### SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS | 2023



### JULY

### July 4 SPI BEACH PARADE

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Kick-off fourth of July with a parade on the sand beginning at Beach Access #8.

### July 4

### FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Entertainment District (Rain Date: July 5)

### July 14-15 RON HOOVER FISHING TOURNAMENT

SPI Convention Center

Anglers compete in an exciting bay tournament, with a portion of proceeds going to Make-A-Wish of the Rio Grande Valley.

### **AUGUST**

### August 2-6 TEXAS INTERNATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT (TIFT)

SPI Convention Center

Texas' largest saltwater fishing tournament competes in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore.

### August 11-13 LADIES KINGFISH TOURNAMENT (LKT)

SPI Convention Center

The first all-ladies tournament in Texas, divided into two divisions – bay and offshore.

### **SEPTEMBER**

# September 3 LABOR DAY FIREWORKS

Entertainment District

(Rain Date: September 4)

### September 8-10 SPI WAHOO CLASSIC

The Greens at Jim's Pier

Fishing tournament awarding cash prizes to the top three fish – wahoo, dorado, and blackfin tuna.

(Rain Date: September 22 - 24)

# September 19-24 INTERNATIONAL SURF RESCUE CHALLENGE

Isla Grand Beach Resort

The International Surf Rescue Challenge continues the 90-year tradition of international surf lifesaving competition between countries. The ISRC incorporates countries including Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, and the USA.

### **SEPTEMBER** (CONT.)

# September 16 SUMMER CAUSEWAY RUN & FITNESS WALK

portisabelchamber.com

Follows a 6.2 mile (10 K) course with awards ceremonies and lunch following the race/walk.

### September 23 SPISLAND GAMES

SPI Convention Center

A fitness competition to come together and celebrate life and fitness.

### September 24 SPI TRIATHLON

Jim's Pier

Olympic and Sprint distance courses for the seasoned veteran or the first-timer.

### **OCTOBER**

#### October 1

# RIDE FOR ROTARY QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY CROSS

Louie's Backyard

Targeted towards a wide range of riders at varying experience levels, the tour is approximately 33 miles and includes crossing the Queen Isabella Causeway with a spectacular view.

## October 5-8 SANDCASTLE DAYS

Clayton's Beach Bar

Over 30,000+ fans come to watch the sand come alive as sand artists qualify for the World Championships of Sand Sculpting.

#### October 15 ANNUAL WALK FOR WOMEN

SPI Convention Center

Annual fundraising event with the mission to raise money to help local women battling breast cancer with financial, prosthetic, and diagnostic support.

### October 28 HALLOWINGS ACROSS

### SOUTH PADRE

SPI Birding, Nature Center and Alligator Sanctuary

Treat the family to a friendly holiday event in celebration of the fall migration of the Monarch butterfly.

### **NOVEMBER**

### November 4 SPI MUZICIANS RUN

Beach Park at Isla Blanca

A 5K/10K run infused with live mariachi groups!

### November 11 & 12

#### SPI HALF MARATHON WEEKEND

Isla Blanca Park

Participate in this exciting run on the beach - half marathon, half marathon relay, and 5K.

### November 20 - January 15 HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

Entertainment District

Enjoy synchronized festive lights and holiday music every 15 minutes at the Entertainment District.

### November 25 LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Entertainment District

Enjoy a cool breeze and watch as boats of all sizes cruise by decorated in their holiday finest, followed by a firework show.

(Rain Date: December 2)

# November 25 CHILDREN'S WONDERLAND

The Green at Jim's Pier

Enjoy the magic of the holidays with Santa, featuring vendors, rides, and music!

### November 30

### SPI TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY SPI City Hall

SPI City Hai

Lighting of the Christmas tree with a musical performance.

#### **DECEMBER**

### December 1

#### SPI CHRISTMAS PARADE

christmasparade.myspi.org

Kick off the holiday season and watch as beautifully decorated floats pass by on Padre Boulevard.

(Rain Date: December 8)

# December 2 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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Enjoy the magical spirit of the holiday season with a visit from Santa and enjoy breakfast, activities, and photos.