

Bayerischer Löwe 2018 in Haldenwang

D'Wagegler from Börwang-Haldenwang, our partners for the Bayerischer Löwe 2018, joined us in Buffalo for our 26th Gaufest. Many of you met them, some may not have, but they presented us with an Allgäuer

Kuhglocken (they referred to it as a Schalle), and you may have heard it throughout the weekend as we carried it around.

This will travel to various events between now and the Bayerischer Löwe next year to remind us of our upcoming trip to the Allgäu.

While they were here, we were able to



speak about some of the preparation that needs to be done and the jobs that Gauverband Nordamerika will need to attend to while running the Bayerischer Löwe event. They also brought some very good hotel information and a plan for their Fronleichnam Festival and Gaufest. Some details of interest follow. Now is the time to start making plans for our trip.

D'Wagegler 2018 Fest Schedule

The D'Wagegler are having a Fronleichnam (Corpus Christi) celebration on 31 May and are then hosting the Allgäuer Gauverband Gaufest after that. This will occur in Börwang-Haldenwang, which is close to Kempten, from 31 May through 3 June 2018. The Bayerischer Löwe will take place at this venue on 2 June, with the judge's and Vorplattler's meeting taking place at the same venue on 1 June. They are also interested in organizing some events for visitors from Gauverband Nordamerika. They'd like to show us the Allgäu from a native's perspective. The day or two before the fest would be a good time to do this.

A Fest schedule is attached (see website), but the basics follow here:

Wednesday, May 30, 2018: We'll gather our volunteers to discuss BL event details. D'Wagegler (and neighboring Vereine) are planning some sight-seeing activities for the GNA visitors. The evening is open for BL competitors to practice.

Thursday, May 31, 2018: D'Wagegler are hosting a Fronleichnam celebration (Corpus Christi). There will be a Mass followed by a procession to the Festplatz and a Frühschoppen. Afternoon activities are planned for the Jugend and there will be a Musikabend.

Friday, June 1, 2018: We and D'Wagegler will spend the day getting ready for the BL. There will be some clean-up and set-up involved and the BL workers will meet to review the flow of events for the BL. The Vorplattler and Preisrichter meeting will occur that afternoon/evening.

Saturday, June 2, 2018: This is the day of the BL competition. That will be over by evening when a Jugendabend is planned.

Sunday, June 3, 2018: This is the day of the Allgäuer Gaufest. We will gather in the morning for the procession to Mass and then process to the Festplatz after Mass. The Gaufest will end about 6pm, after which D'Wagegler will do their teardown and cleanup.

Bayerischer Löwe Volunteers Needed

Many of you have reached out to me offering to volunteer. Thanks for offering your help. Please see the list of jobs below. I would like you to please send me an email confirming your ability to attend and telling me which of the jobs below you are able to do. Please provide me with your cell phone number and email address. I'll contact you with more details. You can reach me at: rjleschke@att.net

Here's the help we need:

Task	German Speaking	People
Registration / Fee Collection	Yes	4
Dance Circle Leads	Yes	3
Dance Circle Assistants	No	3
Scoresheet Runners	No	6
Judges	Helpful	3
Score Tabulation	Helpful	8
Total Workers		27

Hotel Options

There is only one small Gasthaus in Haldenwang, and I know it is already fully booked, but there are lots of options in the surrounding area. The Gauverband website has a list of possibilities as well as places recommended by D'Wagegler.

Groups Planning to Attend

As we did for the Lechgau Trachtenfest in Steingaden last year, I'd like to let D'Wagegler know how many Gauverband Nordamerika Trachtler are planning to attend their event. We are invited to participate in the Festumzug and also do Ehrentänze, but we need to know how many groups, Fahnen and Trachtler to work with. So I am asking

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