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## Pride festivals

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Call said he hopes Utah Pride Center can be a resource to those Pride events, whether helping with permits or anything else.

SLC Pride also is making an effort to connect with other Pride events across Utah. They are tabling at other Pride events, and inviting those groups to do the same at SLC Pride — in what the group is calling a "Pride coalition."

O'Brien said all types of Pride events are needed now, more than ever. She cited the April bomb threat at Mossies, a Provo business owned by drag queen Tami Lipsyack.

"That's why Pride still happens," O'Brien said. "A bomb threat is not acceptable. Our theme is 'transform Pride' and that's what we're trying to do."

Call said he believes "the emergence of local Prides is a beautiful thing." They speak, he said, to the evolution of the LGBTQ+ community, and the parts of it that "need something more or different from Pride that they're not getting from

Utah's large Pride celebration."

"One of the things that keeps us moving through hardship and social change is the fact that we are unified together," Call said. "We may be able to celebrate in very different ways, we may be able to have different core values around certain things, but our identity to the LGBTQ community is something that we do share in common."

O'Brien noted that a pride celebration is meant to be a welcoming place. "[Some] people are there because it is the only safe space for those few hours every year," she said. "I don't think we'll meet everybody's needs fully, but holy s—, we are going to do our absolute best."

### When Utah Pride and SLC Pride are happening

**Schedule for the Utah Pride Festival and Parade**

**Friday, May 30** • Pride will kick off with an interfaith worship service at Congregation Kol Ami, 2425 Heritage Way, Salt Lake City, at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

**Saturday, June 1** • Pride March and Rally at the State Capitol



CHRIS SAMUELS: The Salt Lake Tribune  
New executive director of the Utah Pride Center Chad Call speaks to media at the center's offices in Salt Lake City on May 1.

starting at 10 a.m. The Utah Pride Festival will start at Washington Square Park, 400 South and State Street, Salt Lake City, at 11 a.m. and end at 10 p.m.

**Sunday, June 2** • The Utah Pride Parade starts at 10 a.m. in downtown Salt Lake City, with continued programming for the festival at Washington Square Park from noon to 7 p.m.

**Tickets** • Passes for both Saturday

and Sunday are \$30 for people 12 and older, \$10 for children ages 3-11, and \$26 for seniors and military. Single-day tickets are \$15 for people 12 and older, \$5 for children 3-11, and \$13 for seniors and military. Tickets are available online at [utahpride.org](http://utahpride.org).

### Schedule for SLC Pride

**Thursday, June 27** • Gender—Q, a queer rock and performance group, will host an all-ages, sober event

from 6 to 10 p.m.

**Friday, June 28** • To mark the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York, SLC Pride will partner with two bars, The Locker Room and Club Verse, to reflect on how far the community has come and where it still needs to go. The remembrance will also highlight transgender people of color.

**Saturday, June 29** • The main event runs from 3 to 10 p.m. at The Gateway, 50 S. Rio Grande St., Salt Lake City. Events include a silent disco (in the space formerly occupied by Sur La Table); panel discussions on such topics as how to pick a binder that fits, what it means to be Asian and queer, and sobriety in queer spaces; performances by community groups; and HIV testing and vaccinations by the Salt Lake County Health Department.

**Sunday, June 30** • The event continues from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at The Gateway. Includes a trans-pancake breakfast on the green, from 10 a.m. to noon.

**Tickets** • \$5 for adults 18 and older, free for people 17 years old and younger, each day. For ticket information, go to [slc-pride.org](http://slc-pride.org).

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