



Guide to Great Lake State Week 2026

Sunday, October 18

New!

8pm – 10pm Bowling: Roll into the Fun!

Dondee Lanes

Laker students, come kick off GLSW with a fun night of bowling! Grab your friends, meet some new people, and enjoy a little friendly competition at Dondee Lanes. No bowling experience needed—just come hang out, have some fun, and start GLSW with us! This event is sponsored by LSSU Housing and Residential Life

Monday, October 19

New!

8pm – 10pm Great Lake State Wing Night

The Galley

LSSU students, join us for Great Lake State Weekend Wing Night in the Galley from 8–10pm! Enjoy delicious wings, good food, and a fun night with your fellow Lakers. **LSSU students only.**

Tuesday, October 20

New!

8pm – 10pm

Create Your Own Laker Gear

Cisler Center

LSSU Students, get creative and show off your Laker pride! Join us for Create Your Own Laker Gear in the Cisler Center from 8–10pm. Design something uniquely yours and rep your Laker spirit in style! **LSSU students only.**

Wednesday, October 21

Traditional
Event

7:00pm

3rd Annual Battle of the Bands

LSSU Arts Center

Let's kick off GLSW with the 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands, featuring an exciting evening of live local music as regional bands compete for cash prizes, including a \$1,000 grand prize generously sponsored by Kevin and Pam Cooper. Cheer on your favorite band or take the stage yourself! Purchase tickets or register your band at the [Arts Center website](#). Band spots are limited, so register early. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 10 and under. LSSU students, faculty, and staff are admitted free with a valid LSSU ID.

Thursday, October 22

Traditional
Event

3pm – 6pm

Career Fair

Cisler Center – Superior Room

Stop by the Career Fair which is open to students, alumni & the public. Network, hand out your resume and ask questions. To register, visit [LSSU Fall 2026 Career Fair](#).

Back for a
2nd year!

5pm – 5:45pm Bedlam at the Bud

Bud Cooper Gym – Norris Center

Kick off the Laker Basketball season at Bedlam at the Cooper! Come out to cheer on this year's Laker Men's and Women's Basketball teams as they're introduced and get the crowd fired up for the season ahead. Bring your Laker pride, enjoy the energy, and help us get the season started right!

Thursday, October 22 (con't)

New!

6pm – 7pm Bud Denker, Leadership in Today's Environment Shouldice Library

Join us at Shouldice Library for a special opportunity to hear from LSSU Alum Bud Denker '80, President of Penske Corporation, as he shares his insights on leadership in today's environment. Drawing on his extensive experience, Bud will discuss navigating change, inspiring others, and leading effectively in an ever-evolving world.

Traditional
Event

7pm – 9pm School of Engineering & Technology (SET) Open House (CAS Room 125)

Join the LSSU School of Engineering & Technology (SET) as it kicks off its GLSW events with an Open House from 7-9pm in the Robotics Lab (CAS 125). Alumni, current and prospective students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend. The presentation of the prestigious SET Alumni Fellow Award and Above & Beyond Service Award will take place at 8pm, and light refreshments will be served.

Friday, October 23

New!

12:00pm Laker Volleyball vs Purdue University Northwest Bud Cooper Gymnasium

Join us at Bud Cooper Gymnasium as Laker Volleyball takes on Purdue University Northwest! Tickets are available at the door or [online](#), with prices starting at just \$5, and LSSU students get in FREE with a valid LSSU ID. Come out and cheer on the Lakers!

Back for a
2nd year!

12pm – 4:30pm SNR Advisory Committee Meeting Barch CFRE

The School of Natural Resources will hold their annual Advisory Committee Meeting at the Barch Center for Freshwater Research & Education. This meeting is by invitation only.

New!

5pm – 7pm Pre-Game Picnic Lawn between B Lot & Easterday

Get ready for the hockey game with a pre-game picnic on the lawn! Bring a blanket, your own grill, or some snacks and settle in for some time with friends before heading to the game. This is an open, bring-your-own setup, so come hang out, enjoy the pre-game atmosphere, and get ready to cheer on the Lakers!

Traditional
Event

7:07pm Laker Hockey vs Bowling Green Taffy Abel Arena

Tickets available at the door or [online](#). Prices: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for children (17 & under). Groups of 10 or more qualify for group rates. LSSU students get in FREE with a valid LSSU ID. First intermission will feature on-ice introductions of the Alumni Award recipients. Second intermission will feature on-ice introductions of the Hall of Fame inductees.

Saturday, October 24

Traditional
Event

9:00am GLSW 5k Fun Run Norris Center

Join in the fun and participate in the annual KINS Club 5k Fun Walk/Run. Win one of the many door prizes donated from our sponsors, and medals will be provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for men and for women. The cost is \$25.00 if pre-registered by October 1st – and you'll get a free t-shirt! Its \$30.00 to register on the day of the race. To register visit:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/SaultSainteMarie/LSSUGLSWKinesiologyClub5K>

Traditional
Event

9am – 1pm CFRE Discovery Center Barch Center for Freshwater Research & Education

Come visit the Richard and Theresa Barch Center for Freshwater Research and Education (CFRE), LSSU's newest building, along the St. Marys River. From 9am-1pm to learn more about CFRE, our programs and partners, the Great Lakes, and meet our resident lake sturgeon. Located next to the Cloverland Hydroelectric Plant on Portage Ave. Open to everyone!

Saturday, October 24 (con't)

New!

10am – 1pm School of Engineering & Technology Engineering Expo & Design Competition (CAS)

The public is invited to explore the School of Engineering & Technology through a dynamic day of interactive tours and hands-on challenges at CAS. Guided laboratory and facility tours will be departing at 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm. Public interactive, hands-on engineering activities will be on-going with an open-entry engineering design competition starting at 11:00am.

**Traditional
Event**

11:30am Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony Cisler Center – Superior Room

We will recognize some of LSSU's most accomplished alumni and athletes during this time-honored event. Tickets are \$20. Reception begins at 11:30am and program at 12:00 pm. Hearty Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Reservations required. Contact alumnirelations@lssu.edu to purchase tickets, or purchase online at <https://alumni.lssu.edu/awards-recipients-2026/>

New!

2:00pm Laker Volleyball vs Ferris State Bud Cooper Gymnasium

Laker Volleyball is back in action at Bud Cooper Gymnasium as the Lakers host Ferris State! Tickets are available at the door or [online](#), with prices starting at just \$5, and LSSU students get in FREE with a valid LSSU ID. Grab your blue and gold and come cheer on the Lakers!

**Traditional
Event**

3 pm – 5pm Oozeball (Volleyball in the mud) Cooper Field (outside the SAC)

Teams will compete for the coveted Oozeball trophy and bragging rights for the year. Oozeball is a 3-on-3 volleyball tournament played in mud. You will not want to miss this opportunity to compete with and against your classmates, coworkers and friends. Oozeball is open to all students, faculty/staff, alumni, and university friends/family/community members. You can have up to 5 members on a team. Spots are limited so email Justin Fountain at jfountain@lssu.edu to register your team today! Make your subject line 'GLSW Oozeball 2026'.

New!

4:00pm Laker Hockey Ring of Honor Induction Cisler Center – Lake Rooms

Celebrate the inaugural Laker Hockey Ring of Honor class as Daniel Angelelli, Bill Crawford, Jim Dowd, and Domenic Monardo are honored for their lasting contributions to Laker Hockey and Lake Superior State University. The inaugural class will be formally recognized during Great Lake State Weekend and permanently enshrined inside Taffy Abel Arena. By invitation only.

**Traditional
Event**

5pm – 7 pm LSSU Board of Trustees Pre-Game Tailgate Student Activity Center (SAC) – Norris Center

Celebrate before the hockey game at the *BOT Tailgate Party* in the Student Activity Center (SAC)! Enjoy free food, music, games, face painting, and a cash bar with LSSU's very own BEERBONI! Open to all Lakers—students, alumni, and the community!

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LSSU Barnes & Noble Bookstore Hours: Friday 9 am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday-Closed

Questions? Email alumnirelations@lssu.edu or call 906-635-2844