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Oktoberfest returns to Naper Settlement

Naperville, Ill. —Naper Settlement is hosting Oktoberfest from 4 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, on the museum grounds at 523 S. Webster St., Naperville.

New this year are children's activities scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, sponsored by the Naperville Cultural Center and Blick Art Materials. Volunteers from the German School will dress in traditional clothing and will be assisting with face painting, balloons, crafts and games. Michelle LeBlanc, founder of the Naperville Cultural Center, said, "It's an honor to coordinate the children's activities for Oktoberfest at Naper Settlement. I love it!"

Oktoberfest is a fundraiser for the Naperville Heritage Society and will feature German food such as traditional bratwurst and apple strudel by My Chef Catering, beer, soft drinks and German wines from Blue Heron Brands. Enjoy a variety of entertainment including Ron Keller's six-piece German Band and classic rock bands such as One More Time, No Show Joe and Evil Wayz. In honor of the Rotary Club of Naperville, which sponsored Oktoberfest for many years, Rotary Hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. Rotary Club members should show their Rotary International pin for free admission to the event.

The history of Oktoberfest began in 1810 in Munich, Germany, for the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese. This 19th century celebration grew to be an annual event and when German immigrants came to America, they brought their traditions with them. Today, there are thousands of Oktoberfest celebrations across the United States, including the one at Naper Settlement, which is a fun salute to one of our community's ethnic heritages.

Oktoberfest tickets are $8 in advance on-line at www.napersettlement.museum and $10 at the door.

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