

ENTERTAINMENT

AlpenFolk

With authentic instruments, singing and yodeling, AlpenFolk presents the music and folklore of the Alps. They offer alpine music the way it was meant to be played - the way it is played today in rustic inns and mountain chalets of Bavaria, Tyrol, Styria and throughout the Alps!



The Aqua-Nets

Dance and sing along to your favorite guilty pleasure songs from the 70's to today with The Aqua-Nets, Seattle's favorite cover band! The Aqua-Nets are a 12-piece band with a big sound, including a horn section and dancers! Whether you feel like dancing or rocking out we have something for everyone.



Bonnie Birch Trio

The Bonnie Birch Bavarian Trio has been performing together for 25 years. Bonnie Birch is a virtuoso accordionist in the Northwest playing many styles of music but Oktoberfest music is one of her favorites. She is joined by Nick Heiting on guitar. Nick was born in Munich, Germany and speaks and sings in fluent German. The trio's tuba player is Paul Ostler. Paul is a superb musician with a background of 20 years performing in the Navy band all over the world.



Edelweiss Dance Academie

Edelweiss Dance Academie is Leavenworth's own ballet school. Under the direction of Briar Hoper, the school has been operating in Leavenworth since 1997. Yearly performances of The Nutcracker are a local favorite. Dancers from the Academie's summer intensive are here today to perform their Character Class "Peasant Dances", set to German music.



Enzian Schuhplattler Dancers

Enzian Schuhplattler, based out of Seattle, is dedicated to promoting Bavarian folk dancing, culture, and costumes.



European Take-Out

The European Take-Out Band plays Oktoberfest plus other European based music and favorite American standards for your listening and dancing pleasure. They have been entertaining audiences at Oktoberfests and dances for years. This includes dances such as the polka, waltz, fox trot, swing, country western, rumba, and of course the ever popular Chicken Dance. They also have easy dances they teach for audience participation. ETO is based in Portland, Oregon.



Free Rain

Free Rain specializes in recognizable dance songs from the '60s to the 2000's! A 5-piece band based out of Seattle, well known for playing private parties and corporate events.



Leavenworth Alphorns

Leavenworth Alphorns present the German long horn played by Alpine herdsmen and villagers, sounded for intercommunication and at ceremonies and festivals. The alphorn is carved or bored into wood and can reach 12 feet in length! Leavenworth Alphorns is a not-for-profit community association which endeavors to promote and showcase the alphorn in Leavenworth.



Manuela Horn aka "The Queen of Oktoberfest"

Cut loose and let your new BFF (Beer Friends Forever) take you on an interactive yodeling roller coaster! Often referred to as the WEIRD AL YANKOVIC of Oktoberfest, Manuela Horn performs lovingly hilarious song twisting beer centric versions of top 40 popular tunes that are sure to get you shaking your Sauerkraut!!! "So strap on your Lederhosen and expect the unexpected!"



Michael Fischer

Michael Fischer has been playing polka music for about 35 years in the Pacific Northwest at Oktoberfests, polka fests, and breweries. Originally from a German community in South Dakota, Michael plays German, Slovenian, and Scandinavian music, plus tangos old standards, and foxtrots. Music to dance to!



Polkatones

Polkatones is a big polka band that plays at various Oktoberfests around the United States. Accordions, piano, tuba, saxophone, trumpets, drums and ALPHORNS! Est. 1971



Smilin Scandinavians

The Smilin' Scandinavians draw from a collection of lively polkas, old-time country, and big band swing with folksy humor and superb musicianship, showing everyone a rollicking good time. Equally at home everywhere from the largest Oktoberfests to the most intimate concert venues. Based out of Graham, WA, the Smilin' Scandinavians consist of Bandleader, accordionist, and singer Toby Hanson; two-time WA State Tuba Champion Mike Woolf; drummer Erick Cohn; banjo and guitar player Glenn Dudley; and clarinet/saxophone virtuoso Eric Likkel.



Ted Lunka Polka Band

The Ted Lunka Polka Band has been performing for over forty years for festivals and private parties in the Pacific Northwest, including Leavenworth's Autumn Leaf, Oktoberfest and Christmas Lighting festivals. The main core of the band has continued to perform together all these years!! We will on occasion take requests for a variety of songs as well, for appropriate circumstances!! "Keep Your Toes A Tappin"



CONTESTS and GAMES

Beer Stein Holding Competition

As the name of the event implies, a stein holding contest involves holding a full stein at arm's length. It's a lot more challenging than it sounds!

Pretzel Toss

Compete in teams of two! This take on the classic carnival ring toss game involves tossing a round "pretzel" onto a plunger stuck to your partner's forehead.

Costume Contest

No one loves a good costume more than us! Prance your stuff in front of the crowd. Extra points for originality and team costumes!

Mustache Showdown Contest

Is your grooming game on point? Show off your mustache and prove it!