

# COSMO'S Summer Music Fest Cheat Sheet

In August, hundreds of bands (and thousands of fans) hit cities coast to coast to rock out. Here's how to work the fests like a vet.



## Lollapalooza CHICAGO, IL AUG. 2 TO AUG. 4



**HEADLINERS** Lana Del Rey, Mumford and Sons, Vampire Weekend, Ellie Goulding, The Killers



**VIBE** A high-energy party

**STRATEGY** Make a custom schedule at Lollapalooza.com.

**COOL LOCAL BAR** Big Star, in trendy Wicker Park, has great margaritas.

**SURVIVAL TECHNIQUE** Pick a time and place to meet up with friends. Cell

service is notoriously spotty, thanks to 100,000 fans trying to make calls at once.

**DAMAGE** \$95 for a 1-day pass or \$235 for a 3-day pass

**TIP** Postconcert, some bands (like Band of Horses) hit Chicago clubs to play bonus sets.

**Ellie Goulding**



## Outside Lands SAN FRANCISCO, CA AUG. 9 TO AUG. 11



**HEADLINERS** Paul McCartney, D'Angelo, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Jessie Ware, Grizzly Bear

**VIBE** Laid-back and friendly, with major foodie cred and beautiful scenery

**STRATEGY** Grab lunch from one of more than 60 vendors at A Taste of the Bay Area.



**HOTTIES YOU'LL MEET** Sophisticated, take-home-to-mom types who know how to pick a killer malbec

**SURVIVAL TECHNIQUE** Bring layers. Temps in Golden Gate Park can drop 10 to 15 degrees after dark.

**DAMAGE** \$250 for a 3-day pass

**TIP** Watch for secret shows not on the official lineup. Last year, Jack White busted out an impromptu set in a woodsy area called McLaren Pass.

## Burning Man BLACK ROCK, NV AUG. 26 TO SEPT. 2



**HEADLINERS** None. Per the official website: "Burning Man is not a concert. Participants come...to entertain one another." In the past, big-time deejays like Paul Oakenfold have dropped in to spin.

**VIBE** Free-spirited and anything goes. Think wacky costumes (actually, clothing is optional!), tricked-out bikes (the best transportation method on the Playa, as the festival's desert grounds are called), and hugs from soul-searching strangers.



**SURVIVAL TECHNIQUE** Pack a ski mask to protect your face from sandstorms and baby wipes because Burning Man is BYOShower.

**DAMAGE** \$380 for the week

**TIP** For shelter from the blazing sun, hit up Center Camp Café, a massive tent that offers 38,000 square feet of shade...plus iced coffee.

## Bumbershoot SEATTLE, WA AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 2



**HEADLINERS** Fun., Death Cab for Cutie, Heart, MGMT, Kendrick Lamar, Icona Pop

**VIBE** Raucous but artsy (the fest also features comedy, theater, and visual arts)

**STRATEGY** The headliner stage is indoors, and entry is first come, first served. Get in line 90 minutes before showtime.

**COOL LOCAL BAR** Capitol Hill's Crescent Lounge, which was recently voted the city's best singles bar

**HOTTIES YOU'LL MEET** Rowdy indie fans cooling off in the Seattle Center's 10-foot water fountain

**DAMAGE** \$50 for a 1-day pass, \$120 for 3 days

**TIP** Catch a comedy show. The lineup is still TBA, but Fred Armisen and Amy Schumer have performed in recent years.

