

11th Annual OktoBierFest Celebration

It's hard to believe, but 10 years have passed since the first OktoBierFest was held at the Round Top Rifle Assn., aka Round Top Schützen Verein founded in 1873. The first one was all about "beer tasting" but quickly evolved into a full fledged Oktoberfest ie. Bavaria's Munich's salute to Bier and Bavarian folk culture. And for Texas, what better place than in Round Top, Texas which was known as "klein Deutschland" years ago due to the heavy influx of German immigration during the last half of the 19th century. Being sponsored by the Rifle Assn., the oldest German club in Fayette County seemed to have a nice fit. The members of the Assn., have been honing their skills for generations, not only marksmanship, but putting on a party that rivals the best!

Success has been achieved by having a beautiful setting known as "Schützen Park" developed in 1881 and 1882, some of the best German cooking this side of the Atlantic and true German musical entertainment, the best found anywhere in the States! But let's not forget our middle name, Bier. Many varieties imported from Germany, such as Hacker-Pschorr, Paulaner and many others, plus great state side brews such as Altstadt Biers from Fredericksburg. Most are on tap, straight out of the barrel!

This year's Fest is scheduled for the 4th Saturday in Oktober on the 22nd beginning at 11AM, the tapping of the traditional ceremonial keg at 12, and continuing all day til closing at 8PM. Entertainment scheduled include Auf Geht's, a great Alpine/Bavarian group excelling in yodeling/singing and masters of their instruments, Enzian Buam, another excellent yodel/singing ensemble from Frelsburg, Tx., and the Round Top Brass Band bringing that real taste of "Blasmusik" from the old country. Some fun Oktoberfest games such as Masskrugstemmen (Stein Holding contest) and the good old Saufmaschine (drinking machine) are on tap (pun intended). All in all, a great combination of food, drink and Musik, that is hard to beat. Come and have some Bratwurst & Pork Chops with us. You won't be disappointed!

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