA (April 29, 2025) – Idlewild & SoakZone – *The Best Kids Park in the World* — today announced its 2025 season event schedule, highlighted by the highly anticipated return of the **World's Largest Rubber Duck** to western Pennsylvania. This six-story-tall inflatable duck will make a splash June 27 through 29, delighting families with an unforgettable, larger-than-life experience. In addition to this iconic guest, Idlewild's 2025 season is packed with family-focused fun, including the community-inspired **Neighbor Days**, the ever-popular **Kids Fest**, and the not-too-spooky **HALLOWBOO!**

World's Largest Rubber Duck (June 27–29): Idlewild celebrates summer in a *big* way as the World's Largest Rubber Duck makes its grand debut at Idlewild & SoakZone and returns to the Pittsburgh region for the first time since 2013. Standing six stories tall, this colossal duck will be on display for three days, giving families plenty to flap about. Guests can snap selfies with the supersized bath toy and enjoy duck-themed activities and merchandise throughout the weekend. This “inflated” guest of honor is sure to float everyone's boat – and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Neighbor Days (Fridays–Sundays, July 11–August 3): Neighbor Days, in partnership with Fred Rogers Productions, is a celebration of Western Pennsylvania's own Fred Rogers. Families will have the opportunity to meet characters from beloved PBS KIDS series *Donkey Hodie*, *Alma's Way* and *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, while honoring the timeless charm of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Kid-centric unique entertainment, engaging story times, themed scavenger hunts and more will be featured every Friday through Sunday, July 11 through August 3. Event highlights include:

- **Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Weekend (July 11 – 13):** A weekend long celebration of Fred Rogers' legacy, offering visitors the chance to meet cast members including; David Newell (Mr. Mcfeely), Maggie Stewart (Mayor Maggie), and Chuck Aber (Neighbor Aber);
- **Alma's Way Weekend (July 18 – 20):** It's “Alma's way” all weekend long as guests can meet and greet Alma and enjoy immersive arts and crafts activities;
- **Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Weekend (July 25 - 27):** Everyone's invited to be a part of the fun with *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, including the chance to meet and greet Daniel and his neighborhood friends; and
- **Donkey Hodie Weekend (August 1 - 3):** The whole family is invited to take a trip to *Someplace Else* with a scavenger hunt throughout the park, meet and greets and dance parties with the lovable and spirited Donkey Hodie all whimsical weekend long.

Kids Fest (Saturdays & Sundays, August 9 - 31): This August, Idlewild & SoakZone turns up the energy for its annual Kids Fest. Each weekend will feature a different theme – from ‘Wild Foam and Bubble Dance parties to interactive magic shows and visits from favorite costume characters, including Idlewild's own Ricky Raccoon and Duke the Dragon. With high-energy activities and excitement, Kids Fest is the perfect way to wrap up summer in unforgettable style.

HALLOWBOO! (Saturdays & Sundays, Sept. 13–Oct. 26): As autumn arrives, Idlewild transforms into a festive, not-too-spooky Halloween haven during its **HALLOWBOO!** event. On weekends from September 13 through October 26, families can enjoy a Trick-or-Treat Trail through Story Book Forest, themed attractions, and Halloween displays among the fall foliage. Friendly characters like Ricky Raccoon will be on hand for *boo-rific* photo ops, and Halloween-themed round out the fun. HALLOWBOO! is the perfect way for families to enjoy Halloween without the fright.

“Our team has crafted an exciting lineup of events that truly offers something for everyone,” said Tim Heger, Idlewild & SoakZone General Manager. “From the return of an iconic floating friend to our treasured annual traditions, we're giving families a season packed with joyful moments and new reasons to visit us again and again. Whether it's to see a giant rubber duck make a splash, celebrate beloved PBS KIDS characters, enjoy some foam-filled fun, or experience Halloween adventures.”

In addition to these marquee events, Idlewild will feature area dance school performances during **Showcase of Stars**, every Thursday through Sunday in June; a **July 4th fireworks** show; and a **Classic Car Cruise** on Sunday, July 6.

Idlewild opens for its 148th season on Saturday, May 17 with SoakZone attractions opening on May 24th. Those looking to enjoy a full season of fun can save up to \$30 on Tickets & Passes during the park's Opening Sale, including the Gold Season Pass which gives full

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access through HALLOWBOO, available now for a limited time for just \$109.99. For more information on events and to purchase tickets and Season Passes, visit Idlewild.com.

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About Idlewild & SoakZone:

Founded in 1878, Idlewild & SoakZone is the third-longest operating amusement park in the United States and has been nationally recognized for its appeal to families with young children. Idlewild features classic amusement rides, the SoakZone waterpark, costumed characters, and one-of-a-kind attractions such as Story Book Forest and Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood.