



Summer's Last Chance to Dine, Drink & Dance!

BEREA, Ohio (July 1, 2018) – If you're ready to rage against the dying light of summer, you need look no further than Northeast Ohio's annual end-of-the-summer party, the 14th Annual Paulaner Cleveland Oktoberfest, held Labor Day Weekend, Friday, August 31 through Monday, September 3, 2018, at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea.

The Paulaner Cleveland Oktoberfest is a holiday family tradition, attracting fun-lovers from every walk of life, while offering an exciting menu of activities and entertainment to delight young and old alike.

The event is produced by Berea Labor Day Oktoberfest, Inc., a not-for-profit organization.

Highlights of this year's Oktoberfest include:

- What's new in 2018 –
 - Dorfrocker from Munich, Germany. Dorfrocker has once again hit the TOP10 of the German charts with their album "Heimat.Land.Liebe.!" With over 1,000 shows in Germany and abroad, more than 100 TV appearances and more than 30 fan clubs, Dorfrocker (a regular at the Munich Oktoberfest) has cemented itself as one of the top party bands in the world – see them Thursday thru Sunday over Labor Day Weekend.
 - Tribute Thursday Pre-Party benefiting Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital featuring The Chardon Polka Band, Dorfrocker and The World's #1 Tribute to Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band, Bruce in the USA (one night only). Limited to Bier Garten. Admission package includes ticket for Thursday night, three 3oz craft beer samples, a brat sandwich and admission to any one of the 4 days of the Paulaner Cleveland Oktoberfest. Featured brewers include: Platform Beer Company, Sibling Revelry Brewing Company, Market Garden Brewery, Great Lakes Brewing Company and Fat Head's Brewery.
 - Ohio Lottery Monday – receive a FREE scratch off lottery ticket on Monday AND get \$3 off if you bring a non-winning Ohio scratch off lottery ticket to the box office! Don't miss their new lottery game featured on Sunday at the Oktoberfest
 - Our partnership with Jägermeister brings new swag, more ShotSki stands, and discount "Deer and a Beer" promotional offers – Jägermeister, the most successful herbal liqueur in the world.

- Our 5-Star Sausage Autobahn, where you can taste a variety of the world's best sausages. Restaurant Row features Official Oktoberfest Chef, John Roberto, who will serve up a variety of Bavarian delicacies. Also featured will be Balaton of Shaker Square (voted Best Hungarian Restaurant by Scene), Seven Roses, Frank's Bratwurst (voted Best Brats by Scene), Das Schnitzel Haus of Parma, and the famous Schmidt's Restaurant & Sausage Haus of Columbus.
- A Fireworks Spectacular on Sunday night presented by COKE
- Through our partnership with Paulaner and Hacker-Pschorr, Cleveland Oktoberfest features two of Munich Oktoberfest's most authentic and finest Bavarian Biers! To view Paulaner's beer list, [click here](#). To view Hacker-Pschorr's beer list, [click here](#).
- The Best Oktoberfest Microbrew Competition (held in the Bier Garten) will feature 16 regional brewers, including local favorites like Great Lakes Brewing Co., Fat Head's Brewery, The Market Garden Brewery, Sibling Revelry Brewing, Platform Beer Co., and more! The competition features both a professionally judged, multi-category event Friday night, and People's Choice voting (tallied and awarded Monday).
- Contests will include the 5-Star Oktoberfest Wiener Dog Races, the "Masskrugstemmen" (Bavarian Strong Man & Woman Competition), the Miss Oktoberfest Competition (Thursday Only), and the Cleveland Oktoberfest 5K Bier Run, and 1-Mile Walk. The race draws over 900 runners annually, with awards presented in categories by age group. Proceeds benefit Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.
- Traditional German music by artists such as Dorfrocker from Munich, The Chardon Polka Band, Fred Ziwich International Sound Machine, The Klaberheads, Deutscher Musik Verein, Schnickelfritz, The Brian Papesh Band, Gottscheer Blaskapelle and Donauschwaben Blaskapelle.
- And for the Rock 'n Rollers, we'll feature renowned Journey tribute E5C4P3, Beatles tribute, Hard Day's Night, 80's tribute, The Spazmatics, Eagles tribute, Hotel California, Neil Diamond tribute, The Diamond Project, Elvis tribute, Walt Sanders and the Cadillac Band, Faction and more!
- Other Oktoberfest favorites include world champion sand sculptor Carl Jara, and our live Cleveland Glockenspiel—a gigantic two-story working cuckoo clock with dancers from Toledo Holzhaacker Buam who perform skits on the hour, always punctuating performances by showering souvenirs on the crowd. Don't forget to grab a shot at the glockenspiel bar where you'll be served by members of local Austrian Dance Group, Tanz und Spielkreis. And if one glockenspiel weren't enough, we'll also be hosting the famed Milwaukee Glockenspiel. Builders of the first glockenspiel in the country, the Milwaukee Glockenspiel has been making fans go cuckoo since 1985.
- The Educational Pavilion will feature an historical exhibit by Euclid Beach Park, polka lessons, and much more!
- Shoppers and collectors will find an authentic selection of high quality merchandise in our Bavarian Shopping Village, as well as a diverse assortment of fine art in our Art & Craft Market—a show and sale featuring works by more than 50 local artists. Car enthusiast will also enjoy our display of over 30 vintage Volkswagen buses.
- Our Children's Area will feature myriad activities for kids—from inflatable bouncers (Saturday thru Monday ONLY), to a mechanical bull, Otto the Wiener Dog, a Euro bungee, face painting, a marionette show, balloon artist, and loads more!
- Ethnic dance groups, choirs and on Saturday & Monday, the renowned Singing Angels will perform.

Admission to The Paulaner Cleveland Oktoberfest is \$13 at the box office each day of the festival (ONLY \$10 Online at ClevelandOktoberfest.com) with children under 12 admitted free. A Four-Day Pass will also be available. Parking will be **FREE** throughout the event.

For complete information as to open times of festival, performance & attraction times along with details on online discount tickets, visit www.clevelandoktoberfest.com.

Oktoberfest is all about being social: Follow us on Facebook for FREE Ticket Giveaways. Other updates and info at #CLEOKT.

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What: 14th Annual Paulaner Cleveland Oktoberfest sponsored by Jagermeister
When: Labor Day Weekend, Aug 31st - September 3rd, 2018
Where: Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds.
Directions: Take I-71 to the Berea/Bagley Road Exit. Go west, less than one mile to the Fairgrounds entrance on the left. [Click here](#) to get directions from your location.

Friday: Gates open at 4:00pm and remain open until midnight.
Admission: \$13 all evening; other ticketing options available; children under 12 gain free admittance.
Highlights: Traditional featured entertainment includes Donaushwaben Blaskapelle, Schnickelfritz, and the Klaberheads. Bier Garten featured entertainment by Dorfrocker and Journey tribute, E5C4P3

Saturday: Gates open at noon and remain open until midnight.
Admission: \$13 all day; children under 12 gain free admittance.
Highlights: Traditional featured entertainment by Deutscher Musik Verein, Brian Papesh Band, The Chardon Polka Band, The Klaberheads, Gottscheer Blaskapelle, and Dorfrocker. Bier Garten featured entertainment by My Manic Episode, Faction and Spazmatics

Sunday: Gates open at noon and remain open until midnight.
Admission: \$13 all day; children under 12 gain free admittance.
Highlights: Traditional featured entertainment by Deutscher Musik Verein, Brian Papesh Band, Fred Ziwich International Sound Machine, The Klaberheads, and Schnickelfritz. Bier Garten featured entertainment by Walter Sanders & His Cadillac Band (Elvis tribute), Dorfrocker and Hotel California (Eagles tribute Band). Don't forget - FIREWORKS at dusk!

Monday: Ohio Lottery Monday – bring any Ohio scratch off lottery ticket to the box office and receive \$3 off admission. Gates open at noon and remain open until 8:00pm
Admission: \$13 all day; children under 12 gain free admittance.
Highlights: Traditional featured entertainment by Fred Ziwich International Sound Machine, Donaushwaben Blaskapelle, and The Chardon Polka Band. Bier Garten featured entertainment by Neil Diamond tribute, The Diamond Project, and Hard Day's Night (Beatles tribute). A full schedule of events and entertainment is posted at www.clevelandoktoberfest.com.