



Lollapalooza Leaves Grant Park with Mud and Damage

Description

Julie Radakovich and Sarah Arslanian were in Chicago when they walked through Grant Park on Monday morning, shortly after the music festival Lollapalooza 2026 ended. The four-day event attracted approximately 400,000 attendees, leaving the park muddy and the grass damaged, particularly after heavy rain.

The Chicago Office of Emergency Management reported 10 arrests during the festival, mainly for trespassing, with three related to assault and one involving a drone. Additionally, there were 67 hospital visits, consistent with previous years. Lollapalooza's promoter, C3 Presents, will handle the cleanup and potentially costly restoration of the park.

While Radakovich remarked on the festival's significant presence in the park, she noted it complicated her plans to visit nearby Millennium Park. Social media captured festivalgoers struggling with muddy conditions, prompting organisers to spread wood-chip mulch to minimise slipping.

At a separate news conference, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson deemed the weekend a success, emphasising the economic benefits and the city's appeal to young graduates. Under a 10-year contract signed in late 2022, C3 is responsible for cleaning up festival debris and restoring the area to its previous state.

The initial assessment of damage will happen within a week, aiming to create a plan for necessary repairs. There are hopes that future festivals might contribute to infrastructural improvements to manage water and flood issues around the park.

Vocabulary List:

1. **attendees** //ə'tendiz// (noun): people who go to an event or meeting
2. **trespassing** //ˈtrɛspæsɪŋ// (noun): entering private land or building without permission
3. **promoter** //prə'moʊtər// (noun): person or group who organizes and advertises events
4. **restoration** //ˌrɛstə'reɪʃən// (noun): returning something to its earlier good condition
5. **debris** //də'briː// (noun): pieces of trash, broken things, or dirt
6. **assessment** //ə'sɛsmənt// (noun): careful check to find problems or damage

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What festival took place in Chicago in 2026?
 - Option: Lollapalooza
 - Option: Coachella
 - Option: Glastonbury
 - Option: Burning Man

2. How many attendees did Lollapalooza 2026 attract?
 - Option: 300,000
 - Option: 400,000
 - Option: 500,000
 - Option: 600,000

3. Which mayor commented on the success of the weekend?
 - Option: Rahm Emanuel
 - Option: Brandon Johnson
 - Option: Richard M. Daley
 - Option: Lori Lightfoot

4. Who will handle the cleanup of Grant Park after the festival?
 - Option: Chicago Office of Emergency Management
 - Option: C3 Presents
 - Option: City of Chicago
 - Option: Local Volunteers

5. What was one of the main reasons for hospital visits during the festival?
 - Option: Dehydration
 - Option: Assault
 - Option: Drug Overdose
 - Option: Heat Stroke

6. What material did organizers spread to help with muddy conditions?
 - Option: Gravel
 - Option: Sand
 - Option: Wood-chip mulch
 - Option: Bark



True-False

7. Lollapalooza 2026 lasted for three days.
8. Julie Radakovich was in Chicago when Lollapalooza ended.
9. C3 Presents signed a contract to handle cleanup for three years.
10. The festival caused no damage to Grant Park.
11. There were more than 67 hospital visits reported during the festival.
12. Brandon Johnson cited economic benefits of the festival during a news conference.

Gap-Fill

13. Lollapalooza 2026 ended on Monday and attracted approximately _____ attendees.
14. There were _____ arrests reported during the music festival.
15. C3 Presents signed a _____ contract for cleanup responsibilities.
16. Julie Radakovich mentioned the presence of the festival complicated her plans to visit _____ Park.
17. The cleanup and restoration of the park will be handled by _____ Presents.
18. The initial assessment of damage will be conducted within a _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Lollapalooza 2. 400,000 3. Brandon Johnson 4. C3 Presents 5. Assault 6. Wood-chip mulch

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 400,000 14. 10 15. 10-year 16. Millennium 17. C3 18. week

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. How many attendees were expected at the annual conference?
Option: 500
Option: 1000
Option: 1500
Option: 2000
2. What crime was being reported in relation to unauthorized entry?
Option: trespassing
Option: theft
Option: vandalism
Option: assault
3. What is the role of a promoter in an event?
Option: To organize and market
Option: To attend and enjoy
Option: To provide security
Option: To evaluate performances
4. What process involves returning something to a former condition?
Option: renovation
Option: restoration
Option: destruction
Option: construction
5. After the storm, what was left scattered around the area?
Option: furniture
Option: debris
Option: people
Option: vehicles
6. What do you call the evaluation of a situation or condition?
Option: assessment
Option: decision
Option: action
Option: reaction
7. Which word describes someone or something that is well-known?
Option: infamous
Option: unknown
Option: famed



Option: overshadowed

8. What does it mean when someone has confirmed their attendance?

Option: They have been invited

Option: They have reserved a spot

Option: They have canceled

Option: They are unsure

9. Who are the individuals responsible for enforcing laws?

Option: citizens

Option: authorities

Option: volunteers

Option: reporters

10. What term describes the act of depicting someone in a particular way?

Option: interpretation

Option: portrayal

Option: observation

Option: analysis

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The police relied on an _____ to gather information about the case.

12. The musician performed with a talented _____ of artists.

13. The president _____ the convicted individual after new evidence surfaced.

14. The organization was a _____ dedicated to helping the homeless.

15. Her _____ to volunteering has inspired many in the community.

16. During a _____, it is important to remain calm and focused.

17. The newspaper published an _____ for the notable figure who passed away.

18. He won the championship for three _____ years.

19. She published a _____ detailing her experiences as a war correspondent.

20. His strict _____ influenced his work ethic and values.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The band is touring across the country to promote their new album.
22. His commitment to excellence in his field earned him numerous accolades.
23. The event had enhanced security measures to ensure everyone's safety.
24. The local economy is thriving thanks to new businesses opening up.
25. She received a terminal diagnosis but remained positive throughout her treatment.
26. An obituary published in the paper celebrated his life and contributions to the community.
27. After a thorough examination, the doctor provided a clear diagnosis.
28. The foundation works to improve literacy rates among children in impoverished areas.
29. Active participation in community events fosters a sense of belonging.
30. Her advocacy for mental health awareness has inspired many to seek help.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 1000 2. trespassing 3. To organize and market 4. restoration 5. debris 6. assessment 7. famed 8. They have reserved a spot 9. authorities 10. portrayal

Gap-Fill: 11. informant 12. ensemble 13. pardoned 14. nonprofit 15. commitment 16. crisis 17. obituary 18. consecutive 19. memoir 20. upbringing

Matching sentence: 1. touring 2. commitment 3. security 4. thriving 5. terminal 6. obituary 7. diagnosis 8. literacy 9. participation 10. advocacy

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