

“Old World” Oktoberfest coming to Phoenix Saturday October 11th

Traditional German Food & Music, Bavarian Beer and Fun Contests!

Dance in the Polka competition. See how long you can hold up a full Beer Stein. Test your skill at blowing an Alphorn (like the ones you see in the Ricola TV ads!) Compete in the Sauerkraut Cookoff. These are just a few of the fun things to do at this year’s Phoenix “Old World” Oktoberfest, to be held at Margaret T. Hance Park in Phoenix on Saturday October 11th from 10 am to 10 pm.

Wear your Lederhosen or Dirndl (we’ll have a Best Costume Competition) and join us for this great Bavarian Festival... a traditional German “Volksfest” in the heart of Phoenix. It’s a giant Bier Garten with buxom beer maidens serving Warsteiner’s Bavarian brews; with mouth-watering sausages and kraut; and Bavarian bands playing lively tunes and leading sing-alongs of old time drinking songs.

Back again this year to entertain us is the Guggenbach Trio, direct from Gundelsheim Germany, who will entertain us with the tenor horn, keyboard and accordion. They also play the all-time favorite Alphorn and will challenge our guests to try to play this unique alpine musical instrument. Other entertainers include the Arizona Funken (children’s) Dance Group and the Arizona Accordion Club

Oktoberfest will officially begin at noon with a ceremonial procession, the tapping of the ceremonial keg (flown in from Germany for the occasion) and a formal announcement by city leaders calling out “O Zapft is” (It’s tapped!) There will be Sauerkraut Cooking Demonstrations in our cooking area at 1, 2:20, 3:40, 5, 6:20, and 7 pm. Be sure to come early or stay late to watch our professional chef as he demonstrates some unique Bavarian recipes! And, at 4 pm there will be a very special contest – the first ever Sauerkraut Cookoff – pitting chefs and German cooks from all over the valley against one another to see who makes the best Sauerkraut!

Kinder Village will offer the younger ones hours of fun playing on the FREE inflatables and there will be fun activities for all ages including a rock climbing wall, balloon castle to build and an educational flag painting activity. Come for the day and bring the family!

Phoenix Oktoberfest. It’s Wunderbar!

For more information please see www.phoenixoktoberfest.com; email Oktoberfest@ac4gc.org; or call (480) 947 PHXO (7490)

Phoenix Oktoberfest is produced by the Arizona Center for Germanic Cultures to reach out to the German community and introduce others to German culture and traditions, while raising funds to build a Germanic Cultural Center.

Photos available upon request.

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