

2nd Annual MyMidwest



Reconnect with the Midwest

We all agree that the Midwest is the best place in the country, but we want to know what you love the most about the region. Is it traveling to new places; eating local foods; visiting spas and destinations or simply admiring the beauty of the landscape? Whatever your inspiration, take a photo and enter the "My Midwest" photo contest at midwestliving.com/mymidwest. Log on and share your stories and photos of your most memorable Midwestern experiences for a chance to be further inspired by the region with a trip to Destination Kohler.

Summer's only just begun...

There is still plenty of time to get out there and enjoy a one-of-a-kind Midwestern summer. Fourth of July weekend is the perfect opportunity to travel to any one of the exciting holiday events and observances happening throughout the region. You can beat the summer heat with a sweet treat or al fresco meal along the way to your destination of choice. Or simply enjoy the endless possibilities that sunshine and the outdoors bring to July and August in the Midwest. Get out there—take to the road, the skies or even the river and round out your warm weather experiences before summer's end.

Family Getaways

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY IN MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN The day includes children's games, live music and one of northern Michigan's largest fireworks displays. The 45-minute fireworks show begins at dusk on July 4th at Conkling Heritage Park.

ESCAPE TO THE LAKE AND MISS THE CROWDS AT SENECA LAKE, OHIO This southeast Ohio gem is the largest of the state's 10 eastern reservoirs of the Muskingum River—and a semi-secret location. Rent boats, skis, and canoes at the marina or enjoy two waterslides at the beach with the kids.

Fan Faves

HIT THE WHISTLING STRAITS COURSE BEFORE THE 92ND PGA CHAMPIONSHIP IN KOHLER, WISCONSIN Lake Michigan is visible from all 18 holes, and all four par-3 holes are placed along the water's edge. The PGA

Championship takes place August 9-15, and tickets can be purchased online now at PGA.com.

CATCH THE PRESEASON ACTION AT SOLDIER FIELD IN CHICAGO The Chicago Bears play their first preseason home game against the Oakland Raiders on August 21. Get tickets now at ChicagoBears.com.

Girls' Night Out

SHOP THE DAY AWAY IN VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA Start your day by taking the scenic bridge tour of the eight historic bridges that cross the beautiful Sheyenne River. Then head to downtown Valley City to shop the 25,000-square-foot antiques mall and several downtown shops with great finds in antiques, crafts and collectibles.

LEARN ABOUT LILIES AT THE WISCONSIN-ILLINOIS LILY SOCIETY SHOW AT THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN The Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society's annual show features floral arrangements in four artistic categories and a

MyMidwest 2010 TOUR

In 2010 *Midwest Living* is expanding upon the "My Midwest" Photo Contest by embarking on a multi-city tour to major events and festivals throughout the Midwest. Stop by the *Midwest Living* booth this summer and fall and have your photo taken in front of a green screen. Then go online and customize your photo to email, post and tweet your "My Midwest" experience photo to everyone you know.

"MY MIDWEST" TOUR STOPS:

KANSAS CITY RIVERFEST
Kansas City, Missouri
July 3-4, 2010

TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE AT NAVY PIER
Chicago, Illinois
August 24-29, 2010

CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW
Columbus, Ohio
October 20-23, 2010

beautiful judged display of more than 100 lily blooms in different varieties. Get expert tips on how to grow and care for lilies. July 10-11, visit ChicagoBotanic.org for show times and ticket information.

Romance Reviver

ENJOY OLD WORLD ROMANCE AT THE LUXURIOUS CANTERBURY HOTEL IN INDIANAPOLIS This grandiose hotel, built in 1928, is the perfect place for a romantic weekend away. Order breakfast in bed from the award-winning Canterbury restaurant located downstairs in the hotel before you set out to see the sites.

RETREAT TO YOUR SUITE AT CHATEAU AVALON IN KANSAS CITY This fantasy-themed inn serves up luxury rooms for couples seeking a romantic getaway. Choose between experiences like the Camelot suite or the Tahitian Tree House all with whirlpool spa and surround sound entertainment system.

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My Midwest Tour Stop: Kansas City's KCRiverfest

Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4, 2010

Kansas City, Missouri's, KCRiverFest has music, food, family fun and one of the largest fireworks displays in the Midwest right on the Missouri Riverfront! Visit KCRiverFest.com for more information.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (OPENING PAGE) JOHN NOLTNER. OPPOSITE PAGE: (TOP) CLINT FARLINGER (LEFT), TOP TO BOTTOM) BRIAN CONFER, KEVIN MIYAZAKI, AND BOB STEFKO.

As you turn the pages of *Midwest Living* magazine, look for stories that may inspire you to share your favorite moments!

ENTER YOUR PHOTOS FOR PRIZES AT midwestliving.com/mymidwest.

Win a world-class golf and spa weekend at Destination Kohler in the 2nd Annual

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photo contest

Show us what the Midwest means to you!

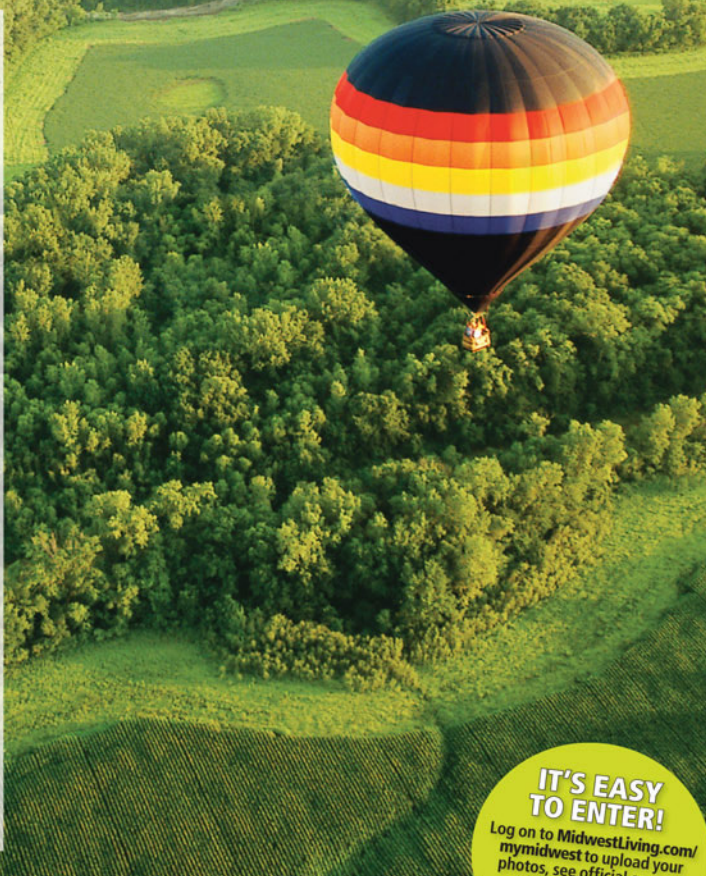
Exploring the Midwest has never been more rewarding. Snap a photo of one (or more) of your favorite experiences, places or Midwestern icons and show us what "My Midwest" means to you. Upload your photos, along with a brief description of where you went and what you did, for the chance to win an amazing getaway to Destination Kohler.

"My Midwest" Inspirations

Not sure what to photograph? Take inspiration from our fun and family-friendly checklist of beautiful places to visit and exciting things to do inside this section. As you start your new adventure, we hope you capture the unique spirit of the Heartland...and share your memories with your fellow Midwesterners.

Hit the road, explore the region and remember—the more places you visit and the more photos you take, the more chances you'll have to win!

Reader photos will be posted online at midwestliving.com/mymidwest—so be sure to log on often to upload new photos, share your stories and check out the monthly winners!



IT'S EASY TO ENTER!

Log on to MidwestLiving.com/mymidwest to upload your photos, see official contest rules, check out photo galleries featuring the latest entries and much more!

TWO WAYS TO WIN

1. BI-MONTHLY WINNERS

With each issue, posted photos will be judged for a chance to win great prizes, including a digital camera, iPod touch, DVD player and Flip Video Camcorder.

2. GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

At the end of the year, two grand prize winners will each receive a **trip for two to Destination Kohler in Wisconsin.**

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS INCLUDE:

- **Editors' Choice Award** as selected by the editors of *Midwest Living*
- **Readers' Choice Award** as selected by *Midwest Living* readers

Each grand prize package includes: airfare for two; three-day, two-night luxury accommodations at The American Club at Destination Kohler complete with one spa treatment per person; two gourmet dinners and a round of golf on the Whistling Straits course—home of the 2010 PGA Championship.

The "My Midwest" photo contest is open for entry through December 31, 2010, so keep uploading your photos for more chances to win.

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