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Daily green fees going down April 1 Whispering Pines golf season starts end of April

USAG Bamberg, MWR marketing release

The Installation Management Command-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation golf program has announced new, standardized greens fees, including daily greens fee reductions that it hopes will spawn additional Soldier interest in the game.

The announcement is part of a strategic effort underway that will also upgrade golf course facilities and equipment, and enhance the overall player experience.

The new fees will apply at the Army's three 18-hole golf courses in Europe and two nine-hole golf courses.

"Fee adjustments this year will complete a two-year process to standardize green fees for nine-hole and 18-hole Army golf courses in Europe," said Blanche Ostrosky, IMCOM-Europe MWR golf program manager. "Standard green fees ensure consistency and common levels of service for all our courses. Beginning April 1, there will be reduced daily green fees for lower junior enlisted Soldiers across Europe,

and annual green fees will increase to meet the minimum Army standard pricing."

According to Ostrosky, the greatest decrease in daily green fees will be for golfers in tier one (E1-E5) and tier two (E6-E9 and O1-O4) fee categories.

The daily fees have been reduced this year so that individuals who never played golf now have a great opportunity to give it a try. U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg is fortunate to have Danny Brown, Whispering Pines Golf Course manager to help anyone interested get started, said Juergen Hagemann, USAG Bamberg Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Business Recreation division chief. "Spring is right around the corner, so get ready to come out and give it a try," he said.

At nine-hole golf courses like Bamberg's Whispering Pines and the Rolling Hills Golf Course in Baumholder, daily green fees for junior enlisted (E1-E5) will be \$10 on a weekday and \$14 on a weekend. Golfers in tier 2 fee category (E6-E9 and O1-O4) will pay \$14 on a weekday and \$18 on a weekend. (see **FEES** page 2)

Customs Clearance a must when selling cars In Germany

USAG Bamberg Customs Office news release

U.S. personnel can stumble into big legal problems if they do not obtain a "Permit to Transfer" when transferring a USAREUR-plated vehicle to a non-ID cardholder in Germany. It is essential to get a permit to transfer before you sell, donate or transfer a car to a non-ID card holder such as a German car dealership or junkyard. This applies if the vehicle was wrecked in an accident and you did not receive any money for it. If you do not obtain this permit, you will eventually fail to clear USAREUR Vehicle Registration when it is time to PCS.

German Customs agents may also require you to prove what happened to the vehicle or pay any tax due. This is obviously very difficult if the car was crushed and recycled long ago, you are in the middle of clearing out of Europe and you have no record of the car's disposition. If lien is on vehicle, bring written permission from lien holder to transfer or sell the car. The "Permit to Transfer" (AE Form 550-175B) is available at the Customs Offices at DSN CIV 0951-300 DSN: 469-7460.



Years of service recognized at annual ceremony

German and American members of the US Army Garrison Bamberg workforce were recognized for years of Federal service at a length of service ceremony March 14 at the Warner Club. Seventy-two local national employees and eight Department of the Army Civilians each received a certificate, plaque and lapel pin in recognition for their commitment and service of 20 to 45 years.

Photo by Michael Langhammer

Save tax on imported vehicles

By Robert Szostek, USEUCOM Customs PAO

U.S. personnel stationed overseas can import vehicles to the United States free of federal tax and duty. This exemption means big savings if you meet three conditions. You must take physical possession of the vehicle prior to shipment, have valid PCS orders and import it for personal use. However, it does not exempt you from state taxation.

"Most people who miss out on the exemption do not take physical possession of the vehicle before shipment," said Bill Johnson, director of the European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency.

"If you have a car shipped directly from the factory, you risk having to pay the 2.5 percent federal import duty," he added. Registering a vehicle is the most common way to take possession, but you can also prove it by simply putting a copy

of your movement orders in the glove compartment. Second, you must have a set of official change of station orders in hand before shipping a vehicle. The exemption is not for people on extended leave or temporary duty. Third, the vehicle must be for your personal use or for use by immediate family members. "If you had six dependents of driving age," Johnson explained, "you could justify importing seven vehicles duty-free; one for each of them and one for yourself."

However, it is illegal to use the exemption to import vehicles for third parties or in order to sell them.

People importing vehicles as part of a PCS can save federal duties and taxes, but state taxes on imported vehicles can be high. You can obtain state tax information from the relevant department of motor vehicles and Internet links to these can be found at <http://rmv.hqusareur.army.mil/ssnewdmvs.htm>. (continued next column)

Call a military customs office to find out more about federal customs exemptions or your local transportation office to learn about shipping procedures and fees.

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At 18-hole courses, (Heidelberg Golf Course; Rheinblick Golf Course in Wiesbaden; and the Stuttgart Golf Course) daily green fees for E1-E5 will be \$12 on a weekday and \$16 on the weekends. An E6-E9 and O1-O4 will pay \$16 on a weekday and \$22 on the weekends.

For frequent golfers who opt to save by paying annual green fees, the single fee will be \$320 for junior enlisted (E1-E5) at all courses; for junior enlisted families with multiple golfers, the annual family fee will be \$480.



Annual green fees for golfers E6-E9 and O1-O4 will remain the same as 2007 pricing: \$550 single or a \$750 family fee at 18-hole courses; and \$450 single or \$650 family at nine-hole courses.

For O5 and above, 18-hole course annual fees will be \$750 single or a \$1,200 family fee; nine-hole course annual fees will be \$650 single or \$850 for a family.

Bamberg's Whispering Pines Golf Course will start the season with the Season Opener Tournament, sponsored by Exchange New Car Sales, Sat. April 26, 9 a.m. Sign up at the Golf Pro Shop, Bldg. 7682 or call DSN: 469-8953 or CIV:0951-300-8953.

Bamberg Education Center Term IV Classes begin March 31—Register today!

Term IV Course Schedule (March 31 through May 24)

Morning Classes every Mon. through Thur. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. (3 s.h.)
 BIOL 101 Concepts of Biology (UMUC)
 BIOL 102 Laboratory in Biology from 11 a.m. to noon. (UMUC)

Evening Classes every Monday & Wednesday 6:30-9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)
 EDCP 103 Fundamentals of Writing from 6 - 8 p.m. (3 s.h.) (UMUC)
 CDEC 1358 Creative Arts for Early Childhood (CTC)
 RSTO 1204 Dining Room and Service (2 s.h.) (CTC)

Afternoon Classes every Monday & Thursday 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (3 s.h.)
 HUMN 204 Film and American Culture Studies (UMUC)

Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)
 GERM 333 German Life and Culture I (UMUC)

Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday 6-9 p.m. (3 s.h.)
 CJSA 2331 Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation (CTC)
 RSTO 1325 Purchasing for Hospitality Operations (CTC)

Weekend Seminars— Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (1 s.h.)
 LIBS150 Information Literacy and Research Methods (UMUC)
 (April 14 and May 3)

CMST100A Intro. to Microcomputers: Hardware & Software (UMUC)
 (April 5 and 6)

HIST 219U Arab-Israeli Conflict (UMUC)
 (April 12 and 13)

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Community Announcements

AER is Soldiers helping Soldiers

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign is underway and is raising funds for Soldiers and family members in need. The AER program is funded entirely through voluntary contributions and provide AER loans to those servicemembers and family members in need. The campaign runs through May 15. For more information on the campaign and on how you can contribute please contact Vanessa Holland at Army Community Service at CIV:0951-300-7777.



Sun. March 30 Spring Ahead REMINDER!

Don't be late! Europe will 'Spring Ahead' this year Sun. March 30. Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead to Daylight Saving Time on Sun. March 30 at 2 a.m.

Girl Scout cookie blowout!

The Girl Scouts will be selling the remainder of their cookies March 22 from 11 a.m. until they are gone in the parking lot of building 7000. Cookies are \$3.50 a box.

Attention all NCO's...Attend Recruiter Duty briefing April 4

The Recruit the Recruiter Team will brief all Specialists through Sergeants First Class regarding the benefits, challenges, and qualifications of Recruiting Duty. How does more money, faster promotions and assignment preference sound to you? Attendance by all NCO's is highly encouraged. Spouses may also attend. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty. A personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. The RTR Team will entertain all questions upon completion of each briefing.

Briefings in Bamberg will be on Fri. April 4 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Bamberg Ed Center, Rm. 303. Contact James E. Willis Jr. at DSN:469-8836 for more information.

Weekly Reminders

Bamberg Tax office is open

The Bamberg Tax Office located in room. 412 of Bldg. 7000 is now open Mon. through Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thur. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Taxes are

prepared at no cost for all military I.D. card holders. Don't delay! Please call DSN:469-8261/8262 to make an appointment to file your return.

Take Overseas Housing Allowance Survey now

Service members who reside in privately leased quarters and receive OHA, are being asked to participate in the annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) Expenses Survey. Maximum participation is strongly encouraged because the results of this survey can significantly impact the amount of your monthly Overseas Housing Allowance. Homeowners do not need to take this survey as historically their expense data is different from renters upon which the program is based. The web-based survey link is <http://266fincom1.hqusareur.army.mil/> and is available now through April 17.

Express mail on Sundays and holidays

Effective now: The United States Postal Service will begin charging an "Express Delivery Premium" of \$12.50 for delivery of express mail on Sundays and Holidays. This "Premium" will be in addition to the normal \$16.25 express rate. Customers that do not wish to pay the additional premium will have their express mail delivered on the following work day. Currently express mail delivery times are computed by chart depending on the Zip Code at delivery address. Express mail takes either 2 or 3 days, depending on the zip, and does not count the day of mailing. If the delivery dates falls on a Sunday or holiday, the delivery will be either 3 or 4 days.

Looking for a stateside zip code?

The United States Postal Service no longer provides post office lobby zip code books. You may go to www.usps.com/zip4 and search for zip codes by address, city, company or enter a zip code for a list of all zip codes for that respective city.

Closures / Changes

MWR offices relocated

All Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices have relocated to the 4th floor of garrison headquarters building 7089 (across from the CDC) This includes the Director of FMWR and chiefs of Business and Recreation Division, Financial

Management Division, director of Child and Youth Services and the FMWR Marketing office.

Public Affairs Office relocated

The USAG Bamberg Public Affairs Office has moved from the 3rd floor of building 7089 to the 4th floor.

Easter Closures

The Bamberg Commissary will be closed on Sun. March 23. All shops on the economy will be closed **Fri. March 21 and Easter Mon. March 24**. Stores in Bamberg are regularly closed on Sundays. Make certain you plan accordingly.

Gate 1 Closure

Gate 1 at Weissenburgstrasse will be closed starting March 31 through June 28 for construction. During that time, pedestrians can use Gate 2 near the AAFES Mini Mall. All vehicular traffic (includes all scooters, mopeds and motorcycles) and guest sign-ins must enter at Gate 3 (the main gate at Zollnerstrasse).

Community Chapel Catholic Easter Schedule

Thur. March 20	Holy Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Fri. March 21	Good Friday	3:30 p.m.
Sat. March 22	Holy Saturday	6 p.m.
Sun. March 23	Easter Mass	9 a.m.

Health and Fitness

Try Boot Camp for FREE April 2

Lose weight, get in shape, and tone your body at Boot Camp! Instructor and Personal Fitness Trainer, Ayla Biggerstaff is offering a free introductory boot camp class Wed. April 2 from 9:30—11:30 a.m. For more information call Ayla at 0171-4969539, e-mail abodyfit-foryou@hotmail.com or show up and start getting fit today!

Get fit at Boot Camp

Boot Camp is a full exercise routine regularly offered every Monday and Thursday at the FFF from 6 to 8 p.m. It combines a mixture of Pilates, weight training, body control and cardio. It's a fun class for all fitness levels and for ages 11 years and up. Cost is \$5 per class, tickets are available at class. Mommy Boot Camp is also offered on Tuesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Strollers are welcome.

Spring ahead reminder! Don't be late! Europe will 'Spring Ahead' this year Sunday, March 30. Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead to Daylight Saving Time Sun. March 30 at 2 a.m.

5K Spring into Fitness fun run

Spring into fitness this March and participate in a 5K fun run Sat. March 29 at 10 a.m. at Bamberg Warner Barracks. Pre-registration is available and free at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Registration is accepted the day of the event. The run starts at the track next to FFF. Medals will be given to all participants. Contact the FFF staff at CIV:0951-300-8890 or e-mail Ernest.Johnson@eur.army.mil

Spring Fitness assessments

Operation Walk-4-Freedom and Civilian Fitness Program assessments will take place Tue. March 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wed. March 26, noon to 3 p.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Enrollments, fitness and health assessments, and fitness consultations will be conducted at these times. Please contact Angela Hunter at CIV:09721-96-6793 or e-mail angela.hunter2@eur.army.mil for more information.

Kids and Teens

Get ready for Easter with SAS

School Age Services is inviting children ages kindergarten through fifth grade to the SAS "Eggcellent Eggstravaganza", Thur. March 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at SAS, bldg. 7669. Come join in a fun evening of egg decorating, Dr. Seuss birthday celebration and a trivia game show about the incredible edible egg! Parents are encouraged to participate. Call CIV:0951-300-8698 for more information.

Community Easter egg hunt



Child and Youth Services is hosting Bamberg's Community Easter egg hunt Sat. March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at Friendship Park. Age groups for the hunt at 10 a.m. will be 0 to 2; 3 to 5; 6 to 8 and 9 to 12. After the hunt children can compete in an egg toss, egg spoon race, bunny hop race and egg coloring. Call Archie Johnson at SKIES Unlimited for more information, CIV:0951-300-7452.

Robin Hood

A professional production team presents weeklong workshops for youth culminating in Saturday performances of a beloved classic.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Conceived and Written by Michael McGill Directed by Kim Ruch A New Story Music and Lyrics by Michael McGill

INCOME 2008 Tour Dates

- Feb. 26-March 1: Winnsboro, Charita Fontana, DSN 338-2473
- March 2-6: Heidelberg, Pamela Pinner, DSN 388-9378
- March 9-12: Ansbach, Vicki Harrold, DSN 468-7636
- March 16-20: Steamboat, Jason Kearney, DSN 465-7256
- March 23-29: Garmisch, Ellen Harris, DSN 460-2393
- March 30-April 5: Vicenza, Ross Donoh, DSN 634-7381
- April 6-10: Katernbergh, Belinda Smith, DSN 488-7182
- April 13-19: Schweinfurt, Pamela Rio, DSN 254-8414
- April 20-26: Stuttgart, Jennifer Collins, DSN 630-7455
- April 27-May 3: Bamberg, Jack Austin, DSN 469-8647
- May 4-10: Hohenfels, Joanne Love, DSN 466-2340
- May 12-17: Mannheim, Loren Wood-Storran, DSN 380-9132 or 9133
- May 25-31: Grafenwohr, Anna Flynn, DSN 475-6430 or 9139

Audition for the Missoula

Children's Theater Workshop Week
Auditions for "Robin Hood" will be held Mon. April 28, at 4 p.m. The Missoula Children's Theater will run a week long workshop which ends with two theatrical performances of Robin Hood Sat. May 3. Children who are cast will participate in the week long workshop with rehearsals from 4-6 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The workshop is free of charge. Admission will be charged for the final performances Sat. May 3, at 3 and 7 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by the Stable Theater and SKIES Unlimited. Contact Jack Austin at CIV:0951-300-8647 or Archie Johnson at SKIES CIV:0951-300-7452 for more information.

County Fair - Teen Fest at Roller Realm April 4

The Bamberg Middle School/High School is hosting a Teen County Fair and Teen Fest at the Roller Realm, Bldg. 7116, Fri. April 4, 1—6 p.m. The entire community is invited to enjoy an afternoon with games, an art exhibition, crafts, karaoke, dance contest, technology and cooking activities. Admission is free. Call Shay McNeil or Rizza Asuncion at CIV:0951-300-8641 for more information.

Piano lessons for children

Piano lessons for children ages 3-18 are available now with SKIES Unlimited instructors. Cost is \$90 per month for eight 30 min. sessions. Register now at Central

Enrollment and Registration, Bldg. 7340 or contact Archie Johnson at DSN:469-7452.

School News

Elementary School Calendar

March 26 School assembly at theater for USAFE Jazz band performance.

Spring School registration week

Registration for the 2008/09 school year will take place April 14-18. Start gathering the required paperwork. Everyone is required to have a copy of current orders and shot record for each student. For more information call CIV:0951-300-7616.

Continuing Education

Improve language skills now

Going Downrange? The Bamberg Army Education Center has Iraqi language and familiarization CDs and a booklet as well as Iraqi familiarization guides that can be given to Soldiers who may be deploying to Iraq. If you are interested in learning a little about the language and culture of Iraq prior to your deployment, stop by the Bamberg Army Education Center, Building 7047, 3rd floor and see Mr. James Willis or Mr. Ed Stitt to receive a copy. Items were produced by the Defense Language Institute and are free to soldiers.

Attend V.A. Benefits Briefing

Ask the experts. Attend the next ACAP V.A. Benefits Briefing March 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Reel Time Movie Theater. A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will provide an overview of V.A. programs and services and will answer questions as well. Open to the entire community. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at DSN:469-8925.

Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefing March 27

The Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) briefing Thur. March 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Preston Hall, Bldg 7080. DTAP is designed to encourage and assist potentially eligible servicemembers in making informed decisions about the V.A.'s Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) Program. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at DSN:469-8925.

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Army 101 class in Spanish

Army Community Service is offering an additional AFTB Army 101 class in Spanish now. The free class will be held Tue. and Wed., April 1 and 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at ACS Family Advocacy Program, bldg. 7487. Learn about the Army culture, Military acronyms, benefits, Family Readiness Groups and support structures, problem solving, and much more! Free child care is available on limited basis. Please contact Mary.Thompson@eur.army.mil or call CIV:0951-300-7777.

Ejército 101 en Español

Army Community Service (Ejército de Servicios a la Comunidad) (ACS) AFTB Ejército 101 en Español (Army 101) Martes Y Miercoles Abril 1-2, 8:30 a.m. hasta 1:30 p.m. ACS las construccion de aulas FAP 7487. Ejercito 101 esta disponible para todos...Aprenda terminos militares, las siglas, las costumbres. Gratis cuidado de ninos gratuito disponible! Para mas informacion llame al CIV:0951-300-7777.

Job Opportunities

Bamberg Chapel looking for Catholic Parish Coordinator

USAG Bamberg Community Chapel has a non-personal service contract opportunity for a Catholic Parish Coordinator. Anticipated performance period is from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Interested parties should contact the Bamberg Regional Contracting Office for a copy of the solicitation packet which will be used for submission. For additional information contact Bamberg RCO at CIV:0951-300-9383, DSN: 469-9383 or www.usacce.army.mil/frc/default.htm; or Sara Bernier at the Chapel at CIV:0951-300-8326, or DSN:469-8326.

Public Affairs Office has journalism contract available

The Bamberg Public Affairs Office is looking for a journalist to fill a non-personal service contract with a price range of \$33,280-\$41,600. The contract starts April 1, 2008 and runs thru March 31, 2009. Interested parties should contact the RCO Franconia or connect to the link provided below for a copy of the solicitation, number W912PG-08-T-0055, which will be used for submission of offer. The potential contractor will have one year experience

in writing, journalism or an associated field paid or volunteer. Familiarity with digital photography and Microsoft Publisher software is essential. Work will be performed in an office on Warner Barracks Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Hassan El-Annan at DSN:469-9401.

Entertainment & Leisure

Support 173rd BSB fundraiser

Stop by the HHC 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Family Readiness Group German-American barbecue April 1 and stock up on "Welcome Home" banners and "Support the Troops" wristbands. The event will take place in the parking lot across from building 7000 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't miss it!

Learn to golf

Bamberg's Whispering Pines Golf Course is now offering golf lessons with a certified golf instructor. Single 60 min. private lessons are \$75. Various offers for group lessons are available. 2 students pay only \$105 for a 60 min. lesson, 6 students pay only \$19 each for a group lesson. Or buy 10 lessons and get one free. Classes are by appointment only. Contact golf course manager Danny Brown at the Golf Pro Shop at CIV:0951-300-8953.

See The Heidi Chronicles

The Stable Theater presents the dramatic comedy, "The Heidi Chronicles". Funny, touching and written with rare grace and sensitivity, the play is a moving examination of the progress of a generation, from the socially and politically charged sixties to the success-oriented eighties, a time during which the status of American women underwent profound, and sometimes unsettling, change.

Show dates are April 2, 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Sun. April 6 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for kids, students, E4 and below. Family cards are available for \$25. Group discounts available. Non-ID Card holders can attend the show as guests with a passport number, birth date and place and car license plate. Non-ID card holders are asked to give a minimum 48-hour notification before show date. Contact jack.austin@us.army.mil or call CIV:0951-300-8647

Trips & Travel Opportunities

BOSS trip to Paris, April 4-6

See Paris with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. Bus departs at 11 p.m. from the parking lot across from the Chapel April 4. Price includes round-trip transportation on German motor coach with WC and a morning guided city tour of Paris (approx. 4 hours). The bus departs Paris at 9 p.m., April 5 and arrives back in Bamberg April 6 at approx. 5 a.m. Cost is \$49 per person. Space is limited! Payment must be made in full at the Community Activity Center no later than March 28. Trip is open to adults and their guests. Active Duty Soldiers must have DA Form 31 or passport/ID card. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Shantae Gordon, BOSS president at DSN:469-8004 or e-mail shantae.gordon@eur.army.mil. or BOSS secretary sophia.flagg@us.army.mil

Take a trip with Outdoor Recreation this April

Take a trip this April with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

April 5-6: Snowboard and Ski \$149

We're headed to Austria for some spring skiing and riding. Trip includes transportation and one night lodging with breakfast and dinner. Get \$20 rentals and half price tuning at the ODR ski shop. Departs at 2 a.m. Sat. April 5, returns approx. 10 p.m. Sun. April 6

April 10: Tour Under Bamberg \$20

This unique trip through tunnels under Bamberg gives a view of the city that shouldn't be missed. The tunnels are generally cool and damp, please wear appropriate clothing and bring a flashlight. Departs CAC at 5 p.m. and returns 7:30 p.m.

April 12: Czech Shopping \$75

Hop on our motor coach for a trip to Karlovy-Vary and Cheb for some fun shopping. All trip goers must have a valid passport. Includes transportation. Departs CAC at 7 a.m. and returns approx. 8 p.m.

April 24: Lake Paddle \$269

The white water season opens May 1, so get ready with an after work lake paddle in our white water boats. Practice your paddling skills with Paul, our certified kayak instructor. Includes transportation and all necessary gear. Departs 5 p.m. Thur. April 24 and returns approx 8 p.m.

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April 26: Berlin Day Trip**\$59**

Join us for a day of sightseeing and exploring in Berlin, Germany's capital city. You'll be able to hop on and off our bus to explore different parts of the western side of Berlin. Sites include the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Zoo and the Soviet Memorial. Includes transportation only. Departs 4 a.m. and returns approx. 11:30 pm.

Sign up for ODR trips no later than the Monday prior to the trip or the trips may be cancelled. For more information please contact the CAC at DSN:469-8659 / 7450. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded.

Outside the Gate**Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

Frequently used locations can be found online at www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/news/map.pdf

**Easter Market (Ostermarkt) in Nuremberg**

Visit the "Häferlesmarkt", Easter Market, March 7 - 24 at the Hauptmarkt in Nuremberg. This is the first major Spring market in

Nuremberg and it offers about 80 stalls which feature wooden, enamel and household goods, pottery, textiles, sweets, books and everyday articles. The market will be open Monday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday and Easter Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed on Good Friday. For more information go to www.nuernberg.de. (Web site is also in English. Information about the market, a city map and transportation can be found under the events section.)

7th Kids' Fun World

The 7th Kids' Fun World with many bouncing castles or moon-walkers, kids' events on stage and much more takes place from March 20 through 26 March 26 at the Jako Arena (Forchheimer Strasse 15, next to Kaufland shopping store) daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults cost 3 Euro, kids 7 Euro, family ticket 18 Euro (2 adults, 3 kids).

Friday, March 21 (Karr or Good Friday)

No public parties in town. Good Friday is one of the so called "silent" public holidays with a solemn religious background. All shops are closed and it is recommended not to have loud parties on this day.

Saturday, March 22

- 11 a.m. Kid's Fun World at Jako Arena (see news brief above)
- 8 p.m. "Dawn & Support" performs at Sound'n'Arts (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. Andreas Kuemmert plays at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 10 p.m. Easter party at Pelikan (Untere Sandstrasse 45)
- 10 p.m. Techno party at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)
- 10 p.m. 30 Plus Party at Live-Club (Obere Sandstrasse 7)
- 10 p.m. Big party on two floors - different styles of music - at Top Act, Zapfendorf 96199 (Hauptstr. 26)

Sunday, March 23

- 11 a.m. Kid's Fun World at Jako Arena (see news brief above)
- 11 a.m. Easter market at market place in Koenigsberg 97486
- 8 p.m. The Glenn Miller Orchestra plays at the Concert Hall (Mussstrasse 1)
- 8 p.m. Jam session at Sound'n'Arts (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. Terry Lee Burns plays at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 10 p.m. "Los Chicolores" play soul, funk, raggaie at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)
- 10 p.m. Easter party II at Pelikan (Untere Sandstrasse 45)
- 10 p.m. "(b)lack birthday and all styles of electro on two floors at Top Act, Zapfendorf 96199 (Hauptstr. 26)

Monday, March 24

Monday is Easter Monday and is a public holiday, all shops will be closed. Last day of Nuremberg's Easter market at Nuremberg (See news brief above)

What's a well to do with Easter?

By Nicole Karsh-Meibom, USAG Bamberg PAO



Osterbrunnen or Easter wells are a Franconian tradition. On the Kar Saturday, day before Easter Sunday, wells in little villages are decorated with hundreds of colorful eggs. Nobody can tell exactly, how old the tradition is. The tradition has to do with the water shortage in the Franconian Swiss, which made wells very valuable to the community. So, before celebrating Easter, the wells were cleaned of the dirt from autumn and winter. There are several stories that explain the about the so-called Easter spring water. One says it has to be drunk very early on Easter morning without speaking to share in its healing powers. Another says that unmarried girls went through the village and sprinkled the water on the man of her choice.

The Easter well usually remains decorated for up to two weeks after Easter. You can find these wells all over Franconia, like in Bamberg at the Laurenzi Platz (driving up Kaulberg towards Klinikum). Some of these wells are so beautiful that they attract bus loads of visitors, such as Heiligenstadt or Bieberach – the later having found its entry in the Guinness book of World Records as the biggest Franconian well decorated with 11,108 hand painted eggs. Find a list of local Easter wells here: <http://www.osterbrunnen.de/>.

**The community Easter egg hunt starts at 10 a.m. at Friendship park!
(The hunt will happen, rain, shine, sleet or snow!)**

AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tue. and Wed.



Thur. Mar. 20	Semi-Pro (R)	7 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 21	Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 22	College Road Trip (G) Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun. Mar. 23	College Road Trip (G) First Sunday (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 24	Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R)	7 p.m.
Thur. Mar. 27	First Sunday (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 28	Mad Money (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 29	Horton Hears a Who (not rated) 27 Dresses (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun. Mar. 30	Horton Hears a Who (not rated) Mad Money (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 31	27 Dresses	7 p.m.
Thur. April 3	Mad Money (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri. April 4	Rambo (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. April 5	Cloverfield (PG-13) Rambo (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun. April 6	Meet the Spartans (PG-13) Shutter (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon. April 7	Rambo (R)	7 p.m.

As seen in the NEWS ...

News summaries from March 14 through March 17

Swap cactus for water plant

The senior citizens home "Nonnenbruecke" established the first Bamberg Plant Exchange. Residents of the home came together to swap their "green" belongings, to chat about their gardening skills and have coffee. Meanwhile, mothers and toddlers from the "Mothers' Center Kaengeruh" came by to help plant new flowers in the flower boxes.

Easter well destroyed

Saturday evening between 6 and 11 p.m. unknown offenders ruined the Easter well in the Bamberg's district of Gereuth. A citizens' club had just decorated the well with hundreds of colorful plastic eggs. Police are now looking for eyewitnesses, please call 0951-9129-2 if you have any information regarding the incident.

Bamberg - town of love

More and more couples are getting married in Bamberg, because the city has so many romantic locations to offer. Even more and more tourists come to the capital of Upper Frankonia to marry. In December Lord Mayor Andreas Starke added the beautiful rococo hall of the Old Townhall (the one on the bridge) to the list of wedding locations. Every first Saturday of the month, the hall can be booked for weddings. Also, from mid April to mid October love birds can exchange their vows at the Katharinen Chapel at the medieval Alte Hofhaltung next to the Bamberg cathedral.

Michelsberg to become a vineyard

The city council now agreed to the reconstruction of a vineyard at the south hillside of the Michelsberg, with St. Michael convent overlooking the town. As early as Autumn 2008 the planting is to start and two years from now, the first vintage is expected. For centuries there were vineyards at this location, which is why this area has been chosen.

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