



SAWTOOTH BOTANICAL GARDEN  
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## **Sawtooth Botanical Garden Collaborates with Sun Valley Resort and Others for Pride Festival**

The Sawtooth Botanical Garden is presenting its second annual “Pride in the Garden” series of events on June 15 - 18. Two events are ticketed and two are free. All events are family-friendly and open to all-ages.

The festival begins on June 15 at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden for *Pride in the Garden Prom: Under the Rainbow* 5 - 9 pm. DJ Marlin will be spinning the tunes and Justin Buckles Productions returns with drag queen and king performances. The Sawtooth Brewery is providing food and beer, and Garden will host a bar and non-alcoholic beverages station. An original Cristine Warjone art piece will be auctioned off as well as jello shots and other great prizes. Ticket prices vary and participation is limited due to venue size. Carpooling is encouraged. Dress as you wish and be advised: we will crown a Pride Court!

On June 16, the party moves north to Ketchum for *Despo’s Diva Dinner* from 6 - 9 pm. Tickets are \$125 and include tacos and drinks, and drag performances by Jayla Rose, Dolce Vida, Lylac, and Otto. Tickets are available on the Sawtooth Botanical Garden website at [sbgarden.org](http://sbgarden.org). Participation is limited due to venue size.

Sun Valley Resort joins the festivities for the final two events offered to the community free of charge: the *Fabulous Friday Flick* screening of [“Mama Bears”](#) at the Sun Valley Opera House on June 17 and the Saturday, June 18 inaugural *Pride Ride* bicycle parade from the Sun Valley Pavilion parking lot, through Ketchum to River Run and back along the Wood River Trail. “Mama Bears” is a thought-provoking exploration of the journeys taken by two moms whose profound love for their children has turned them into fierce advocates for the entire LGBTQ community. This free showing starts at 7 pm on Friday and is family-friendly. On Saturday, all are welcome to join the first annual [Pride Ride](#) through town. Participants will begin gathering at 10 am to apply finishing touches to decorated bikes and people and the parade will roll out at 11 am. Additional participant information about these events can be found at [sbgarden.org](http://sbgarden.org). “Building a community that is respectful, kind and open to all is important to us at Sun Valley Resort. We are thrilled to partner with the Sawtooth Botanical Garden on these events, and proud of our employees that brought the idea to the table,” said Pete Sonntag, Vice President and General Manager of Sun Valley Resort.

The Sawtooth Botanical Garden’s Executive Director, Jen Smith, stated, “We really had no idea how enthusiastic people would be about these events and it turns out, they really are! We had a vision of expanding on the 2021 festivities and the community really stepped up its game with all of the collaboration and excitement. Pride is a community thing and nobody does community like the Wood River Valley!”

Pride in the Garden raises money for SBG’s diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice programming and services and celebrates the LGBTQAI+ community and its allies. A portion of proceeds will be dedicated to three local Youth Pride Clubs. Collaborators include NAMI WRV, The Advocates, Family Health Services, Sun Valley Resort, Despo’s, Image Eyes Optical, Sawtooth Brewery, Toni’s Sun Valley Ice Cream, Christine Warjone Art, and the Good Deeds Club.

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**The Sawtooth Botanical Garden** is a community resource showcasing native and cultivated plants that flourish at high altitude. The Garden connects people to the region's unique beauty and fosters environmental stewardship through education, events, displays, and plant collections.

**Sun Valley Resort** was founded in 1936 as America's first destination ski resort. Located in the Idaho mountains, it is truly a four-season resort with a wide array of activities. Outdoor adventure enthusiasts enjoy world-class skiing, snowboarding, skating, hiking, biking, golfing, fishing, shooting, concerts, shopping, restaurants, and conferences, and special event space. Sun Valley is a member of The Grand America Hotels and Resorts family. Sister properties include Snowbasin Ski Resort, The Grand America Hotel, Little America Hotel (all Salt Lake City, Utah); The Westgate Hotel, San Diego, Calif.; Little America Flagstaff, Ariz.; Little America, Wyo., and Little America, Cheyenne, Wyo. [www.sunvalley.com](http://www.sunvalley.com) | 800.786.8259 | @sunvalley | #sunvalley

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