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46 Reasons to Attend the 2012 Cooperstown Winter *Carnivale*

-- *Winter Carnivale Kicks Off on Friday* --

(COOPERSTOWN, NY) – On February 10-12, the 46th annual Cooperstown Winter *Carnivale* will bring family contests, food and traditional events to the sleepy village of Cooperstown. And if that isn't motivation enough to make sure you join the fun, here are 46 more reasons to end the winter blahs this weekend.

1. When is the last time Cooperstown's winter consisted of sunshine, temperatures above freezing, and no snow?
2. Live Music all weekend long!
3. Breakfast at the Cooperstown Lions Pancake Breakfast Saturday and Sunday.
4. Support local businesses who have donated generously to make winter a little more fun.
5. The Fabulous Beekman Boys book signing on Saturday afternoon.
6. Practice your samba skills during the Calypso Clash Carnival Cooler.
7. Start your weekend off right by enjoying the Carnival Fireworks Display over Otsego Lake.
8. Even your dog can get out and socialize with his or her puppy friends at the SPCA Dog Show.
9. Enjoy the Winter Carnival Special at the Hawkeye Grill on Friday evening.
10. Stay out late at the Frevo Festival and enjoy great bands at the local bars.
11. Great discounts at local businesses for those who wear their Carnival pins.
12. Don't feel guilty about indulging in all the samples during the Dessert Festival – we need judges for the fan favorite prize!
13. Run off the extra calories on Sunday at the Bob Smullens 5k and 10k Run.
14. Heat Up the Night at the Farmers' Museum - activities, music and food, all for a great cause!
15. Check out Cooley's Jambalaya Eating Contest.
16. Take in the ice sculpture carved in Pioneer Park by Stan Kolonko of the Ice Farm.
17. Rock out to a returning favorite, *Carnivale* Lip Sync on Saturday night!
18. Make sure you get enough beans and rice in your diet at the Fat Tuesday eating contest.
19. Test your bartending skills at the DUVEL Pouring Contest at the Pit.
20. Sample a number of different wines and find your favorite at "Hurricane" Wine Tasting on Saturday.
21. You could be one of the lucky people to win a raffle prize announced at the Bayou Bash Chili Contest and Carnival Closer.

22. Join your neighbors on Main St. for the Samba Dromo Parade or enter it to win cash prizes!
23. See if your kids inherited your moves at the Children's Disco held at the Cooperstown Fire Hall.
24. Trade your sneakers for bowling shoes at the Bowling Tournament held at the Clark Sports Center.
25. If you get cold, warm up at Doubleday Field and enjoy all that the Little Rio Festival Tent has to offer all day Saturday.
26. Check out "Rio" at Movie Float Night at the Clark Sports Center pool.
27. Enter your chili in the Bayou Bash Chili Contest and Carnival Closer and see if you can bring the title of "best chili" home!
28. Get \$5 off entry to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum all weekend by wearing a 2012 Winter Carnival button.
29. Try Ommegang's newest brew and good music at the Calypso Clash Carnival Cooler.
30. Check out the Winter Carnival Farmers' Market in Pioneer Alley on Saturday morning.
31. See which Cooperstown high schoolers are named Carnival King and Queen before the fireworks show on Friday evening.
32. Listen to some talented youngsters take part in Kid's Karaoke at the Masonic Lodge Building on Sunday.
33. Check out the quilts at the annual Fenimore Quilt Show at the Cooperstown Art Association.
34. Has anyone found that medallion yet???
35. Stop by the TREP\$ Marketplace at the Cooperstown Middle/High School Gymnasium on Sunday afternoon.
36. Wear *Carnivale* beads and not get funny looks from your neighbors.
37. Catch "The Princess and the Frog" during the Cabin Fever Film Series on Friday evening at the Hall of Fame.
38. Learn about the hauntings of Cooperstown by taking a Candlelight Ghost Tour during the weekend.
39. Warm up with the Soup 'r Chili Luncheon at the First Baptist Church.
40. Back, back, back, GONE. Participate in the Homerun Hitting Showdown in Lakefront Park.
41. Test your shot in the HOOPLA Free Throw and Three Point Contest at the Clark Sports Center.
42. Dig in during the Diabo Chicken Wing Contest.
43. Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Susquehanna SPCA On Saturday evening from 4:30-7:30 at Templeton Hall.
44. Join the Otsego Land Trust for a winter hike at Brookwood Point.
45. Did we mention the sunshine?
46. Be apart of a 46-year tradition in the best community in America.

Don't let these long, cold (warm?) days of winter get you down – Come out for some good music, good libations, and good company during the 46th annual Cooperstown Winter Carnival!

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For more information visit www.cooperstowncarnival.org or "Like" Cooperstown Winter Carnival on Facebook. If you would like to get involved, contact us at cooperstownwintercarnival@gmail.com.

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