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### **Feel the oompah-pah at this year's Leavenworth Oktoberfest! Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>-Oct 1<sup>st</sup> & Oct 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> & Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

The Authentically Bavarian city of Leavenworth, Washington will have you feeling as though you've been transported to Munich Germany during this year's "Leavenworth Oktoberfest"! Once you're inside the camaraderie is contagious ...the sounds of oompah and the smells of sizzling bratwurst will lure you into dancing, singing and toasting the night away.

The Leavenworth Oktoberfest found huge success last year after adding its 4<sup>th</sup> Venue to the already popular 3 weekend long event. Our organizers have been busy scheduling another year of family fun entertainment including bands from Germany, Canada and the U.S. We're also proud to serve a selection of beer imported directly from Germany. Tourists from all over the World have found that the Leavenworth Oktoberfest is one not to miss!

Leavenworth Washington is located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Today more than a million tourists come to Leavenworth each year for their Traditional Bavarian Village and Festivals

The first Leavenworth Oktoberfest was held in October 1998; it consisted of one venue and was attended by about 400 people. The festival continued to grow each year and in 2003, a second weekend was added and two bands were brought in from Germany in addition to many performers from the US. By 2005 attendance had grown to 10,000 and the Leavenworth festival was ranked as one of the top Oktoberfest celebrations in the Country. What started 13 years ago as a single weekend has now grown to 3 full weekends with 4 Venues and attendance of over 30,000 people.

- Oktoberfest hours are Fridays 6pm -1am and Saturdays Noon-1am.
- Non-stop live entertainment including bands direct from Germany
- Authentic German Food and Beer
- Saturdays Noon- Bavarian Parade followed by the Keg tapping ceremony at 1pm.
- Leavenworth Oktoberfest is great fun for the youngsters as well. In Downtown is Kinderplatz, this is an area dedicated for the kids to play until their hearts are content. You'll find a rock climbing wall, bouncing toys, clowns and more.
- Minors are allowed inside the gates until 9pm.
- Arts and Crafts Vendors
- The Leavenworth Oktoberfest is a non-profit organization operating under Projekt Bayern for more information on Project Bayern log on to [www.projektbayern.com](http://www.projektbayern.com)
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