



## RESOURCE GUIDE

# CELEBRATING PRIDE 2021

**June 1 marks the beginning of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, commemorating the first Pride protest, which was led by a Black transgender woman outside the Stonewall Inn in New York in 1969.**

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and more Americans become vaccinated, there will be a blend of virtual and in-person celebrations in 2021. While in no way an exhaustive list, to follow are a variety of ways to get involved in the festivities.

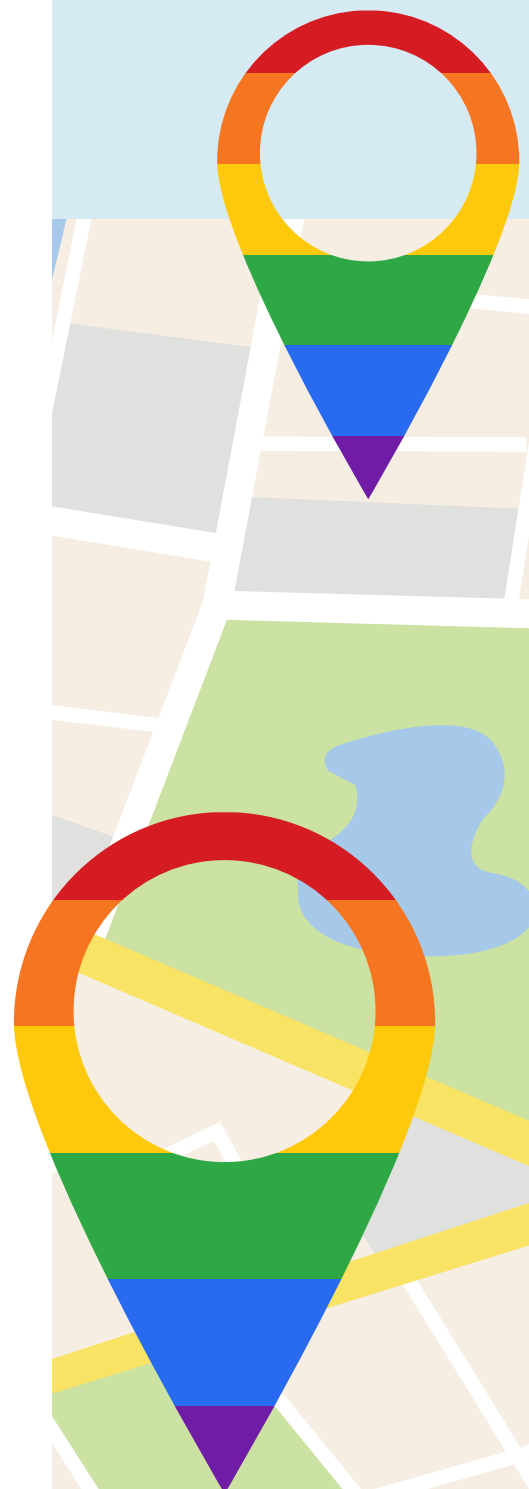
### ATTEND A PARADE, FESTIVAL, OR EVENT


The [Atlanta Pride Run 5k](#) will resume in-person to raise awareness for the LGBTQ community and benefit Joining Hearts Atlanta. [Pride in the Park Chicago](#) also returns in-person this year, featuring musical performances, Ballroom Pride and guest speakers.

[Boston Pride](#) will be hosting a series of virtual and in-person events throughout the month, including a virtual flag raising ceremony, a Pride Festival at Pageant Field, and Pride Night at Fenway Park. Outsports features an updated list of all [2021 Pride Nights](#) taking place throughout Major League Baseball.

[LA Pride](#) celebrates the theme “Thrive with Pride” through a series of virtual events, starting with a free Charli XCX concert, live-streaming on TikTok. Mid-month, ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles will air a one-hour primetime special highlighting LGBTQ community leaders in LA.

[NYC Pride](#) will celebrate in a variety of ways, including a NYC Pride March broadcast special, airing on ABC-7, AB7NY.com and streaming platforms, followed by a virtual experience streaming on Facebook and YouTube. Other virtual events include a Family Movie Night, a Human Rights Conference, and Pride Rally. The [PrideFest](#) street fair will resume in-person in Greenwich Village, with a virtual option to browse LGBTQIA+ small business online through MarketFest.





Portland Pride will host a mix of virtual and socially distanced live events, including a Zoom screening of the film *Breaking the Silence: Stories of Oregon's LGBTQ Veterans* and PRIDE PICS, a two-day showcase of new, LGBTQ+ films at The Lot at Zidell Yards. Registration is free to watch the Portland Pride Parade over Zoom or on the Pride Northwest YouTube channel.

While San Francisco Pride will be moving its Pride Expo to the fall, they will be hosting two socially-distanced film screenings at Oracle Park and a Black Liberation Event on the eve of Juneteenth to demonstrate the connection between the fight for LGBTQ+ rights and the struggle for racial justice. Seattle Pride will host a two-day Virtual LGBTQIA+ Pride Celebration featuring speakers, performers, activities and activism reflecting on the theme of resilience.

Washington, D.C.'s Capital Pride Alliance hosts a wide array of virtual and in-person events, starting with its first Paint the Town Colorful event encouraging homes, businesses, and neighborhoods to demonstrate pride using an array of decorations, signs and art. Creations can be posted on social media using the hashtag #ColorfulDMV and tagging @CapitalPrideDC.

NYC Pride and LGBTQIA+ programs across the country unite on 6/26 to present a digital presentation of Youth Pride, featuring musical performances, LGBTQIA+ center spotlights, DJ's and a ballroom segment. The event is free but registration is required.

InterPride, the international Network of Prides, and the International LGBTQ+ Travel Association (IGLTA) have calendars of gay pride events and parades globally.

myGwork is a business community for LGBTQ+ professionals, graduates, inclusive employers and anyone who believes in workplace equality. Check out their calendar of online and virtual events during Pride Month addressing LGBTQ+ topics of global relevance.

## DONATE TIME OR MONEY TO AN LGBTQ+ ORGANIZATION

One surefire way to make a difference is to donate your time or money to an LGBTQIA+ organization. There are tons of national organizations that work on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community, such as the Human Rights Campaign, the National LGBTQ Task Force, Immigration Equality, Service & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE), PFLAG, the Transgender Law Center, the Family Equality Council, the Association of LGBTQ Journalists, the Anti-Violence Project, the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, GLAAD, and the National Center for Transgender Equality to get you started.

To get involved through volunteering, there are organizations like The Trevor Project through which you can gather some colleagues and go help counsel the LGBTQ+ youth in your area or launch a campaign with the True Colors Fund to help those experiencing homelessness.

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AS AN ALLY

If you're a friend or family member of an LGBTQ+ person, June is a great time to become a better ally. There are small actions you can do that make a big difference.

Show your support for transgender friends and family by adding pronouns to your email signature or Instagram bio. Reach out to LGBTQ+ youth centers and shelters and ask to be added to their list of volunteers. Learn how the rainbow became the symbol of solidarity for LGBTQIA+ pride, and fly the flag from your home, display a sticker on your water bottle or laptop, or add a magnet to your car.

You can also check out the Human Rights Campaign's map that highlights the policies and laws in each state, so you can stay abreast of LGBTQIA+ issues and participate in conversations. Knowing these policies and laws will also help you advocate for your LGBTQIA+ coworkers.



## SHOP FOR A CAUSE

There is tremendous value that can come from rocking rainbows and Pride-themed merchandise, as it helps increase visibility, lends encouragement to those who are still exploring their identities, and oftentimes profits are shared with LGBTQIA+ organizations, such as the [Trevor Project](#) and [GLSEN](#).

You can seek out Pride merchandise from places like [the Human Rights Campaign](#) and through a number of sellers like [Bombas](#), [Disney](#), [gc2b](#), [Outplay](#), [Suay Sew Shop](#), [TomboyX](#), and [many more](#).

Lego will also release its first LGBTQ-themed set this June. The “[Everything is Awesome](#)” set is inspired by the rainbow flag and represents the broad diversity of everyone within the LGBTQIA+ community.

## EDUCATE YOURSELF ON LGBTQ+ HISTORY

Challenge yourself to learn some new queer history, especially the stories of those within the community who are different from you. It’s vital to learn as much as we can about the struggles the LGBTQ+ community has faced throughout the centuries and the strategies they’ve employed to overcome them. The fight continues with us. If you’re looking for a place to start, check out the educational resources at [GLSEN](#).

## VISIT STONEWALL LIVE OR FROM HOME

Before the parties and parades, there was Stonewall. It’s the reason we have a Pride today, and it’s important to know our LGBTQ+ ancestry and the history of our fight for equal rights. The Stonewall Inn and National Monument has reopened to the public with [live entertainment and special events](#) to celebrate Pride Month.

You can also visit virtually via [Stonewall Forever](#), an interactive online exhibit displaying NYC’s Christopher Park in augmented reality with a rainbow of shattered prisms shooting out from the ground. As you move closer to the prisms, you start to hear chilling soundbites from protests and iconic media interviews. Each prism and band of color contains historic photos and videos documenting everything from the Stonewall riots to activism today. And after you travel through each color, you have the chance to add your own memory to the exhibit in a new prism.

## HOST AN LGBTQ+ VIEWING PARTY

Queue up your favorite streaming service and explore the LGBTQ+ options it has to offer. If you’re looking for some suggestions, these [40 movies](#) and [40 TV shows](#) are a great place to start.

## START A BOOK CLUB

Prefer to keep things a little more literary? Consider putting together a special book club for Pride. Choose some contemporary [LGBTQIA+ reads](#), gather your bookworm buds, and meet by video or in-person to discuss.

## MAKE RAINBOW TREATS

Get in the Pride spirit by making colorful, rainbow-inspired treats. In addition to enjoying all the goodness, this is also a great way to get your family or your kids involved in the celebration. There’s just something about rainbow food that makes us happy, from a [rainbow piñata cake](#) to [rainbow salsa](#) to an almost-too-pretty-to-eat [rainbow grilled cheese](#).

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