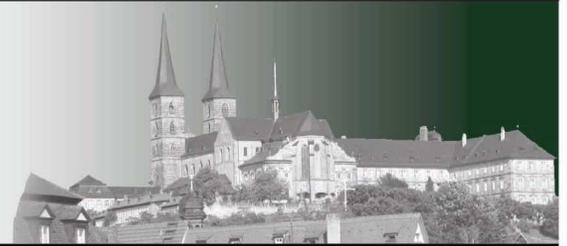




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News & Information at Your Fingertips



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Local organizations help “wrap up” your holiday shopping

Story and photo by Amy L. Bugala

As the Christmas shopping season comes to a close, the Bamberg community is reminded to “wrap-up” the remainder of their holiday shopping at the gift wrapping booth located just outside the Bamberg AAFES Main store.

The gift wrapping booth services are provided by the Bamberg Spouses’ and Civilians’ Club who facilitate getting the booth manned by volunteers from local organizations and family readiness groups. The Directorate of Public Works sets up the stand and AAFES worldwide annually donates all the supplies to include wrapping paper, scissors and tape.

“AAFES supports the local organizations with the materials needed for providing this service for the entire community,” says Audrey Alston, Bamberg AAFES Main Store Manager.

BSCC president Leslie Smith and historian Nancy Brandenburg helped bring together the 21 groups that signed up for the fundraising opportunity this year.

“It’s a great service that is by donation only - every little bit helps and goes directly to the sponsoring club,” says Smith.

Smith encourages the community to take advantage of this service and support the local organizations now through December 24.

Fri. Dec 14: 4-319th AFAR/HHB and Bamberg Elementary School PTA

Sat. Dec. 15: 15th Army JROTC, and Bamberg High School Cheerleading Squad

Sun. Dec. 16: 4-319th AFAR, Golf Battery and Bamberg High School PTSA

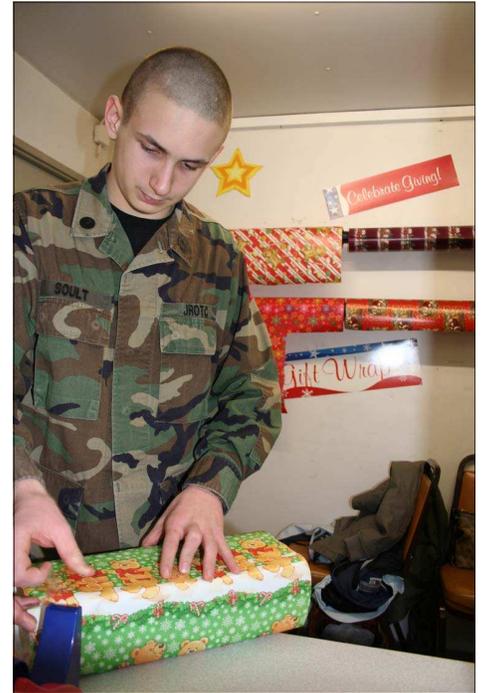
Thur. Dec 20: HHC, 173rd STB, Family Readiness Group and 173rd BSB, B/Co. Family Readiness Group

Fri. Dec. 21: Bamberg Elementary School PTA and 15th Army JROTC,

Sat. Dec. 22: Bamberg High School Cheerleading Squad and HHC, 16th STB, Family Readiness Group

Sun. Dec. 23: Model United Nations, Bamberg High School and 391 CSSB, HHC, Family Readiness Group

Mon. Dec. 24: Bamberg American Red Cross



15th Army JROTC cadet Daniel Soult finishes wrapping a small package at the booth yesterday. “I like helping people, especially during the holidays,” says Soult. The AJROTC was just one of 21 groups who volunteered this year.



A race to the finish!

The Bamberg Army Post Office saw an increase in business this week as customers rushed to meet the Priority mailing deadline on Dec. 11. “The Bamberg Post Office processed over 500 letters and 2,980 packages on Tuesday alone,” says Douglas Stewart, Bamberg Post Master. “Our goal at the APO during the holiday season is to make our customers feel as if they were still back in the States, in their local home town post office,” he says. Stewart says the amount of holiday mail usually peaks right around Dec. 11 but that the post office will see large numbers of Express mail right up until the last minute. The deadline for Express mail is Tuesday, Dec. 20. The Bamberg APO staff wishes everyone a happy holiday season. Photo by Krista Browning

Win free tickets to the Sarrasani Circus from MWR!

USAG Bamberg MWR News Release

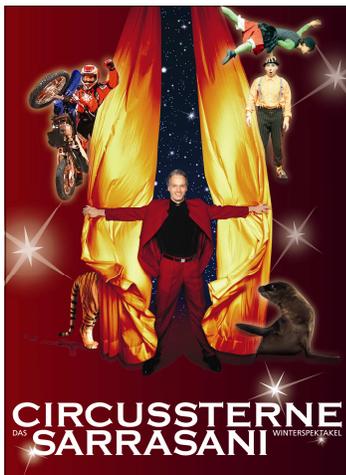
Bamberg MWR Outdoor Recreation presents "Magic Moments with Sarrasani", the perfect family entertainment event.

Sarrasani is returning to Bamberg this year, Jan. 4 to 6, with an all new family show, "Circus Stars: The Sarrasani Winter Spectacle". Performances will be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 4 and 5, at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 6 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Director Sarrasani and magician Andre Sarrasani invite you to experience glamorous and daring moments featuring top artists from all over the world. The ensemble includes award-winning handstand acrobats "The Liazeed" from Jamaica and the Italian-Swiss clown-duo "I Baccala", "The Schmoes". The show features incredible motorcycle stunts inside the "Globe of Death" and a clumsy sea lion performance. Magician Andre Sarrasani will enchant spectators with his tiger Khan and brand-new large-scale illusions.

Before and after the show Sarrasani's guests can also enjoy an exquisite three-course buffet-style meal in the VIP lounge at the JAKO Arena. On Sunday, January 5, Sarrasani offers family day with brunch starting at 11 a.m. followed by the show at 2 p.m.

Show tickets range from 14.70 Euros to 33.40 Euros. In addition, all gourmets can purchase VIP tickets for the buffet for 39.50 Euros per person or VIP tickets for the Sunday brunch for 29 Euros. *(The pre-sale tax is included in all prices.)* Children ages 3-14, students and disabled pay reduced prices (must provide proper documentation). Tickets are available now at CIV:0951-23837, online at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de, at JAKO Arena Bamberg and other ticket agencies.



To find out how you can win free tickets to this amazing show, stop by the MWR Outdoor Recreation at the Community Activity Center, Bldg. 7047 or call DSN 469-8659.



Commissary offers eco-friendly choice

Nathan Freeman, a local commissary bagger fills one of the new eco-friendly shopping bags with groceries at the Bamberg commissary. Commissary customers can purchase the new canvas bags for seventy cents or they can bring their own.

Photo by Krista Browning



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USAG Bamberg welcomes two new directors



Johnson

USAG Bamberg welcomes Ernest Johnson as the new Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports and Fitness Director. Johnson comes to USAG Bamberg with over 25 years of MWR experi-

ence including three years of U.S. Army active duty service as an enlisted Soldier. He recently worked as Supervisory Sport Specialist at the Pioneer Sports & Fitness Center, Hanau, Germany. Welcome to Bamberg!



Stitt

USAG Bamberg welcomes Edgar Stitt as the new Education Services Specialist for the Bamberg Education Center. Since retiring from active duty in 1996, Stitt has served in Army Edu-

cation Centers all over Germany and recently as ESS in Heidelberg. He brings years of personal and professional Army Education program experience to his new position here. He holds a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science in Man-

agement/Health Care from Park University.

He is a product of the Army Continuing Education System (ACES) having achieved his High School diploma in basic training as well as his Associate, Bachelors and Masters Degrees while serving on active duty from 1974-1996.

"I can relate to the difficulties that Soldiers and their families face when they attempt to start, continue or complete their education while serving on active duty," says Stitt. He is confident his training and experience will allow him to provide professional and competent education services to all members of the Bamberg Community.

CPSC Delivers the ABC's of Toy Safety

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission release

As gift-givers shop for that perfect toy this holiday season, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is emphasizing the importance of shopping safely. Knowing your ABC's of toy safety will make for happy holidays: (A) awareness, and knowing the (B) benefits, for (C) consumers - (Awareness Benefits Consumers).

Awareness is not only knowing there is a CPSC and what the agency does to protect consumers but also being aware of what poses the greatest risks. The leading causes of toy-related fatalities include choking and aspiration of toy parts.

The increased scrutiny of toys and the CPSC has led to B, or benefits, to consumers. CPSC has increased the agency's inspections of toys and is taking the action needed to remove violative products from the marketplace. More companies are testing their products and reporting possible safety problems.

The Chinese government has signed new agreements to conduct pre-export inspections to prevent lead painted toys and other unsafe toys from being exported to the U.S.

"CPSC recalled 61 toys involving more than 25 million product units in 2007, underscoring CPSC's daily commitment to

keeping consumers safe 365 days a year," said Acting CPSC Chairman Nancy Nord. "Toys today are undergoing more inspection and more intense scrutiny than ever before."

Finally C, consumers should stay informed and be aware of recalls by signing up to receive direct e-mail notification of recalls at www.cpsc.gov. CPSC has launched a "Drive to 1 Million" to sign up at least 1 million consumers to receive this direct notification.

Consumers can also be more aware by shopping with CPSC's Top Safe Shopping Tips for this year:

Ride-on Toys - Riding toys, skateboards and in-line skates go fast and falls could be deadly. Helmets and safety gear should be sized to fit.

Small Parts - For children younger than age three, avoid toys with small parts, which can cause choking.

Magnets - For children under age six, avoid building sets with small magnets. If magnets or pieces with magnets are swallowed, serious injuries and/or death can occur.

Projectile Toys - Projectile toys such as air rockets, darts and sling shots are for older children. Improper use of these toys can result in serious eye injuries.

Chargers and Adapters - Charging batteries should be supervised by adults. Chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to children.

To choose appropriate toys for children:

- Be a label reader. Look for toy labels that give age and safety recommendations and use that information as a guide.
 - Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interest level of the intended child. Look for sturdy construction, such as tightly-secured eyes, noses and other potential small parts.
 - For all children under 8, avoid toys that have sharp edges and points.
- Once the gifts are open, immediately discard plastic wrappings on toys before they become dangerous play things.
- Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings or neighbors.
 - Pay attention to instructions and warnings on battery chargers. Some chargers lack any device to prevent overcharging.

To see this release on CPSC's web site, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/0808086.html>

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Community Announcements



Support Chapel Angel Tree program

There's no better time for giving than the holidays. Share the magic of this season with a child by participating in the Chapel Angel Tree program. To participate, remove one or more angel tags from trees located at the chapel and outside the PXtra and purchase appropriate gifts for the child described on the tags. Bring all purchased and wrapped gifts for your angel(s) to the chapel tree no later than Sun. Dec. 16.

Let your voice be heard. Vote!

The Presidential election is right around the corner. Many citizens are eligible to vote in the Primaries in their home states. Do not forget to exercise your right as an American citizen to let your voice be heard. You can't vote if you don't register! See your Voting Action Officer now! Call DSN:469-8071 to find out what you must do in order to vote in your district. If you have questions call or email charles.schnepfe@eur.army.mil.

Closures / Changes

Ray's Diner has new hours

Ray's Diner has new weekend and holiday hours. Brunch will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and supper is now from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Post shuttle has new schedule

The Warner Barracks shuttle bus is now running on a new schedule. To view the new schedule click here www.bamberg.army.mil/dol/busschedule.htm.

Warner Club closing

As of Sunday, Dec. 16, the Bamberg Warner Club will be closed until further notice. For more information contact Juergen Hagemann at DSN:469-7885.

Holiday Hours/Schedules

Post shuttle holiday schedule

The Warner Barracks post shuttle will not be running Dec. 24, 25 or 26 due to the Christmas holiday.

Health Clinic holiday schedule

The Bamberg Health Clinic will have closures during the upcoming holiday season. Be sure to mark your calendars for these days. During closures all emergencies should go to the Bamberg Klinikum.

Fri. Dec. 21—Closed at noon

Mon. Dec. 24 and Tue. Dec. 25 –Closed

Mon. Dec. 31 and Tue. Jan. 1 –Closed

For more information please contact the Bamberg Health Clinic Executive Officer 1st Lt. Jose Sanfeliz at DSN:469-8619 or CIV:0951-300-8619.

CMR open on Saturdays

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Garrison Services limited on Fri. Dec. 21

Garrison services may be limited on Fri. Dec. 21 due to annual organizational events and many administrative facilities will be working with a limited staff starting at noon.

The following administrative services will be closed:

- Directorate of Logistics (*Services provided through SATO Travel will be open.*)
- Directorate of Human Resources (*All ID/Passport, MPD and mailroom services will be available*)
- Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation. (*ACS, CYS and the Community Activities Center will be open.*)
- Directorate of Public Works. (*All emergency service orders will be processed*)
- Public Affairs Office
- Plans, Analysis & Integration Office
- Safety Office
- Resources Management Office
- Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

Garrison holiday hours

The operating hours for garrison facilities and services may vary during the holidays from Dec. 24 to Jan 2. Please be sure to call ahead and confirm operating times.

Bamberg APO holiday hours

The Bamberg APO was unable to extend its normal Holiday hours to include Saturdays due to fiscal restraints. However, the APO will be open on Mon. Dec. 24, to ensure that those last minute packages sent from family and friends reach the CMR by Christmas Eve. The APO, as always, continues to be open on Thursday evenings until 6 p.m. for customers who need to mail packages after normal duty hours.

Note: The Schweinfurt community at Ledward Barracks will no longer offer Saturday APO hours after Sat. Dec. 22.

Chapel 2007 worship schedule

Catholic

Sun. Dec. 23	9 a.m. Sunday service
Tue. Dec. 25	11 a.m. Christmas Mass
Tue. Jan 1	11 a.m. Mass

Protestant

Sun. Dec. 23	11 a.m. Sunday service
Mon. Dec. 24	5 p.m. Candlelight service

Church of God and Christ

Sun. Dec. 23	12:45 p.m. Sunday service
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Free Gospel

(Preston Hall Bldg. #7080 Kennedy Blvd.)

Sun. Dec. 23	11 a.m. Sunday service
Mon. Dec. 31	10 p.m. Watch Night service

Weekly Reminders

Get your car clean for half the price

The Bamberg MWR Auto Skills Center is offering 50% off any car wash during the entire month of December. Open Wed. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. CLOSED Mon. and Tue.

Interested in applying for a job with the Federal Government?

The Federal Government requires specific things in a resume and the application process is different from most civilian employers. ACAP is holding Federal Application Seminar Mon. Dec. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. Attendees should have already completed a 2-day Transitional Assistance Program (DOL/ TAP) workshop prior to the Lab. Please bring your VMET, TAP Workbook, Pencils, and Paper. The next Federal resume writing lab will be on Jan. 7. For more information or to register call ACAP at DSN:469-8925.

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Weekly Reminders

Holiday decorating contest

Get in the spirit of the season by registering to participate in the holiday decorating contest. Yards, balconies and stairwells will be judged. Participants must register through the Housing Zone Coordinator Staff Sgt. King at DSN:469-7946. Judging begins the week of Dec. 17. Win an AAFES Gift Card, a sign of recognition and more! AAFES has everything you need to turn your yard, balcony, or stairwell into a winter wonderland WINNER! Check out the great selection of wreaths, indoor and outdoor lights, holiday decorations and more at the Christmas Shop located near the Pxtra!

Volunteer of the quarter nominations are due Jan. 4

3rd Quarter nominations are due Jan. 4 and cover the period from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. For more information, or to nominate a volunteer, contact Kimberly Millner at DSN:469-7777 or send an email to Kimberly.millner@eur.army.mil

Need some extra spending money?

Make extra money for the holidays as a consigner at the Thrift Shop. This opportunity allows you to make money from home, offers excellent earning potential and flexible hours. Earn up to \$100 or more a month, depending on what and how much you have to sell. Great opportunity for some extra Christmas or general spending cash. Get maximum profit for minimum time. Stop by the Thrift Shop or call CIV:0951-32408, and start today.

Bamberg Thrift Shop sale

The Bamberg Thrift Shop is currently offering an \$8 bag sale on all Thrift Shop Property (TSP) clothes (does not include purses, shoes or coats). Take 10% off TSP Coats and Jackets, all TSP Books and Videos are \$1 each and Christmas items are available at low prices.

The Thrift Shop will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 14 for the Holidays and for revamping. Please hold all donations from Dec. 21 through Jan. 7. Call CIV:0951-32408 for more information.

Gift certifi-checks a great solution to holiday gift giving



Need a quick gift solution for the holiday? Make your stop at the commissary a time for multi-tasking! Visit the customer service office to buy \$25 gift certifi-checks and mark off some names on your holiday shopping list. A \$1 service charge will be added to the price of each certifi-check—a small price to pay for the ease and convenience of being closer to finished with one of the biggest tasks of the season. They are available on line in a variety of denominations at www.commissaries.com. Since the gift certifi check program was established, DeCA Europe alone has sold over one-half million certifi-checks through the in-store portion of the program.

Kids and Teens

Nominate a youth volunteer

Do you know a youth (14-18 yrs old) who has provided volunteer service in the past 12 months, displayed good character and academic achievement? Nominate him/her for youth of the year! Winner may be selected to receive scholarship money in the amounts of \$1000, \$10,000 and \$15,000. Nominations are due by Fri. Dec 21. Contact Rizza at CIV:0951-300-8641 for more information.

Holiday events for youth

For more information on School Age Services programs call CIV:0951-300-8641.

Dec. 24- Jan. 4: School Age Services Winter Camp. Open to ages Kindergarten to 5th grade. Join a fun program full of field trips, craft activities, music, cooking, games and bowling!

Dec. 14: Middle School Holiday Dance at the Roller Realm from 7 to 10 p.m. Open to 7th and 8th graders. Attire is semi-formal to formal wear. Tickets are \$5 before Dec. 13 and \$10 at the door.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party for grades 6-12 from 4 to 6 p.m. Free admission.

Jan. 11: Teen Winter Ball at the Roller Realm, open to 9th - 12th graders from 7 to 10 p.m. Attire is semi-formal to formal. Tickets are \$5 before Jan. 10 and \$10 at the door. *(this dance was originally schedule for Sat. Dec.15)*



Sweet treats for parents

Parents can enjoy three free hours of holiday shopping while kids make cookies and gingerbread houses at SAS on Fri. Dec. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. Register no later than Dec. 14, 50 spaces available. Parents are welcome to attend. Open to the whole community! Call School Age Services, Claire Aljunaibi at CIV:0951-300-8698.

2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program now open

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide or, new this year, you can fill out your application online at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Applications must be turned in at a commissary by the close of business on Feb. 20, 2008.

High School News

Boy's & girl's basketball schedule

Dec. 14	Bamberg vs. Baumholder
Dec. 15	Bamberg vs. Baumholder
Jan. 18	Hohenfels vs. Bamberg (home)
Jan. 19	Bamberg vs. Hohenfels
Jan. 25	Mannheim vs. Bamberg (home)
Jan. 26	Mannheim vs. Bamberg (home)
Feb. 1	Bamberg vs. Vilseck
Feb. 2	Vilseck vs. Bamberg (home)
Feb. 8	TBA
Feb. 9	TBA
Feb. 15	Ansbach vs. Bamberg (home)
Feb. 16	Bamberg vs. Ansbach

Entertainment & Leisure

Ring in the New Year in style

Join the Moonlight Cabin's Black and White Masquerade on New Year's Eve, Mon. Dec. 31, at 9 p.m. featuring karaoke, games and fun. Free admission. Win prizes for best costumes, pizza and snacks served. Call CIV:0951-300 -423 for details.

Audition for hit musical

The Stable Theater is looking for actors and actresses (older teen to adult) to fill parts in the hit musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Auditions will be held at the Stable Theater Jan. 9, 10 and 11 at 6:30 p.m. The show is scheduled to run in early March. For more information contact the theater at CIV:0951-300-8647.

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Do your part to save energy and conserve natural resources. Check back weekly for great energy saving and recycling tips brought to you by the Bamberg Environmental Office.

Energy saving tips

- Don't leave the room without closing the closet door. There's no need to waste energy heating storage spaces.
- Carpeting on floors in bathrooms and kitchens is a heat-saver and comfort-maker.
- Don't let your car idle for over 30 seconds after it is warmed up, it wastes more gas than restarting your car.

Recycling tips for home and office

- A sturdy mug or cup can be washed and used time and again. Many people bring their own mugs to work, meetings and conferences.
- Sturdy and washable utensils and tableware can be used at home and for picnics, parties and potlucks.
- Cloth napkins, sponges, or dishcloths can be used around the house. These can be washed and used over and over again.

For more information on what you can do to save our natural resources and help reduce the effects of global warming contact the Bamberg Environmental Office at CIV:0951-300-7730.

Trips & Travel Opportunities

ODR in December/January trips

Take a trip this December/January with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

Sun. Dec. 30 - Jan. 2 Snowboard and Ski \$TBA

Enjoy the Alps at Garmisch and explore the Alp Spitze, Stubaier Glacier and other areas. Ski and ride from hut to hut and spend New Year's Eve in the snowy peaks of the Alps. Includes transportation and 3 nights at the hotel with breakfast.

Sat. Jan. 12 Crystal Shopping \$15

See Nachtmann Glassworks and various other shops. Departs from CAC at 8 a.m. www.nachtmann.de

Sat. Jan. 19 Palm Beach Nürnberg \$10

Need to beat the cabin fever? See the Palm Beach indoor pool complex with many slides for you and the kids to enjoy, various pools, saunas etc. Departs from CAC at 9 a.m.

www.kristall-palm-beach.de

Fri. Jan. 18—21 Ski & Snowboard \$249

Spend a long weekend at Gastein/Austria, hit the slopes and enjoy the clubs, bars or thermal pools. Includes transportation and three nights lodging with breakfast and dinner. Departs at 10 a.m. on Friday and returns 11 p.m. on Sunday.

Spend Christmas week skiing

The Franconia International Ski Club invites you to St. Veit, Austria for some family fun and Christmas skiing Dec. 22- 27. The package includes five overnights, breakfasts and dinners at a cozy three star hotel, 4-days of lessons, great après-ski opportunities, babysitter service for children under age 3, entertainment program for both the young and old plus a welcome party. The trip price is 383 Euro for adults and it is a U-Drive. (For children 15 and under, please contact the trip captain.) Single supplement is 40 Euro. Sign-up and payment is due by Dec. 17. Contact the trip captain Candace Merritt at candace.merritt@us.army.mil for more information.

AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed.



Fri.	Dec. 14	Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 15	This Christmas (PG) We Own the Night (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 16	This Christmas (PG) Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 17	The Heartbreak Kid (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Dec. 20	This Christmas (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 21	The Golden Compass (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 22	Why Did I Get Married (PG-13) The Golden Compass (PG-13)	3 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 23	Why Did I Get Married (PG-13) Rendition (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 24	The Golden Compass (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Dec. 27	Rendition (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 28	I Am Legend (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 29	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) I Am Legend (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 30	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) Gone Baby Gone (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 31	I Am Legend (PG-13)	7 p.m.



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Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Friday, Dec. 14

- 11 a.m. Medieval Christmas market at Alte Hofhaltung
(*medieval yard next to the cathedral*)
- 6 p.m. Meditation with organ music at Monastery
Vierzehnheiligen (*Vierzehnheiligen 96231*)
- 9 p.m. "Trailhead" at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. "Local Vision Band contest" at Live Club
(*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 9 p.m. "Top Forty" (rock & soul) at Sound'n'Arts
(*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Blues night at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Blues rock at Club Kaulberg
(*Unterer Kaulberg 36*)
- 10 p.m. Funk, soul and disco at Morph Club
(*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

Saturday, Dec. 15

- 11 a.m. Medieval Christmas market at Alte Hofhaltung
(*medieval yard next to the cathedral*)
- 2 p.m. Alternative craftsmen Christmas market at
St. Joseph church (*Balthasar-Neumann-Str. 14*)
- 6 p.m. Christmas carols by Capella Antiqua
Bambergensis with medieval instruments at Castle
Wernsdorf
(<http://www.capella-antiqua.de/e-index.html>, in English)
- 7 p.m. Best of rock, ska, punk at Sound'n'Arts
(*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 8:30 p.m. Salsa Night "Salsa Navidad" at Haas Saele. Do
you like to Salsa dance? Don't miss the largest
Salsa party in Bamberg. Costs 6 Euros. A crash
course in Salsa dancing will be offered
(*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 9 p.m. The University Big Band performs at the Jazzclub
(*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. "Common Sense" at Blues Bar
(*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 10 p.m. 30 plus party (non smoking) at Live Club
(*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 10 p.m. Punk rock at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

Sunday, Dec. 16

- 11 a.m. Bambergensis with medieval instruments at Castle
Wernsdorf
(<http://www.capella-antiqua.de/e-index.html>, in English)
- 11 a.m. Last day of medieval Christmas market at
Alte Hofhaltung (*medieval yard next to the cathedral*)
- Noon Alternative craftsmen Christmas market at
St. Joseph church (*Balthasar-Neumann-Str. 14*)
- 5 p.m. Christmas music by Capella Antiqua
Bambergensis with medieval instruments at Castle
Wernsdorf
(<http://www.capella-antiqua.de/e-index.html>, in English)
- 5 p.m. African choir performs at Immer Hin
(*Dr.-von-Schmitt-Str. 16*)
- 8 p.m. Jam session at Sound'n'Arts (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Florian Baessler plays at the Blues Bar
(*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

All through December till Christmas

Anne Frank Exhibition - Until Dec. 20, at the Villa Dessauer
(*Hainstrasse 4*). Open Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. & Sun., 10
a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bamberg Christmas market - until Dec. 23, Mon. to Sat. 9
a.m. to 7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Maxplatz (between
town hall and Karstadt store)

See the Bamberg homepage for more information on various
Christmas markets in Germany at www.bamberg.army.mil

As seen in the NEWS ...

News summaries from Dec. 6 through Dec. 12

National park "Steigerwald" uncertain

A feasibility study for a national park in the Bamberg area has
been dropped. The county of Bamberg County and the county
of Hassberge have given contradicting statements on the is-
sue. Some communities totally rejected the establishment of a
national park. County Commissioner Dr. Denzler said he was
still convinced of the advantages of it, although the study has
been cancelled for the time being.

East-west connection established

The new addition to the Kronacher Strasse is now officially
open to traffic. The 1.3 km. connection between Kaernter and
Coburger street has cost 3.9 million Euro. The authorities ex-
pect this to bring noticeable traffic relief for Memmelsdorfer
Strasse. Having finished this part of construction, the second
half of the "East-West" connection, which will eventually con-
nect Berliner Ring with Margaretendamm and further reduce
the traffic of Memmelsdorfer Strasse, is to be finished by 2009.

Former Lord Mayor returns to politics

Former Lord Mayor Herbert Lauer officially began his return to
politics. He will be heading the electoral list of the "Freie
Waehler" (Independent Voters Party). As Lauer is still highly
popular, this step will most likely push him back into city politics
and make him a member of the Bamberg City Council.

Bamberg company gets train station contract

The Bamberg train station area will be redesigned to include a
tunnel, new park & ride spaces as well as a new bus terminal.
After a Bamberg contractor was awarded with the contract, works
can now begin. The plan is to have the area redesigned by the
time the National Gardening Show comes to Bamberg in 2012.

City will spend 1 million Euro more for children

The city budget for 2008 includes 191 million Euro. One million
Euro is to be put aside as a reserve called "Children - Bam-
berg's future" for special projects. Plans are to increase the
number of day care spaces, extend lunch time projects at
schools and kindergartens as well as holiday care plans. "We
want Bamberg to become the most family friendly town in Ger-
many", says Heribert Trunk, spokesman of the Christian Social
Union party fraction of the city council. Furthermore, money is
to flow to the National Gardening Show which is coming in
2012, into redesigning the train station area and into extending
Kronacher Strasse up to Hallstadter Strasse to ease traffic at
Memmelsdorfer Strasse. Also, the Bamberg Theater will get

**CMR Holiday
Customer Service Hours**

**The CMR customer service window will be open on Saturdays
beginning Dec. 15 until Jan. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The window will also be open Mon. Dec. 24 from noon to 2 p.m.**