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Competitors took to Bamberg's trails for run, walk, bike race

By Jessica Lipari, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Run, walk or ride was the mode of transportation on Saturday here.

Soldiers, civilians and family members took to the trails at the Local Training Area on Warner Barracks.

Starting the morning off, 25 participants took part in a 10-kilometer trail fun run and walk, organized by the Freedom Fitness Facility.

Over half of the participants completed both laps of the five-kilometer long trail. Edward Perez took first place for the men with a time of 53 minutes and 18 seconds, while the garrison commander, Michelle Bienias, claimed first place for the women with a time of 59 minutes and 58 seconds.

The next fun run and walk will take place on Aug. 24 in support of Women's Equality Day. This race will be on a Friday morning at 7 a.m. to encourage units to participate in the event.

The trail fun run was followed by a mountain bike race.

Bamberg was the third stop in the U.S. Forces Europe Mountain Bike Race Series 2012.

There are only four races in the series this year; races already have been hosted in Hohenfels and Kaiserslautern.

Competitors earn points at each race they attend in the series based on their placing in the race.

This is the fourth year in a row that Bamberg's Outdoor Recreation has hosted a race for the series. Bamberg's course was three laps around a 10-kilometer loop consisting of cross-country terrain with technical single-track sections.

"We do the race for racers," said Joshua Moore, Outdoor Recreation director. "We put a lot of work in; we like to have a longer race because people drive two to three hours to get here. We prefer to give them more of a challenge."

Kaiserslautern Military Community Cycling Club has several members competing in the four races in this year's series.

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Jessica Lipari

A mountain bike racer rides across a log bridge during Bamberg's Mountain Bike Race on Saturday. Bamberg was the third stop in the U.S. Forces Europe Mountain Bike Race Series 2012. Racers completed three laps around a 10-kilometer loop consisting of cross-country terrain with technical single-track sections.

Schweinfurt's commander addresses closure at town hall

By Margaret Gotheridge, USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

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SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- The garrison commander spoke Aug. 6 at an all hands meeting to address issues and rumors surrounding a base transformation that will see Schweinfurt's eventual drawdown and closure by 2014.

To confront a dual mission of closing a base down that must at the same time maintain its operational readiness and quality of life levels, in March, Runey laid out a list of three priorities which will serve as a beacon between now and October 2014, the anticipated closure date.

Those priorities, he explained, will guide decision-making over the course of the transformation.

The garrison closure timeline is currently divided into three phases, said Lt. Col. Michael Runey. The first phase consists of planning and sustainment. Phase two — set to begin in the spring of 2013 — will consist of units leaving or inactivating, resulting in all troops departing Schweinfurt by September 2014. The final phase deals with the transfer of the garrison to German authorities, which will conclude no later than

"We all will continue to strengthen and build community until we close," said Runey, reiterating one of his three priorities. Carving the route between now and closure, the commander's priorities are to support the Army's combat capability, to ensure life, health and

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Making a Splash!



Rainer Helbig

Soldiers of the 527th Military Police Company, 18th MP Brigade negotiate a water obstacle as part of a Leader Reactionary Training Course. The training was recently conducted at an adventure-based training facility at Urlas. The curriculum, involving several physical challenges, is supported and assisted by experts of the Training Support Center at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach.

KONTAKTA consumer fair coming to Ansbach

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- Every other year the city of Ansbach hosts a consumer fair called KONTAKTA. This year it starts on Aug. 29 and runs until Sept. 2. It will take place in the middle of town on the Onoldia parking lot, which is also known as the Festplatz, on Nürnberger Strasse, across from the Orangerie. This biennial fair serves to inform visitors of many aspects of life, business and crafts. It is separated into seven different areas, including an exhibition inside the Onoldia Center.

"Bauen" and "Wohnen," or building and living, concentrates on house owners, explaining ways to renovate, remodel and update your property, starting in the basement with the heating system all the way up to the roof.

"Familie" and "Soziales," or family and social affairs, targets families, health and active senior citizens, with information on services and organizations available. Get a free blood pressure or blood sugar check or find out if your cholesterol level is too high.

The "Grüne Halle, or green Hall, offers hunters and environmental organizations a chance to promote information about caring for nature. Lots of information on natural habitats will interest especially the children.

The area of "Brauchtum" and "Handwerk," or traditions, crafts and trades, exhibits historical crafts like basket weaving, soap making, spinning,

butter churning, tatting or lace making, woodturning, calligraphy, violin building, pottery and much more. A special children's program is available.

"Energie" and "E-Forum" offers visitors an opportunity to get updated on the latest energy saving methods.

Children of the age 3 to 12 are entertained in the "Zauberwald," or magic forest, while their parents can stroll through the exhibition.

A one-day admission ticket for adults is 5.50 Euros. The five-day ticket is 7.50 Euros. Children 6-12 years pay 1 Euro, or 3 Euros for five day, while tickets for 13-18 year olds are 3.50 Euros or 4.50 Euros for five days. Aug. 31 is girlfriend day. Two ladies entering together only pay 3.50 Euros per person.

Little presents will be available that day.

Since parking is limited in downtown Ansbach, it is recommend to make use of the special shuttle bus. It stops at the parking lot of the old Messezentrum on Schalkhäuser Strasse, behind the skate park, and at the Aquella parking lot. The fair is open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A site plan, detailed program information and a 1 Euro coupon for print out (one is needed per person) are available at www.kontakta-ansbach.de.

Katterbach's SAC flash mobs to instill healthy lifestyle

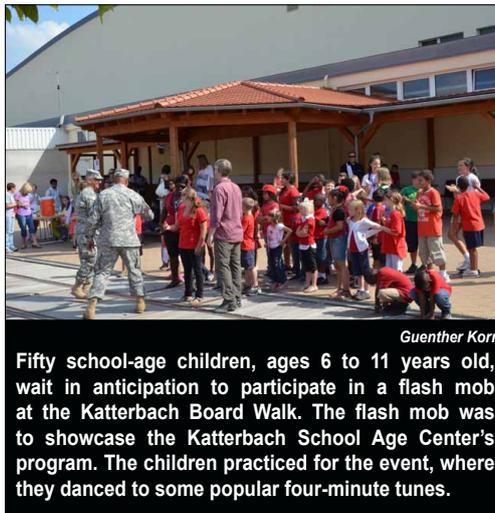
By Matt Spears,
USAG Ansbach School Age Center director

ANSBACH, Germany -- About 50 school-age children were recently involved in a flash mob, dancing to some popular four-minute tunes, at the Katterbach Board Walk.

The flash mob was intended to showcase the Katterbach School Age Center's program, which is geared to inspire young children to live a healthy lifestyle, said Andria Channels, the SAC administrative assistant.

Existing Army-wide programs require School Age Centers to provide a large variety of activities that also hone mentoring and leadership skills, as well as fitness and well-being.

The children, ranging from 6 to 11 years old, thought a flash mob would fit right in with the



Guenther Korn
Fifty school-age children, ages 6 to 11 years old, wait in anticipation to participate in a flash mob at the Katterbach Board Walk. The flash mob was to showcase the Katterbach School Age Center's program. The children practiced for the event, where they danced to some popular four-minute tunes.

program, according to Channels.

"It was also a great opportunity to support the

"Let's Move" initiative, developed by first lady Michelle Obama two years ago," said Channels.

The campaign targets obesity and unhealthy lifestyles among young children, working to instill a healthy path during the early years of their lives, Channels said.

The flash mob team, including four adult mentors, practiced their choreography over and over to perform at the Board Walk, Channels said.

"It was a great challenge, but the outcome was extremely rewarding for the children," she said.

"Most importantly, they were able to experience that the tough practice every day for the past three weeks was really rewarding for them, many saying they want to do another flash mob soon," she said.



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Peaceful pedaling provides vacation in Bavaria

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SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- The valleys rise up around you, green and fertile. A castle looms, perched on a hill like a bird of prey that eyes you as you wind your way along the curve of the river. There are no cars around, and all you hear is the hum of your narrow tires and the steady rhythm of your breathing. Ahead, the river folds back on itself and you pump your brakes to prepare for the sharp turn.

While many looking for a getaway this summer may be asking travel agencies for package deals to crowded beach resorts or booking discount airline tickets to out-of-the-way airports, they are overlooking a hidden gem of a vacation right here in Germany: a self-guided bicycle tour.



Charles Stadlander

Just minutes outside of the Schweinfurt city limits, farmland takes over and you'll be at peace with your own spinning wheels, free from car traffic. Typical Bavarian villages like the one in the background crop up by the dozens along every bike path. In the town square of these villages, there is almost always a tourist information center that offers information and booking for local accommodation.

will take you everywhere you need to go. A bike path is called a radweg in German, and though you'll carry a map with you, the paths are well-marked. You may be able to simply look for the signs with bike logos and arrows and leave your map in your bag. There are 117 official marked bike paths that total over 5,400 miles of riding in Bavaria.

The Main River bike path runs nearly 300 miles through the low, Franconian foothills, passing directly through U.S. Army locations in Schweinfurt and Bamberg and coming very close to the garrisons in Ansbach, Grafenwoehr, Vilseck and Hohenfels. A short hop on the train will deliver you to the river Main where you can start your journey. For lucky cyclists in Bamberg and Schweinfurt, the headache of vacation traveling can be reduced to a 10-minute bike ride to the riverbank.

Simple maps, available here http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/directorates/fmwr/odr_biketrails.htm and at most German bookshops,

Immunizations are key contributor to life expectancy

By Douglas DeMaio,
Bavaria Medical Department Activity Public Affairs

VILSECK, Germany -- Since 1900, the life expectancy of a person in the U.S. has increased by nearly 30 years.

Immunizations, which are the best protection against the spread of preventable diseases, are a key contributor to increasing life expectancy and save more lives than any other medical measure in history.

"We can consider them to be a cornerstone of preventative medicine," said Victorio Vaz, an epidemiologist for Bavaria Medical Department Activity. "The population needs to take immunizations seriously. We definitely do not want to go back to the pre-vaccination error where folks were dying due to the dire consequences of some of these very serious diseases that we take for granted today."

Virtually all outbreaks occur in unvaccinated and inadequately vaccinated populations, Vaz said.

"Everyone needs vaccines so we can all be protected against diseases," he said.

Polio, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, meningococcal disease, pneumonia, tetanus, diphtheria, human papillomavirus, shingles, and Haemophilus influenza B are all vaccine-preventable diseases. Eating well and having a healthy lifestyle are important, but vaccines are just as vital to maintain wellness.

Preventive efforts save billions of dollars in health care related costs,

according to Col. Richard Looney, Director of the Army's Military Vaccination Program.

"Morbidity from vaccine-preventable diseases has fallen 90 percent or more for most diseases since the 20th century," Looney said.

A growing concern for many health professionals is misinformation about vaccines and passive behavior toward being vaccinated, said Vaz, who previously worked in Arizona for the Office of Infectious Diseases Services.

"About 70 years ago, our parents did not worry about the side effects of vaccines; what they did worry about were the tragic consequences of the disease," Vaz said. "Most of them probably knew of one child or more that was paralyzed because of polio, or kids that died because of measles or pertussis, or a child that was deaf because of rubella. Those things tend to be a thing of the past, but they can return if we do not maintain the minimum herd immunity that is required to protect us all."

Not vaccinating, increases susceptibility within a community for people to transmit a preventable disease, which could affect people who are more vulnerable to a disease.

"We all have a responsibility not only to ourselves, but to those around us", he said, referring to being up to date with immunizations. "If anyone has concerns about the side effects of vaccines, they should discuss those with the provider because the provider is most likely to put those things into perspective; the risk and benefit. In most instances, the benefits are going to outweigh the potential low risk associated with a vaccine."

Army CID wants more Soldiers as special agents

QUANTICO, Va. -- The Army's Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is looking for qualified applicants to become highly-trained criminal investigators.

Special agents within Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, are responsible for investigating numerous types...



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ROTC seeks qualified enlisted Soldiers who want to become officers

FORT KNOX, Ky. -- Enlisted Soldiers who may have an interest in furthering their Army careers by becoming commissioned officers can learn more by exploring Cadet Command's Green-to-Gold option, an in-service recruitment program to attract junior soldiers with leadership potential.



To read more on this story, click [here](#).

Operation Rising Star competition takes the stage

By Simon Hupfer,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Show your stage talent and become the next "Rising Star!" Bamberg's Stable Theater, as well as U.S Army Garrisons Ansbach and Schweinfurt will be hosting the Army-wide talent competition again.

Local winners have the chance to compete in the final round in the U.S. The Army's 2012 singing Operation Rising Star is based on the TV show "American Idol."

ORS is one of hundreds of programs the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command provides for Soldiers and their Families.

The first round of Bamberg's ORS is scheduled August 31 at the Stable Theater; other rounds are scheduled Sept. 14 and 28.

The top three singers will then perform on the stage at Bamberg's Community Activity Center, October 13, with Bamberg's last-year-winner Betty Palmer.

USAG Schweinfurt runs the ORS competition September 27, October 4, 11 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parkside Playhouse on Conn Barracks.

USAG Ansbach will host the competition rounds September 6, 13 and 20, with the finals being held September 27, all at 6:30 p.m. at the Terrace Playhouse at Bleidorn Housing Area.

Application forms and rules for the local competitions are available at www.OpRisingStar.com.

The competition is open to Soldiers and their family members over 18 years of age.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three



File Photo
Elizabeth (Betty) Palmer sings "Respect" by Aretha Franklin at the Stable Theater during last year's Bamberg's Operation Rising Star singing competition. Giambastiani was announced the winner for U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg.

winners (\$500 for first place, \$250 for second place, and \$100 for third place) and a \$300 Spirit Award to the most enthusiastic audience member.

In addition to local prizes, winners have a chance to compete nationally where they can win a trip to compete in the televised finals and/or a recording studio experience.

Although last year nobody from Bamberg made it to the final round in the U.S., Bamberg appears to be a good place for singing talents.

In 2008, Joyce Dodson, at that time stationed in Bamberg as a Family Readiness Support Assistant for the 173rd Special Troops Battalion, won the over-all contest.

"It needs determination, the gift and skill of singing, and the desire in participation," Dodson said.

She also had a tip for all competitors.

"For the local competition, choose a song that

the people know and that gets them going," she said.

In 2009, Bamberg's candidate, Chaplain Don Williamson made second place in the all-Army competition.

As a chaplain in the Army, he has been considered the most talented singing Soldier, since first-place winner Lisa Pratt won the contest being a civilian.

Both were part of the Army Entertainment Division's TV production, broadcasted live on the Pentagon channel.

The chaplain had the advantage of a good musical education through various choirs as a child and member of an a-cappella group as an adult.

First place winner Pratt, like Dodson in 2008, earned an all-expenses-paid trip to record a three-song demo CD at DMI Music's Firehouse Recording Studios in Pasadena, Calif.

"I never knew that Operation Rising Star was going to open all these doors for me," Pratt said when she looked back.

Further details, application forms, photos from Bamberg's 2011 competition and tips from Dodson and Williamson can be found at www.bamberg.army.mil/mwr.

For more information in Bamberg, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647.

For more information in Ansbach, call the Terrace Playhouse at 0981-183-7636.

For more information in Schweinfurt, call the Parkside Playhouse at 09721-96-8429.

First USAG Ansbach Bicycle Rodeo to take place Aug. 24

By USAG Ansbach Safety Office

ANSBACH, Germany -- U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach will host the inaugural Garrison Bicycle Rodeo on Aug. 24 from 1-4 p.m. at the Bleidorn super playground.

The event will be conducted by the Garrison Safety Office, along with the Military Police and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The Bicycle Rodeo will be an excellent opportunity for children 6-12 years old to showcase their bikes while learning vital tools to ride them safely.

The Red Cross will be there to show parents how to properly render first aid to children in case of injury.

The Bicycle Rodeo also will include bike rules and regulations for German roads and on-post riding, a bike obstacle course with European signage and bike inspections.

The parents will also have an opportunity to register the children's bike as well as their own.

Giveaways and certificates will be handed out to each child at the end of the Bicycle Rodeo.

Children should be dressed accordingly for this time of year and wear appropriate footwear. This means no flip-flops.

A parent or a sibling at least 16 years old must remain with their participating child or children during this event.

For more information, please contact the Garrison Safety Office at 09802-83-1670.

BOSS program wins awards, focuses on helping community

By Jessica Lipari,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is an Army-wide program that was established in 1989 to provide support and a means for the single and unaccompanied Soldiers voices to be heard within the community.

Bamberg's BOSS program won two awards this year in the medium garrison size categories. They received first place for Best Event which consisted of a three-minute video entry and second place for Best Installation.

At Warner Barracks, the BOSS program is well known for its monthly weekend-long trips to top destinations in Europe with attractive pricing to suit most budgets.

However, under the lead of new president, Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Carswell, the BOSS program is focusing in on the other two pillars associated with the BOSS program.

The three pillars to the BOSS program are: quality of life, community service and recreation and leisure.

"We are not only here to help the Soldiers," Carswell said. "We are here to help the community."

Offering its services to Family Readiness Groups and other organizations at Warner



Jessica Lipari
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers president, Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Carswell, sits on the dunk tank during the Fourth of July celebration at Warner Barracks. The BOSS program is focused on helping the community this year.

Barracks, single Soldiers are able to volunteer within in the community and make a difference. Volunteer hours can also translate into promotion points and awards for Soldiers.

"BOSS is here to help and we will support events if we know about them," Carswell said. "Our goal is to attach to the community and be a part of what is going on."

Partnering with Child, Youth and School Services, the BOSS program is helping with the upcoming Warner Barracks Skate Competition. Not only will the single Soldiers help out at the event they have taken this opportunity to adopt the skate park.

"We want to mentor younger children and teach

them how to do stuff," Carswell said. "Also the day before the competition we will take the time to clean up the park for the children."

The skate competition will take place on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. at the skate park and is open to youth ages 9-18. In addition to the skate competition there will be a graffiti challenge and live music.

"By being active in the community, we bring talents to light and show them off," Carswell said.

Other upcoming events that the BOSS program has planned are a Dodge Ball Tournament and a BOSS birthday party.

The Dodge Ball Tournament will take place on Sept. 14 and 15 at the Freedom Fitness Facility and BOSS has partnered with the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club to provide a fundraising opportunity for FRGs.

Each unit has a representative that single Soldiers are encouraged to contact to find out more information and discuss with them any quality of life issues.

BOSS trips are offered once a month, typically on the training and/or American holiday weekends. The next trip will be to Lloret de Mar, Spain, on Aug. 30 to Sept. 3.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/Bamberg.BOSS>.

There is no place like home



Courtesy Photo

Spouses, family members and friends anxiously await their loved ones during a recent welcome home ceremony, in a hangar at Katterbach Airfield. A handful "Barbarians" of 412th Aviation Support Battalion lead the initial contingent of about 20 12th Combat Aviation Soldiers, who returned from their deployment in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom." For more pictures, see [Page 18](#).

Bleidorn Library renovation still under way

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

The renovation and remodeling of the main garrison library on Bleidorn Kaserne is still ongoing and projected to be finished by early autumn.

Although the library is officially closed, staff members are present Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can assist customers with the return of materials, clearing for PCS or picking up items requested from other libraries.

Browsing the shelves to look for books and other materials and Internet access are not possible currently.

Requests for materials can be made in person or by phone at 0981-183-1740.

The online request function has been temporarily disabled.

The Storck Library remains open and continues to offer a full range of library services during regular hours: Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It is closed on Saturday and Monday.

Garrison employees awarded for service in tune with command priorities

By Margaret Gotheridge,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- Of the roughly 450 employees assigned here, 168 were recognized at an all hands meeting here Aug. 6 for commitments reflecting command priorities aimed at successfully closing the garrison in October of 2014.

To confront a dual mission of closing a base down that must at the same time maintain its operational readiness and quality of life levels, in March, Lt. Col. Michael Runey, U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt's commander laid out a list of three priorities which will serve as a beacon between now and October 2014, the anticipated closure date.

Those priorities, he explained, will guide decision-making over the course of the transformation.

Topping the command's list is support to the Army's combat capability, often referred to as Army Forces Generation, or ARFORGEN. The second priority is to ensure life, health

and safety on the installation. The command's third priority is to support and strengthen the Schweinfurt community.

Having garrison staff fulfill the commander's priorities will make the transition that much smoother.

"We all will continue to strengthen and build community until we close," Runey said at the all hands meeting held at the Ledward Theater.

Over the last year, garrison staff have facilitated the movement of nearly 8,000 Soldiers. There are currently only 4,000 Soldiers stationed in Schweinfurt, prompting Runey to explain that garrison staff have basically turned over the community two times in the last year.

This means team members here have accomplished the No. 1 priority of assisting Soldiers as they deploy, redeploy and restation to the Schweinfurt community.

"This is a great time to recognize the hard work of our teammates and to be recognized by your leaders. I just want to say thank you for making

a difference here in Schweinfurt," Runey said.

The garrison closure timeline is currently divided into three phases. The first phase consists of planning and sustainment.

Phase two will begin in the spring and will consist of units leaving or deactivating. All troops will be gone by September 2014.

The final phase deals with the transfer of the garrison to German authorities which will conclude no later than April 1, 2015.

"You also know that as we restructure our workforce that letters will go out later this month. Clearly that will be a very difficult day," said Runey. "Upfront I appreciate your commitment to support each other during this difficult notification time."

The all hands quarterly meeting is for all U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt employees to receive updates on events in the community, to recognize and award the hard work of employees and to voice any cares or concerns employees may have.

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"This year we have made an effort to make it to all four of the races in the series," said Chad Hendrickson, KMC Cycling Club president. "The three races so far we have been to and had a member win the race."

"Bamberg's course was fun and fast," Hendrickson said. "They did a lot of work to make the course and the technical area was good."

Alfred Vazquez from Bamberg had some unfortunate luck during the race when the chain on his bike broke during the last lap, but being a dedicated competitor he finished the race.

"It is hard to say for certain what may have happened with the chain," Vazquez said. "I was trying to be conscious about not shifting gears in a way that would cause the chain to break. Nevertheless, it was the last round and I was making good time so I figured I would continue on in the race by pushing the bike up hills and riding it down the hills. And it worked."

Vazquez competed for his first time in last year's race at Warner Barracks and this year he has competed in all of the races in series.

"I am looking forward to the last one in Garmisch," Vazquez said.

A novice category was also added this year at Warner Barracks' race to encourage younger and less experienced participants.

"The course served well for those avid riders participating while at the same time introducing less experienced riders to a challenging full experience in relatively safe conditions,"



Vazquez said. "This was the first time my son participated in this type of event and he did well in the race."

The final race of the 2012 series will be in Garmisch on Sept. 8.

The following is a list of the top competitors from the mountain bike race:

Men's Open (ages 18 and up): first place, Michael Larson (Kleber); second place, Matthew Todd (Hohenfels); third place, Jose Huerta (Garmisch).

Men's Senior (ages 34 to 44): first place, Chad Hendrickson (Landstuhl); second place,



Jessica Lipari

Left, members of the Kaiserslautern Military Community Cycling Club race along the technical single-track section during the last lap of the mountain bike race. The race took place at the Local Training Area on Warner Barracks. Above, Linsie Fernbund runs along the Local Training Area trail during the 10-kilometer fun run and walk on Saturday. Twenty-five community members took part in the event.

Lewis Plotts (Vilseck); third place, Ricky Utley (Hohenfels).

Men's Master (ages 44 and up): first place, Leigh Plowman (Garmisch); second place, Jay Danna (Hohenfels); third place, Morrie Fanto (Hohenfels).

Women's Open (ages 18 and up): first place, Angelica Rodriguez (Ansbach).

For more pictures of the 10-kilometer trail fun run and walk, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/warnerweekly/sets/72157631093974734/>.

For more pictures of the mountain bike race, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/warnerweekly/sets/72157631094779360/>.

Bamberg to celebrate Sandkirchweih Aug. 23-27

By Simon Hupfer,
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BAMBERG, Germany -- It will be crowded again at Bamberg's Sandstrasse and also in the neighboring medieval streets and alleys in Bamberg's old town.

The annual Sandkirchweih, Bamberg's volksfest, starts Aug. 23 and will attract more than 250,000 visitors, tourists as well as locals, to Bamberg's more than 1,000 year old sand district with its numerous bars, pubs, shaded beer gardens and picturesque backyards.

While the fest is well known for its various beer stands, being a pub and bar festival, families with children might appreciate the carnival rides and food stands along the Fischerei, on the other side of the Regnitz River.

"For me the 'Sandkerwa' is the mother of all Bamberg events. It used to be the highlight of the Bamberg summer. Today it concludes the long and eventful summer series in Bamberg," said Ulrike Heucken, member of Bamberg's city council, who lives in the sand district and is executive director of the Bamberg Sandkerwa Event GmbH, which runs the fest.

For some Bamberg residents the Sandkirchweih is simply the "biggest class reunion of the world." When thousands of people are

crowding Sandstrasse, Elisabethstrasse and the Katzenberg, there is little reminder that the fest originally marked the consecration date of the little church, St. Elisabeth, tucked away in the middle of the sand district.

The undisputed highlight of the festivities is the traditional fishermen's joust, a tradition that goes back to the 15th century. Originally the joust was conducted for the enjoyment of the prince bishop and the Bamberg population. Two fishermen using lances try to push each other off a small platform which is mounted to the bow of the boat.

This year it will happen Aug. 26, at 12 p.m. and will run for about two hours until a winner is chosen. Thousands of spectators will line both sides of the Regnitz River to watch the row – a must see when in town that weekend.

The city of Bamberg has published a map for better orientation at <https://www.stadt.bamberg.de/index.phtml?mNavID=1829.358&sNavID=1829.713&La=1>. This year a new and improved safety strategy has been developed to make sure everybody can enjoy the party safely and emergency services are available easily.

The number of visitors has vastly increased in the last years, especially during the evening hours, so bringing toddlers or dogs is not recommended during peak hours.



File Photo

The Fischerstechen is a jousting competition on the water. Jousters stand on a platform at the bow of a boat and try to knock their competitor into the water.

Visitors are encouraged to use public transportation and the Park & Ride garages, since parking space is very limited around Bamberg's old town. Several bus lines bring visitors, even from outside Bamberg right to the fest area.

The Sandkerwa Express bus schedule from Bamberg's surrounding communities is available here: http://www.landkreis-bamberg.de/PDF/Sandkerwa_Express_2012_Fahr_und_Linienpl%C3%A4ne.PDF?ObjSvrID=1633&ObjID=4370&ObjLa=1&Ext=PDF&WTR=1&ts=1343220973.

Spotlighting Success



Courtesy Photo

Pregnant Rane Penecios, spouse of Staff Sgt. Markkenneth Penecios of the 12th Chemical Company, and a first-time Service Saturdayer gives the bollards at Schweinfurt High School a new shine on Aug. 4. A total of 15 volunteers came out to help beautify the community to make Schweinfurt an even better place to live.

See more pictures at

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.346906088725978.80958.10002197702891&type=3&l=f376281aa5>

Ansbach city needs volunteers to support Bavaria Plays

Ansbach Staff Report

ANSBACH, Germany -- The Office for Culture and Tourism is looking for volunteers to support the premiere of Bavaria Plays on Sept. 8.

Bavaria Plays features approximately 1,000 different games, which will be set up around the pedestrian and market square, near city hall, as well as at the Bruecken Center.

Adult volunteers are needed to set up the equipment, working one of the shifts on Sept. 7, between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The tear down and pack up of equipment is scheduled for Sept. 8 from 7-11 p.m.

Volunteer mentors are also needed for each of the play stations on Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The goal of the event is to bring the Ansbach community together while working and playing games, said Sabine Schuh, chief of public affairs for the city of Ansbach.

The event is open to all ages and is free of charge.

For volunteer registration or more information, call the Ansbach Public Affairs Office at 0981-183-1600, or contact the Office for Culture and Tourism directly at 0981-51243, or email: akut@ansbach.de.

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safety on the installation and to support and strengthen the Schweinfurt community.

Garrison closure is set for the fall of 2014, and that much is certain. An official operation order, or OORDER, providing further guidance is slotted for publication later this fall. But questions remain. Why, for example, is the garrison still looking for houses for troops and their families?

Local media outlets picked up on the requests earlier this month. The reason is that Schweinfurt has become the new home to the 18th Engineer Brigade headquarters from Schwetzingen, drawing in more than 100 Soldiers.

With a new wave of families relocating to the area, the members of the garrison team made the requests to the German community to help reduce the spreading of families further from the installation.

Runey squashed the rumor that the garrison would be enduring due to an exercise that is scheduled to begin next month. From Sept. 10-Oct. 12, U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt will host a large-scale NATO military exercise involving approximately 1,000 Dutch and German troops.

"It is a normal NATO exercise and we were asked to conduct part of it here or from Schweinfurt," said Runey.

Another issue addressed at the town hall dealt with issues on services available to local nationals, non-appropriated funds and appropriated funds employees.

The first restructure announced in November 2011 called for a reduction of 123 positions, not people, said Runey.

The members of the garrison team have been able to reduce the number of employees who will be receiving reduction in force letters to 60. The reduction in force, or RIF, will mainly affect local national employees.

"These notifications, as hard as they are, will be done person to person, as long as the individual is here," said Runey.

In the federal government, layoffs are called RIF actions. When an agency must abolish positions, the RIF regulations determine whether an employee keeps his or her present position, or whether the employee has a right to a different position, according to the Office of Personnel Management website.

Runey also restated that even though the RIF will mainly affect local national employees, NAF and AF employees have complete access to receive counsel from the Schweinfurt Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, more commonly known as CPAC.

If garrison employees would like to receive information about the opportunities that are available to them to prepare for a transition, they are able to make an appointment with CPAC.

"Each person's situation is different. We would like to encourage you to communicate any issues you are having with your leadership so your leadership can enable you to obtain the level of understanding you need," Runey said. "We just cannot tolerate people not knowing the opportunities that are available to help themselves."

The subject of RIFs is always a concern to a community. Keeping true to his word to provide transparency, Runey addressed concerns about future RIFs.

"I can tell you right now that I have not heard of any other plans for another RIF, but I cannot promise you that there will not be another RIF," he said. Runey said that he intends to close Schweinfurt with the workforce the garrison would have after the first RIF action.

To stave off rumors that Soldiers were being used to fill labor positions,



Margaret Gotheridge

The garrison commander spoke Aug. 6 at an all hands meeting where the closure and transition of the garrison was compared to landing a plane in a critical situation. The commander reassured garrison employees that the plane will land and the community will survive by following the command priorities of sustaining the Army's combat capability, ensuring life, health and safety on the installation and supporting and strengthening the Schweinfurt community.

Runey said "there are no secret plans to backfill all our workers with Soldiers."

There was also confusion regarding the final school year date that may have been derived from incorrectly using next year instead of the actual fiscal year or calendar year. Runey stated the last school year will end in the summer of 2014.

Another rumor mounted in the local press suggested that the garrison has not been working with local Schweinfurt officials to hand over the installation. That simply is not true. There had been confusion regarding who could provide access to private German conversion contractors on post.

Only the German federal real estate agency — known as Bundesanstalt für Immobilienaufgaben, or BImA — can grant access on behalf of the property owner, which is the Federal Republic of Germany.

Runey informed attendees that members of the garrison team have been making significant efforts to talk to the lord mayor's office and the county commissioner's office.

These efforts are aimed at ensuring the city and county are knowledgeable of how to work with BImA. The last phase of the closure incorporates the transfer of the garrison to BImA no later than April 2015. The rumor has since been clarified in the local press.

The all hands meeting provided an opportunity for employees to directly ask the commander questions and concerns they have. One questioner asked how long Runey will remain here in Schweinfurt as the garrison commander.

Runey said, "As of today I will be gone by next July because that will be the end of my two year command. I can say that no commander has been appointed, nor do I expect a commander to come in behind me."

He also explained that in the absence of a garrison commander the leadership of the garrison would be left in the hands of the deputy commander, Kevin Griess.

The all hands quarterly meeting is for all U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt employees to receive updates on events in the community, for leaders of different organizations to recognize the hard work of their employees and to voice any cares or concerns they may have as an employee of the garrison.

The next all hands meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24.

Ansbach Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Ansbach Public Affairs at usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Car Wash Grand Opening

The Storck Car Wash will celebrate its grand opening on Aug. 17 with a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. Refreshments and free car washes will be available until 8 p.m. The car wash is near the Storck Commissary and movie theater.

Get Hired

Students age 15-18 can apply for the Hired program's fall term until Aug. 30. The fall term runs Sept. 4 to Nov. 24. Earn a \$500 stipend and professional work experience. For more information, call the Workforce Preparations Specialist at 09802-83-2588.

Bicycle Rodeo

On Aug. 24 from 1-4 p.m., the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Safety Office, along with the Military Police and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, will conduct a Bicycle Rodeo for children between the ages of 6 to 12 years at the Bleidorn Super Playground. The rodeo will consist of training on how to properly ride a bicycle in Germany according to both U.S. and German Laws. The Red Cross will also be in attendance and will give first aid training to parents. Parents or a sibling 16 years or older must remain with the child or children during the training. If it is raining, the event will be canceled. For more information, call 09802-83-1670.

Community Showcase

Don't miss the Community Showcase on Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Katterbach Fitness Center. Community Showcase is your one-stop shop for all your community information (ACS, schools, Red Cross etc.), organizations (Girls & Boy Scouts, Spouses & Civilian Clubs, German-American Club etc.) and many more. Stop by to meet our host nation partners from the city of Ansbach and find out what they have to offer.

End of Summer Picnic

The 412th Aviation Support Battalion will host an End of Summer picnic on Aug. 25 from 11a.m. to 2

p.m. in the 412th's hanger. The event is open to the community and there will be music, a bouncy house and games. Bring bicycles, scooters, rollerblades or anything with wheels to ride around the airfield. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Bleidorn Community Library

Wondering how to get our next library book with the Bleidorn Community Library closed for renovations? For interlibrary loan requests or recordings, phone the Bleidorn Library at 09811-83-1740 and have a staff member place the request for you. You can arrange a pickup at Storck Barracks or the Bleidorn Library. The automated interlibrary loan system will be re-enabled once library renovations are complete.

Help Wanted

The Katterbach Thrift Store is in dire need of volunteers. If you have some time to donate, we would really appreciate it. Our hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-2 and Thursday from 12-6. Any time you have to spare would be helpful.

Arts and Crafts Sale

Fifteen percent off all frames and engraving supplies through Sept. 1. Building 5262 on Barton Barracks next to Vehicle Inspection. For more information, email ansbachartsandcrafts@eur.army.mil or call 0981-183-7627.

Auditions for Disney's "The Little Mermaid"

Calling all Ariels, King Tritons, Ursulas and Flounders: Auditions for Disney's "The Little Mermaid" are taking place on Aug. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. at Terrace Playhouse. For more information, call 0981-183-7636.

Closures and Changes

New U.S. Customs Hours of Operation

Effective Aug. 1 the hours of operation for the U.S. Customs office will change. Normal operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday and will be closed on U.S. holidays. The first Friday of every month the office will be closed for customer service operations. On these days, those personnel who need short-term fuel cards will need to go to the Ansbach Military Police Station.

Fuel Pump Closure

The Transportation Motor Pool Fuel Pump, Building 6644, at Storck Barracks is closed until further notice due to a malfunction.

Stork Barracks Vehicle Registration Closure

The Vehicle Registration Office will temporarily suspend the Storck Barracks Vehicle Registration Office operations. All vehicle registration operations will be provided at the main office on Barton Barracks, 3rd floor, Room 303, Building 5254. For more information, call 09811-83-7892.

Youth and Teens

Coaches Needed

Child, Youth and School Services Youth Sports and Fitness need coaches for bowling, soccer, football and cheerleading. Head coaches own children will pay no cost during the same playing season, assistant coaches first child will play at no cost during the same playing season. Discounts will be reimbursed mid-season. The coaches certification date is Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Barton CYS Services Sports Office. For more information, call the CYS Services Sports and Fitness Barton Office at 09811-83-7866 or Storck Office at 09841-83-4849 or Parent Central Services

GRAND OPENING

Storck CAR WASH

August 17, 2012
2:15 p.m. Ribbon Cutting
Free Car Washes: 2:15-8 p.m.
Refreshments

Movie Theater	Car Wash
Commissary	

Exit Gate

Katterbach at 09802-83-2533 or Storck at 09841-83-4880.

Rainbow Elementary School

Rainbow Elementary School on Barton Kaserne will be having a Back to School barbecue on Aug. 24 at 3-5 p.m. Class lists will also be posted at this time. The first day of school for grades 1-6 is Aug. 27 and kindergarten will begin on Sept. 4.

Ansbach Elementary School

Here are some important dates for the mini-cougars to mark on their calendars. On Aug. 24 there will be a student/Family orientation at 11 a.m. followed by a Back to School barbecue at 1-3 p.m. The first day of school for grades 1-6 is Aug. 27 and kindergarten will begin on Sept. 4. Sept. 3 is Labor Day and there will be no school.

Soccer Camp

U.S. Youth Soccer is a soccer program designed

BACK to SCHOOL

FUN RUN

Aug 18, 10 a.m.
Katterbach Middle/High School

Categories: Adult, Youth (13 - 17)
Parent/Child (Parent with child under 13)

Pre-Register: Katterbach Fitness Center
Stork Fitness Center
Concierge at the Von Steuben
Storck Community Activity Center
Race site 1 hr before run

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Military Police
Family and MWR present:

BICYCLE Rodeo

For 6-12 year olds

August 24
1-4 p.m.
Bleidorn Super Playground

- Bicycle Training
- Bicycle Safety Inspection
- Helmet Training & Fit Testing
- Bicycle Registrations
- First-Aid Training (for Parents)

Children must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult 16 yrs or older.
Cancelled if raining.
POC: 468.1670, 09802.83.1670



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COMMUNITY SHOWCASE
Ansbach INFO EXPO

SAT., AUG 25
10-2 P.M.
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DSN 467.4660



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for youth ages 8-18 years old that would like to participate in a year round soccer program. U.S. Youth Soccer is putting on soccer camps at various military installations around Bavaria. Camps are open to youth of any soccer level that would like to improve on their soccer fundamentals. Camp dates for Ansbach are August 18-19. The camp costs \$90 per player. If you would like to sign up or would like further information about the U.S. Youth Soccer program please email oberpfalzsoccer@yahoo.com.

Katterbach Child Development Center

Hourly care is available Monday to Friday with the exception of federal holidays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Parent Central Services at 09802-83-2533 to make reservations.

Storck Child Development Center

Hourly Care is available Monday to Friday with the exception of federal holidays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Please call the CDC in advance to make reservations. For children 6 weeks to 24 months call CDC Main at 09841-83-4505 or for children 24 months to 5 years call CDC Annex at 09841-83-4423.

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Family Child Care Opportunities

Looking for hourly, part-day or full-day child care? Katterbach in-home Family Child Care providers have slots available to meet your child care needs. For availability, please contact Parent Central Services at 09802-83-2533. Interested in providing child care from your home? Child, Youth School Services is recruiting for Family Child Care providers (living in government quarters) to run a child care business from home. Some of the benefits include; free training with curriculum beneficial to your own children, FCC Certification is beneficial worldwide, easy transfer of credits to next duty station and work toward a college degree while you provide child care. For more information, contact the Family Child Care office at 09802-83-2536.

Ansbach Girl Scouts

What is green, almost 100 years old and hip and cool as ever? Girl Scouts! Come be a part of the adventure and fun that is Girl Scouts. Any girls kindergarten through 12 grade are welcome. To join or for more information, email gsansbach@yahoo.com or call 0151- 445-12471.

EDGE!

After school activities for middle and high school youth is available at no cost. For more information, call Katterbach Kaserne Parent Central Services at 0909802-83-2533 or Storck Barracks Parent Central Services at 09841-83-4880.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Back to School Fun Run

On Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. there will be a Back to School Fun Walk/Run at the Katterbach Middle High School. The run is free and open to all community members. To pre-register visit the Katterbach Fitness Center, Storck Fitness Center, Concierge at the Von Steuben or Storck Community Activity Center. For more information, call 0980-283-2771.

Suicide Prevention Awareness 3K Run

On Aug. 30 at 10 a.m. there will be a Suicide Prevention Awareness three kilometer walk/run at the new PX at Urlas Housing. The run is free and open to all community members. Strollers and pets welcome. To recognize the 155 active duty suicides this year donate a brown shirt to Army Community Service or Katterbach Fitness Center for a memorial display. All participants will receive an Army Substance Abuse Program t-shirt. To pre-register visit the Katterbach Fitness Center, Storck Fitness Center, Concierge at the Von Steuben or Storck Community Activity Center. For more information, call 0980-283-2771.

Flag Football

Register your team for unit level flag football at the Katterbach or Storck Fitness Center by Aug. 24. The season begins on Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Ansbach Middle High School. There will be a coaches meeting on Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Katterbach Fitness Center and an Officials Clinic on Aug. 20-22 from 6-8 p.m. at the Von Steuben Community Activity Center. For more information, call Katterbach Fitness Center at 09802-83-2771 or Storck Fitness Center at 09841-83-4582.

New Aerobic Class at Katterbach

A new aerobic class called "Power XTREME" is offered Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Katterbach Fitness Center. This class includes a variety of fitness components geared towards optimal health and fitness enhancements. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

Racquetball Challenge

Racquetball Singles Challenge on Tuesdays and Thursdays until Aug. 21 at 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sign up at Katterbach and Storck Fitness Centers, Concierge

ARCHERY BEGINNER WORKSHOP

STORCK
AUG 7, 21
Location TBA

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AUG 14, 28
Soldiers Lake

TIME
Children: 6 p.m.
Adults: 7 p.m.

- NO COST
Sign up for as many sessions as you'd like
- REGISTRATION
One week prior to session
- LIMITED SPACE AND SUPPLIES
Feel free to bring your own

INSTRUCTORS & EXPERIENCED ARCHERS NEEDED

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:
OUTDOOR RECREATION
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in the Von Steuben Community Center and Storck Community Activity Center. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

TRX Suspension Training

For the 12 week challenge workout try the TRX Suspension Training at the Katterbach Fitness Center on Tuesdays until Aug. 27 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Limited to 8 people, first come, first served. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

Archery Beginner Workshop

There will be a archery workshop for beginners on Storck Barracks Aug. 21 and Urlas Soldiers Lake on Aug. 18. Bring your own supplies is encouraged. Registration deadline is one week before the workshop. The children workshop is at 6 p.m. and the adult workshop is at 7 p.m. For more information, call 09802-83-3225.

Weekly Reminders

Safety Hazard on B-13

Safety Hazard on B-13 between Ansbach and Illenheim North of Oberdachstetten there is a steep decline that goes under a railroad overpass

Storck Child Development Center

Part Day Preschool Care

Designed for preschoolers 3-5 years to socialize with their peers

Your choice:
2, 3 or 5 days
8:30-11:30 a.m.
September-June

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Storck Barracks, Bldg 6510
Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-1 p.m. / 2-5 p.m.
Fri 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. / 2-5 p.m.
US Holidays: Closed
CIV 09841.83.4880 • DSN 467.4880

Bamberg Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Bamberg Public Affairs at usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Estate Claims

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky of the 4th Bn. 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Stuart Erkes at 0951-300-7996.

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Cpl. Darrion T. Hicks of the 54th Engineer Battalion, should contact the summary court martial officer, 1st Lt. Shane G. Kalpokas at 0151-150-1330 or email shane.g.kalpokas.mil@mail.mil.

Club Beyond Kickoff Cookout

Club Beyond will host a kickoff cookout on Aug. 25 from 4-6 p.m. at the chapel's Family Life Center. This a time for middle school and high school students and parents to come and get more information about Club Beyond, talk to leaders and just hang out.

Karaoke Bash - Grease is the Word

The Birchview Lanes Bowling Center is having a "Grease" theme karaoke party on Sept. 1 at 9 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite "Grease" character or in 50's style clothes. There will be food and fun for all. Sing the night away, must be 18 and over. There will be first, second and third place prizes awarded for best costume. For more information, call 0951-300-7722.

BOSS Trip

Join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers on a trip to Lloret de Mar, Spain on Aug. 30 to Sept. 3. Cost is \$369 per person. Trip includes roundtrip transportation, two overnights with breakfast in a three star hotel and a day excursion to Barcelona for sightseeing. Sign up by Aug. 15 to reserve your seat. Open to all adults 18 years and above. For more information, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 0951-300-8890 or your local BOSS Program.

Vacation Bible School

The Bamberg Community Chapel will host its Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 20-24. This year's theme is "Sky," and is open to children age 4 to those who are going into sixth grade. Parents

can register their children at the Bamberg Community Chapel. Volunteers are needed and can sign up at the chapel. Child care will be provided for volunteers' children under the age of 4. Children who are older than sixth grade can be volunteers.

Center Stage Karaoke

Come and sing with us and let your inner rock star shine. Every Saturday evening in August there will be karaoke at 9:30 p.m. at the Birchview Lanes Bowling Center. There are 1,000's of songs to choose from and it is free to participate. For more information, call 0951-300-7722.

Operation Rising Star

Operation Rising Star is back. Sign up for the All-Army Talent Competition and win the chance for the ultimate recording experience. U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Round 1 competition will take place on Aug. 31 at the Stable Theater. Advance sign-up required. Open to Soldiers and Family members 18 and over. For more information, call 0951-300-8647.

Theatrical Workshop Series

The Stable Theater will have a series of free theatrical workshops for adults and children this summer. They are every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. The topics will be as follows: Aug. 16 - Clowning and Body Movement; and Aug. 23 - Stage Management Essentials; Aug. 30 - Auditioning; Sept. 13 - Moving on Stage; and Sept. 27 - Stage Tech. For more information, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647.

Adult and Kids Craft

The Community Activity Center will host an adult and kids craft on Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. Participants will make homemade lotion and lip balm. The craft is free. Parent supervision is required. Space is limited so sign-up is required. For more information, call the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8837.

Hot Dog Day

Join the Community Activity Center on Sept. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. for a hot dog bar. Create your favorite hot dog using different toppings. The cost is \$2 per hot dog with unlimited toppings.

Community Flea Markets

The Community Activity Center will host a Community Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month through October at the CAC, Building 7047. The dates for the flea markets are Sept. 8 and Oct. 13. For more information, call the CAC at 0951-300-8837

Back to School Donations

During the entire month of August, donate a back to school item at the Community Activity Center and receive a free small slushy. Donated items will be given to Bamberg Elementary School. For more information, call the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8837.

Basic Sewing Application

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a Basic Sewing Application class Sept. 8 and Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 16, Sept. 13 and Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15. The class will provide instruction on basic sewing techniques and the operation of the Arts and Crafts sewing machines. The class is mandatory for people who want to use the sewing machines. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

Matting and Framing

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a basic matting and framing class Aug. 18, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 23, Sept. 20 and Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. The

cost for the class is \$15. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

Wood Safety

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a Woodshop Safety class Sept. 1 and Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. and Sept. 6 and Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15. The class is mandatory for people who want to use the woodshop. For more information, call 0951-300 8659.

Red Cross Volunteer Orientation

Come and learn how you can become a volunteer with the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to noon August 17 at the Army Community Service building. Please call and RSVP no later than the day before each scheduled orientation. For additional information, visit the American Red Cross office, Building 7029 or call 0951-300-1760.

Closures and Changes

Customs Office

The Customs Office is closed every first Thursday of

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The Stable Theater

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Aug. 31

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www.operationrisingstar.com

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

the month for training.

Youth and Teens

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop # 40 in Bamberg is looking for boys ages 12 and older interested in becoming Boy Scouts. The troop meets every Monday from 1730 - 1830 except on holidays. The boys work on requirements for advancement and earning Merit badges. The troop is also looking for Adult volunteers and Eagle Scouts to assist with troop activities. Don't delay become a Boy Scout today. For more information, call Cliff Leach 0160-1585894.

Sports Physicals

On Aug. 18 the Bamberg Health Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. to conduct Child, Youth and School Services sports physicals, by appointment. Sports physicals are mandatory once a year for children to participate in CYS Services sports. Walk-ins are welcomed but appointments will have priority. To schedule an appointment, call 0951-300-1750 or stop by in person at the Bamberg Health Clinic.

CYSS Fall Sports Sign ups

Sign ups have begun for the CYSS Fall sports programs. Programs offered will be cheerleading for 9-15 year olds: \$40, flag football for 9-12 year olds:

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GREASE!

Costume Party
Sept. 1, 9 p.m.

Come and sing along with your favorite tunes and wear your best 50's outfit for a chance to win!

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Fore more details, contact the Birchview Lanes Bowling Center, 0951-300-7722

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\$40, soccer for 3-5 year olds: \$20, soccer for 6-15 year olds: \$40 and tackle football for 12-14 year olds: \$135. If your spouse is deployed or deploying soon you qualify to enroll at no cost using your AFC benefits, just bring in deployment orders. Practices start the week of Aug. 27 with the exception of tackle football which starts conditioning camp Aug. 13. Sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis. Sign-ups end Aug. 17 or when the team is filled. We still need volunteer coaches for all sports. Our programs don't work unless people step up to volunteer plus your children will be enrolled at no cost. Please call Youth Sports with any questions at 0951-300-7523.

Parents' Night and Day Out

Enjoy a day or night out by enrolling your children in the next Parents' Day Out or Parents' Night Out programs. Dates for Parents' Day Out will be Oct. 6 and Dec. 1 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dates for Parents' Night Out will be Sept. 7 and Nov. 2 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 per child and Army Family Covenant deployment benefits can be used if eligible. Visit Parent Central Services or Webtrac to sign up. For more information, call 0951-300-8660.

Library Events

There is a Gamers' Challenge that meets every Saturday at 2-3 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-1740.

Youth Lessons

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Unlimited offers lessons in fine arts ages 6 to 12, kinder German with parents ages 6 to 9, gymnastics for various age groups, kickboxing ages 5 to 18 and piano ages 6 to 18. For more information, call 0951-300-7452.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Women's Equality Day Run

On Friday, Aug. 24 at 7 a.m. there will be a Women's Equality Day five-kilometer fun run/walk. The run begins at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Free string backpacks will be handed out to the first 200 participants that register and show up on race day. Registration is open at the Freedom Fitness Facility. There will be trophies for the top three winners in Men's and Women's open category, Boys and Girls (12 and under) and four-person teams. There will be door prize drawings. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

Thursday Night Scramble

Come to Whispering Pines Golf Course for Thursday Night Scramble every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$10. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

Bamberg Open Dodgeball Tournament

Enter your team to compete in the Bamberg Open Dodgeball Tournament sponsored by Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers on Sept. 14-15. Registration is \$10 per team. Sign-up no later than Sept. 10 at the Freedom Fitness Facility. The top two Soldier teams will compete in the Installation Management Command Europe Dodgeball Challenge in Ansbach on Sept. 29. Team trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place and a trophy for best team uniform will also be given. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Carswell at 0951-300-7626.

Running Club

Join the Bamberg Running Club for all levels of runners, but especially targeted for beginners using the Jeff Galloway training method of running/walking. The Bamberg Running Club will meet two times a week for 45-60 minutes of training, plus weekend runs. This is a partnership between Freedom Fitness Facility and the Bamberg Health Clinic. For more information, email kelly.woodruff@us.army.mil or

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COMING THIS FALL!

The Stable Theater

Disney's

101 Dalmatians

Auditions Sept 5, 6

Open to Adults and Kids age 7 and up

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ernest.d.johnson3.naf@mail.mil or call 0951-300-9086.

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Fitness Class Schedule Changes

The Freedom Fitness Facility has had several changes to its fitness class schedule. Zumba classes, \$5 per class, are only in the morning now on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Body Tone, \$5 per class, is now on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 9 a.m. Yoga, \$4 per class, is now on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

Kick the Habit

There is a Smoking Cessation Group meeting every Monday at 4:30-5 p.m. in the Dental Clinic Conference room. No registration required. For more information, call 0951-300-8999.

Weekly Reminders

Document Disposal

Burning documents in a burn barrel is not allowed on post. All paper that needs to be disposed of must be shredded at the Recycling Center. They have an industrial shredder and accept paper each Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. The garrison receives a credit for each kilogram of paper turned in through the recycling program. For more information,

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Lloret de Mar, Spain

Holiday Weekend Getaway to one of Spain's most popular beach areas!

Aug. 30 - 3 Sep. - \$369 per person

Roundtrip transportation on luxury German Motor Coach, 2 overnights with breakfast in 3 star hotel, day excursion to Barcelona for sightseeing. Sign-up by 15 Aug to reserved your seat. Open to all adults 18 years of age and above.

Fore more details, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility @ DSN 469-8890 or civ: 0951-300-8890 or your local BOSS Program.

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Schweinfurt Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Schweinfurt Public Affairs at usarmy.schweinfurt.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Estate Claims

Any persons or agencies with claims against the estate of Spc. Eugene P. Lawrence should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Jorge E. Farinacci at jorge.e.farinacci,mil@mail.mil or call 09721-96-8256/8609 or mobile phone 0170-280-0974.

Free Family Movie

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" will be shown for free on Aug. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Ledward Theater. Doors open at 3 p.m. Seats will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Community Town Hall

On Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. there will be a Community Town Hall open to the entire community at the Conn Club on Conn Barracks. This will be your opportunity to engage with garrison leaders to discuss base closure information and summer events and programs.

Dental Assistant Training Program

The Schweinfurt American Red Cross office and the U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt Dental Clinic are now offering the dental assistance training program, which is aimed at providing spouses with training and marketable experience they can take elsewhere. The program begins Oct. 1 and only a limited number of positions are available. Some eligibility requirements apply. Applications can be picked up at the Red Cross office (Building 274) on Ledward across from the Ledward Theater. Red Cross is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Applications must be turned in to the Red Cross office no later than noon Aug. 31. For more information, call 09721-96-1760.

Schweinfurt's 2012 Splash Bash

Schweinfurt community, join us for fun in the sun for a free, family friendly event. The 4th Annual Splash Bash will take place on Aug. 25 at 12 to 6 p.m. at Askern Manor (Lee St.). Entertainment will be available for all ages and interests, which includes

water pools, bouncy castles, games and so much more. In addition, enjoy live music from Donny Vox Band while consuming yummy food and drink purchased from your local Family Readiness Group and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation vendors.

Home Based Business Seminar

Are you interested in starting your own home based business? Join Army Community Service for an information seminar on how to correctly and legally start a business while living in Germany as a U.S. citizen. The next class is on Aug. 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Yellow Ribbon Room. For more information, call 09721-96-6933.

Recycling Education Class

Recycle education course for trash disposal offenders and anyone who wants to learn about recycling. The class is offered twice a month on Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Family members nine and up are encouraged to attend with their parent. Bring a friend if he or she lives in military housing or military-leased housing. Class space is limited so please call 09721-96-6955 to sign up. Classes cancelled if no one signs up by 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before class.

Spray Tanning in Schweinfurt Day Spa

The Day Spa in the Finney Recreation Center now has spray tanning. According to the folks at The Exchange, this is now the only location in all of U.S. Army Europe that offers spray tanning services. You're your appointment today by calling 0176-762-09299.

Closures and Changes

Tank Trail Closed

The Directorate of Emergency Services must secure the cable beam barriers across the Tank Trail adjacent to Kessler Field beginning June 1.

Community Shuttle Increases Weekend Runs

Effective immediately the community shuttle will add two additional circuits to its weekend schedule. The weekend schedule includes holidays and U.S. Army-Europe training holidays. [More...](#)

Youth and Teens

Volunteers Wanted

Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School needs volunteer crossing guards. Help keep our children safe. For more information, call Volunteer Coordinator David Blakeman at 09721-96-6933.

Fall Sports Physical Appointments Available

Does your child need a physical exam for the fall sports season? Call the Schweinfurt Health Clinic today to schedule an appointment at 09721-96-7901. Physicals will only be conducted by appointment, therefore the clinic has reserved slots specifically participants of high school and Child Youth Services sports.

First Day of School

Aug. 27 is the first day of school for grades 1-12. So make sure you have all your supplies and are properly prepared to start your year off right. For more information or additional details regarding your child's education contact the School Liaison Service at Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 206 first floor or call 09721-96-6057.

Smart Girls

Young ladies, we are proud to tell you that your Smart Girls program is up and running again! Topics include;

Find a New Groove this Summer!
Try new dance classes offered at Finney Fitness Center

Ballet Dance Class
Mon/Wed 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Tue/Thur 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Jazz Dance Class
Mon/Wed 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tue/Thur 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Adults Only Sign up & Start Date August 20
Free Lessons from Aug. 20-Sept. 20

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life skills, healthy eating, fitness, health care systems, positive mentors, respecting yourself, fashion shows, dinner with parents, lock ins and more. Age groups include 11-14 and 15-18. Smart Girls meet every Monday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call the youth center at 09721-96-6732.

Wanted: Youth Sports Coaches and Officials

The Schweinfurt community is looking for coaches and officials for the youth sports program. No experience is necessary to participate. By registering through Child, Youth School Services, you will become a certified coach in the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS). This is a great way to volunteer in the community and earn extra income by officiating. For more information contact CYSS at 09721-96-6822 or email Derek.r.walker.naf@mail.mil.

Give Me 20

Looking to get fit? The Youth Center is offering a free

Sat, Aug. 25

Diary of a Wimpy Kid
4 p.m. Ledward Theater

Join us for this free family event! Doors open at 3 p.m. Seats available on a first come, first serve basis. Food and drink will be available at your own expense. Hope to see you there!

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SPLASH BASH

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SAT. AUG. 25 | NOON-6 P.M. | ASKERN MANOR (LEE ST.)
Free, Family Friendly Event!

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For more information on Schweinfurt community announcements visit,
<http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/calendar/google.html>

FLAG FOOTBALL

Register Your Team For Unit Level Flag Football
Mon. Aug 6 - Tue. Aug 21

Register at Finney or Kessler Fitness Centers

Season begins Tue, Sept. 4th
 Games played on Tue & Thu nights from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Gold Field, Conn Brks

Important Dates:

Coaches Meeting | Tue, Aug 28
 6 p.m. at Finney Gym

Officials Clinic | Tue 28 - Thu 30 Aug
 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Finney Gym

Finney Fitness Center
 Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64
 09721-96-8234/353-8234

Kessler Fitness Center
 Kessler Field, Bldg. 451
 09721-96-6735/354-6735

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fitness program every Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for youth ages 13 through 18-years-old. Program facilitators will show youth how to safely workout and stay fit. Working out doesn't have to be hard; it can be fun! Dedicated participants will see positive results. Workouts will include sports, spinning, weight lifting and more. Participants must be registered with CYSS and have a permission slip on file. To learn more or to register, contact the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

German Class

Let's talk German! Come learn German one-on-one every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. This great program is taught by our own education tech who was born and raised in Schweinfurt. This class can help your German grade go from a C to an A+ and it may even help you make friends in the German community. Test out your skills by joining us on a field trip downtown. For more information, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

Family Child Care Providers Needed

Help the community and start a new career as a Family Child Care provider. FCC Providers maintain

a happy home-away-from-home atmosphere (in government controlled housing only) for children who can't be with their own parents during the day. You can care for your own children in addition to outside customers. All training and education is provided free of charge. Call 09721-96-6487 for details.

SKIESUnlimited

SKIES offers different classes every month for youths ages birth through 18. The program is designed to complement, expand, and support the academic, life skills and athletic experiences children and youth have within Child, Youth and School Services programs and in schools. For the latest class listings, click [here](#).

4-H Club

4-H is a club designed for middle and high school students. As a club, students will plan field trips, events and activities based on their four core values; head, hands, heart and health. 4-H meets every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. To participate, students must be registered with CYSS. For more information or to get involved, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

EDIS

Are you concerned about how your child is developing? If so, call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services to schedule a free screening. Screenings are available to children ages birth to 3 years old. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 09721-96-6257.

Playmorning

Join Playmorning every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Ledward Activity Center.

Children's Story Time

Bring your child in to the library on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. for Children's Story Time.

School Registration

Families newly assigned to Schweinfurt can register their children daily in the main office. Please bring a copy of the student's current immunization records and orders assigning you to Schweinfurt which are required to complete registration. Students who are not registered prior to the first day of school could have a delayed start date. Please contact the school at 09721-96-6518 with any questions.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Dance Classes

Find a new groove this summer by trying a new dance class offered at Finney Fitness Center. Adults only, sign-up and start date is Aug. 20. Lessons are free and will run from Aug. 20 to Sept. 20. Ballet Dance Class is Monday and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Jazz Dance Class is Monday and Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 09721-96-8476.

Flag Football

Register your team for unit level flag football at the Finney or Kessler Fitness Center. Registration is until Aug. 21. The season begins on Sept. 4 and games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Gold Field, Conn Barracks. there will be a coaches meeting on Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at Finney Fitness Center and an Officials Clinic on Aug. 28 to 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Finney Fitness Center. For more information, call Finney Fitness Center at 09721-96-8234 or Kessler Fitness Center at 09721-96-6735.

U-Drive Dive Trip

Join Schweinfurt Outdoor Recreation on an exciting trip to the Baltic Sea for an underwater adventure on

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace MILITARY EDITION

Class Orientation | Thu, Aug. 30 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ledward Chapel

ADDRESS: _____
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

STOP WORRYING ABOUT SAVINGS

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Military Edition is a step-by-step program that promises to change your attitude about money. During this life-changing series, you will learn how to:

1. Take control of your money
2. Stop struggling to make ends meet
3. Tell your money what to do
4. Change your family future

This is a 12-week series that will meet every Tuesday, starting September 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ledward Chapel. Free childcare for the first 30 children registered.

CLASS SCHEDULE:	
Tue, Sep. 04	Super Saving
Tue, Sep. 11	Relating with Money
Tue, Sep. 18	Cash Flow Planning
Tue, Sep. 25	Dumping Debt
Tue, Oct. 02	Credit Sharks In Suits
Tue, Oct. 09	Buyer Beware
Tue, Oct. 16	Cause and Effect
Tue, Oct. 23	That's Not Good Enough
Tue, Oct. 30	Of Mice and Mutual Funds
Tue, Nov. 06	From Fruition to Tuition
Tue, Nov. 13	Working in Your Strengths
Tue, Nov. 20	Real Estate and Mortgages
Tue, Nov. 27	The Great Misunderstanding

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 Religious Support Office | Ledward Brks, Bldg. 242 | 09721-96-1370/354-1370

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Aug. 24-26. If you don't have your diving certificate yet ODR offers a PADI Open Water Diver Certification or Advance Open Water Certification which you can earn in four days. If you do not want to dive you can spend the weekend relaxing on the beach or visit the German Navy Memorial, Sea Life Park, Ostrich Farm and Donkey Park. Please note that this trip requires you to drive on your own, or call ODR for car pooling options. Register in advance with ODR to ensure accommodations, Hotel plus breakfast buffet is 35 Euro per person. For more information, call 09721-96-8080.

PADI Open Water Certification Course

Now through Sept. 30, Outdoor Recreation offers a PADI Open Water Certification Course as an ongoing program. The course includes classroom sessions, pool and open water training in small groups. Course costs are \$375 using your own mask, fins and snorkel. All other equipment is provided. Items can be rented at ODR. For more information or to sign up, call ODR at 09721-96-8080.

U-Drive Dive Trip to the Baltic Sea

Aug 9 - 12 or Aug 24 - 26

Looking to open water dive? Join Schweinfurt ODR on an exciting trip to the Baltic Sea for an underwater adventure! If you don't have your diving certificate yet, you are in luck. ODR offers a PADI Open Water Diver Certification or Advance Open Water Certification which you can earn in just 4 days!

You can still join this fun if diving isn't your thing! Spend the weekend relaxing with your family and/or friends on the beach or visit the German Navy Memorial, Sea Life Park, Ostrich Farm or Donkey Park. In addition, surfing, boating, water-skiing and sailing are also available.

Please note that this trip requires you to drive on your own, or call ODR for car pooling options. Register in advance with ODR to ensure accommodations. Hotel plus breakfast buffet is only 35 Euro per-person.

Call ODR for details!

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BBQ & Open House at the Auto Skills Center

Fri, Sep. 7th | 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Join us for this free community event in honor of our wonderful customers! In addition to food and drink, enjoy a facility tour, live service demonstrations and admire the cars we will have on display.



Auto Skills Center on Conn Barracks, Bldg 49 or call us at CIV 09721-96-8224 DSN 353-8224

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MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED

July 20, 2012 | 91 Minutes

Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Gloria the Hippo and Melman the Giraffe are still fighting to get home to their beloved Big Apple and of course, King Julien, Maurice and the Penguins are all along for the comedic adventure. Their journey takes them through Europe where they find the perfect cover: a traveling circus, which they reinvent - Madagascar style.

Rated PG for some mild action and rude humor.

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Aug. 18 - STEP UP REVOLUTION (PG-13) 4 p.m.;

THE WATCH (R) 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 19 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 3 p.m.

KATTERBACH THEATER • 09802-83-1790

Aug. 16 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 7 p.m.

Aug. 17 - THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 18 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 4 p.m.;

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 19 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 3 p.m.;

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 6 p.m.

BAMBERG THEATER • 0951-297-3934

Aug. 16 - PROMETHEUS (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 17 - TOTAL RECALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 18 - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS (PG) 3 p.m.;

TOTAL RECALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 19 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 3 p.m.;

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS (PG) 7 p.m.

Aug. 20 - TOTAL RECALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.

SCHWEINFURT THEATER • 09721-96-1790

Aug. 16 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 17 - THE WATCH (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 18 - STEP UP REVOLUTION (PG-13) 4 p.m.;

THE WATCH (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 19 - STEP UP REVOLUTION (PG-13) 4 p.m.;

THE WATCH (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 22 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 7 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Tips

Water-saving Tips

1. Old drugs and toxic items must not be thrown away in the toilet. These items may end up in your drinking water supply.

2. Use the smaller water-saving button for regular flushes, and use a toilet brush to clean your toilet. These practices will not use a lot of water.

Energy-saving Tips

1. Shut down your PC and all lighting at the end of the working day.

2. If you can choose your energy supplier, go with a company that provides energy from renewable sources, like wind and sun energy.

Recycling Tips

1. Remember to separate your trash accurately.

2. Did you know if you recycle your plastics, you contribute to the life of marine animals? Fish and other marine life die because they feed off small things swimming in the ocean, and a lot of plastics that are not disposed of properly make their way into the water.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Registration for trips begin the 15th of the month before the scheduled trip and must be made no later than the Monday before the scheduled leave date or they may be cancelled. To sign up or for more information, go to Outdoor Recreation. All trips depart and arrive from ODR unless otherwise noted. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded with documentation.



ANSBACH

Aug. 18 Saddles, Paddles and Sleeping Bags \$45

Join Outdoor Recreation on a fun-filled canoeing, biking and camping trip at the nearby Frankische Seenland. We embark on the canoe trip near the medieval town of Ornbau and paddle along the meandering Altmühl River that spills into the Altmühl Lake where we will find our campground and pre-positioned tents and bikes. A late afternoon bike ride to the bird sanctuary followed by dinner and a lakeside music festival. Having honed your paddling techniques, you'll start Day 2 by paddling across Kleine Brombachsee and after lunch you'll end the day by paddling across Grosse Brombachsee, the largest Bavarian man-made lake. Don't forget, participating in the Saddles, Paddles and Sleeping Bags trip entitles you to one free Sunset Paddling Club trip. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 for children and \$109 for Families. Trip departs Storck Barracks at 8 a.m. and Katterbach at 9 a.m.

For more information call, Ansbach Outdoor Recreation at 09802-83-3225.

BAMBERG

Aug. 18 Prague with City Tour \$65

Containing one of the world's most pristine and varied collections of architecture, Prague is a vibrant city. Indulge in a Czech beer while exploring Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, Wenceslas, Lesser Quarter and the Old Town Squares. Trip includes transportation and a city tour. Children ages 4-12 are \$55 and children ages 3 and under are \$45. Departs from the chapel parking lot at 5 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m.

Aug. 25-26 Conquer the Zugspitze \$200

This two-day hike to the top of Germany includes an overnight stay in a traditional mountain hut. It's a moderately difficult excursion consisting of approximately 6 hours of hiking each day at an elevation of approximately 6,000 feet. Please talk with our staff for more details. Departs Outdoor Recreation on Aug. 25 at 6 a.m. and returns on Aug. 26 at 10 p.m.

September Wednesday Evening Adventure Sports \$15

Enjoy the longer days with a mountain bike ride on some of the coolest single-track in the local area, or rock climbing on the world famous Frankenjura limestone. Occurring Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Use your own bike or rent one from Outdoor Recreation for only \$10. Climbing equipment is provided with trip fee. Must sign-up in advance. Departs ODR at 5 p.m. and returns at 9 p.m.

For more information, call Bamberg Outdoor Recreation at 0951-300-9376.

SCHWEINFURT

Aug. 18 Wunsiedel \$15

Discover a granite rock labyrinth which is truly a miracle of nature and great fun for the whole family. Passing huge granite rock formations and canyons; you will walk through low-ceilinged caves, climb in stone carved stairways and finally reach the Summit Cross with an altitude of 785 meters. Cost per person is \$15 for transportation. Entrance fee to the rock labyrinth not included. (Adults €4, Youth 1.50 €, Families 9€, under 6 free.) Departs at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

Sept. 8 Hiking Trip Kreuzberg \$15

Enjoy a leisurely trip to the Wasserkuppe with its fun roller coaster, the historical Franconian open-air museum in Fladungen and in the afternoon a refreshing beer from the Kreuzberg Monastery. Cost per person for transportation is \$15. Bring Euros for refreshments and souvenirs.

Sept. 22 Rothenburg City Tour \$15

Visit the historic town of Rothenburg with its massive town wall, buildings of Gothic and Renaissance style, churches and Patrician houses. Also visit the medieval crime museum. It is the only museum of law in the European area, and is the most important collection of the history of rights. Cost is \$15 per person for transportation. Bring Euros for entrance fees, souvenirs and food. To sign up, contact Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

For more information, call Schweinfurt Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

Was ist los in Franken?

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Knights' Tournament and Fire Show in the dark in Heroldsbach

Every Saturday evening in August the Schlosspark of Schloss Thurn in Heroldsbach becomes a jousting field with knights on horses and breathtaking fire stunts. The pre-show starts at 6 p.m. and the actual show begins at 8:30 p.m. Scheduled are three more performances on Aug. 18 and 25. Further information and tickets are available at www.schloss-thurn.de.

Rothenburger Weindorf

The wine village of Rothenburg, featuring local wine producers, local food specialties and entertainment takes place at the Rathaus, Grüner Markt and Kirchplatz on Aug. 15-19. Opening times are Wednesday and Thursday from 4-11 p.m. and Friday to Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight. More information can be found at www.rothenburg.de.

Bad Kissingen Wine Fest

Franconian wines have been grown in the Saale valley since the year 777, which makes wine fests a real tradition in the region. The wine fest of Bad Kissingen takes place on Aug. 16-19, with the opening ceremonies featuring wine princesses from Hammelburg and Ramsthal on Thursday at 7 p.m. All concerts are free of admission fee; more program information can be found at www.badkissingen.de.

Open Air Summerbreeze in Dinkelsbühl

One of Germany's largest Metal open air concerts with more than 90 bands on three stages is scheduled for Aug. 16-18 in Dinkelsbühl at the airfield of the Aeroclub Dinkelsbühl (Flugplatzstraße 1). For quick info go to www.summerbreeze.de.

Kirchweih in Sachsen b. Ansbach

The Kirchweih fest in Sachsen opens on Thursday, Aug. 16, lasting until Monday, Aug. 20, with food, drink and music offered in the different restaurants and rides and booths on the Dorfplatz. For locations and program information go to http://www.sachsen-b-ansbach.de/informationen/aktuelle_infos/kirchweih-2012.pdf.

Kirchweih in Wolframs-Eschenbach

The Kirchweih fest of Wolframs-Eschenbach on Aug. 17-20 with fest tent, market, fireworks and much more will be at Dr.-Baptist-Kurz-Platz; the traditional Kirchweih tree will be put up on Saturday, followed by a rock band evening; the fireworks are scheduled for the last evening of the fest.

Weinparade in Würzburg

The annual wine parade in Würzburg on Aug. 23 to Sept. 2 offers a choice of more than 100 different wines and local culinary specialties. It is open daily 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Marktplatz. More information is available at www.weinparade.de.

Sandkerwa in Bamberg

The famous Sandkerwa, a traditional Volksfest located on Sandstrasse in Bamberg, takes place on Aug. 23-27 this year. Highlights are the historical "Fischerstechen" where grown men try to push each other out of boats with long poles (Aug. 26, 3 p.m.) and the large fireworks display (Aug. 27, 10 p.m.). Daily live music and rides on the Regnitz river boats "Christl" and "Stadt Bamberg" make the event special. For more information on program details go to www.sandkerwa.de.

Dixie, Blues and Swing in Bad Brückenau

The "Flying Jazz Dixie Band" will perform on Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wandelhalle / Staatsbad (Amand-von-Buseck-Straße.) in Bad Brückenau. Tickets are 6 Euro; more information available at www.badbrueckenau.com.

Herbstvolksfest in Nürnberg

The fall fest in Nürnberg, Aug. 24-Sept. 9, is one of the largest "Volksfests" in Bavaria. Besides a large number of rides and fun booths there are plenty of food stands and an interesting entertainment program. The fest is located at the Dutzendteich in Nürnberg (Bayernstraße); the opening and closing are featuring a large firework around 10:15 p.m.; Wednesdays are family days with reduced prices from 1-8 p.m.

For more program details as well as information on public transportation (click on "Nahverkehr") also check www.volksfest-nuernberg.de.

Kirchweih in Bad Windsheim

The traditional Kirchweih in Bad Windsheim with tent, beer garden, rides and parades is scheduled for Aug. 24-28 at the Festplatz am Schießwasen.

Stadtfest in Schweinfurt

The city fest of Schweinfurt, featuring cultural and culinary highlights in several locations, takes place on Aug. 24-25. For details go to www.stadtfest-schweinfurt.de.

Altstadtfest in Höchstadt

The 28th Altstadtfest in Höchstadt a.d. Aisch, taking place downtown on Aug. 24-26, offers a flea market for kids, a crafts market, entertainment program for children and teens as well as live music. Local food and drink available, as usual. The city's website www.hoechstadt.de has more details.

Altmühlsee Festival

The Altmühlsee Festival on Aug. 25 starts at 7 p.m. with six bands performing all around the lake. A free event shuttle connects the different locations, which include: Seegasthof at Seezentrum Schlungenhof, Surfzentrum Schlungenhof, Seekiosk at Seezentrum Muhr am See, Zum Biergärtla in Arberg – Mörsach, Biergarten Ornbau and Strandcafe at Seezentrum Wald. For more information go to www.altmuehlsee-festival.de.

Bird shows in Schillingsfürst Castle

The castle in Schillingsfürst (near Rothenburg) houses a falconry with birds of prey like falcons, vultures, eagles and kites. Bird shows take place on a daily basis until the end of Oct. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. there is also a falconry museum and a baroque museum that can be toured. Admission prices are 7 Euros for adults, 4 Euros for children, or 20 Euros for a family. For more details also check www.bayerischer-jagdfalkenhof.de.

City Beach in Würzburg

Würzburg is offering a quick trip to the beach on the public "Stadtstrand" on Ludwigskai, open daily from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. until Sept. 15. More information at www.stadtstrand-wuerzburg.de.

National Concert Schedule

All dates, and tickets are available on the following website <http://www.eventim.de/tickets-konzertkarten.html?affiliate=GMD>.

Aug. 25 Rock Im Pott feat. Red Hot Chili Peppers, Placebo and more

Aug. 29 Sean Paul and special guest Das Bo, Columbiashalle, Berlin, 8 p.m.

Aug. 29 Green Day and special guests: Angels and Airwave,

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