

MEDIA RELEASE

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MOUNT ANGEL OKTOBERFEST

Mount Angel. Can't go to Germany this year! Make the highlight of your European adventure a visit to Mount Angel for Oktoberfest. It is an affordable alternative and the family fun event you have been waiting all summer for. The 44th annual Oktoberfest runs from Thursday, September 17 through Sunday, September 20. Every year over 350,000 people come to Mount Angel for the weekend of their lives. They are drawn to the tiny rural community, 40 miles south of Portland, Oregon, by its beautiful countryside, Bavarian charm – and one of the greatest folk festivals in the Northwest.

There is something for everyone at Oktoberfest: Over 50 little food chalets laden with rich, delicious Bavarian treats; a large arts and crafts show full of treasures to take home; an adult Biergarten, family Weingarten and interactive family Alpinegarten. There is free entertainment on the village bandstand featuring all of the great sounds of the alpine country and a free Kindergarten on Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy a sports program that includes golf and volleyball tournaments and a high school football classic, a 200-vehicle cruz-n car show and so much more.

For more information, visit Oktoberfest on the Internet at <http://www.oktoberfest.org> or call 503-845-9440

Mount Angel Oktoberfest Facts

When: 11 a.m. 'till Midnight, Thursday, Friday & Saturday,
September 17, 18 & 19.

10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, September 20.

Where: The village of Mount Angel, approximately 40 miles south of Portland and 20 miles north of Salem on US Highway 214. Coming from the north take I-5 Exit 271 at Woodburn; from the south use the Salem, Market St. I-5 Exit 256 and follow signs through Silverton to Mount Angel.

FREE: Admission to the festival area. Parking is \$4.00 all day. Free shuttle provided from distant parking lots.

FREE: Continuous, live entertainment on the Village Bandstand from Noon until closing each day of the festival.

FREE: Friday and Saturday Night Street Dances with the Country Dutchmen.

FREE: Kindergarten open Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wiener Dog Races, Kids programs, clowns, 4H petting farm, face painting and more.

FREE: Cruz-n Car Show on Saturday and Sunday. More than 100 vehicles each day representing the best from the 30's to date.

FREE: Concerts in Historic St. Mary Church all four days of the festival.

You don't need a pocket full of dollars to enjoy this great folk festival. Most events are free! The organizers of Oktoberfest know they have something just for you. You will not find any better food, entertainment, or dancing in the Northwest. You are sure to enjoy the good old-fashioned German hospitality Mount Angel has to offer.

*Oktoberfest the **Affordable**fest*

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Oktoberfest, Inc. P.O. Box 1054, Mount Angel, Oregon 97362-1054, is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Proceeds from this festival are distributed to worthy organizations in Mount Angel and the surrounding communities.