

Odessa Deutschesfest

53rd Anniversary • 2024



Thursday, Sept. 19
Friday, Sept. 20

Saturday, Sept. 21
Sunday, Sept. 22

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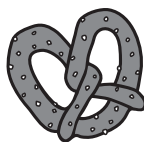
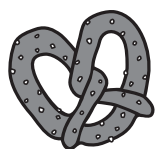


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Welcome back Deutschesfest

ODESSA- Willkommen, dobro pozhalovat, meaning welcome in the German-Russian Pidgin language. This year Odessa will be celebrating their 53rd anniversary of Deutschesfest from September 19 to September 22nd. This year's Deutschesfest will be located on the crossroads of Highway 28 and 21st in Odessa.

Deutschesfest is an annual event dating back to when the

heirs of German Russians settled in Odessa starting in the 20th century. Enjoy the culture of the ancestors of Odessa, featuring beer, brats, pretzels, and so much more. There's no shortage of events for people of all ages including the street fair where you can buy and sell merchandise ranging from toys, woodwork, clothes and more.

Starting Saturday, 10 a.m. the parade starts where you can see

your kids' amazing floats and dress as their favorite Disney character. After the kiddie parade you'll see floats, bands, beautiful horses and visiting royalty.

As you wonder around and visit all of the thrilling events you will be able to support the local clubs including FBLA, FFA, and ASB.

The main event all visitors love to see is the Biergarten, hours

depend on the date. September 19th the Biergarten opens from 7p.m. – 11 p.m. NO minors allowed during these hours. Minors are allowed into the Biergarten until 5 p.m.

Put on your walking shoes, sunscreen and Viel Spaß, развлекайся (Have fun and enjoy yourself!)

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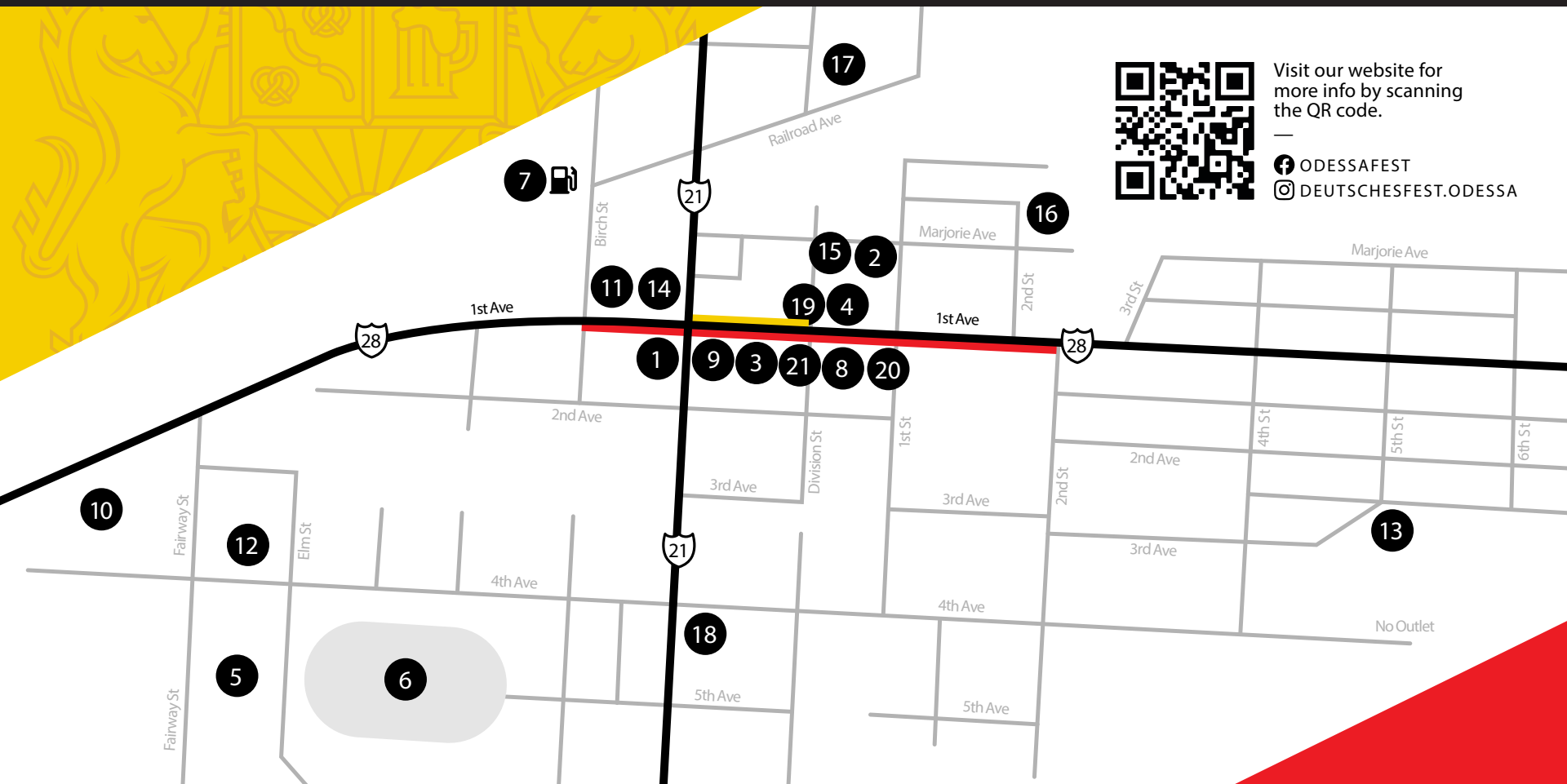
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2. Biergarten
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5. Finney Field Ball Fields—RV Parking
6. Finney Field Football Field—Sausage Bowl
7. Gas Station
8. Kiddie Zone

9. Odessa Drug
10. Odessa Golf & RV
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12. Odessa Historisches Museum
13. Odessa Memorial Healthcare Center
14. Old Town Hall
15. Outdoor Stage
16. Reiman Park—Fun Run

17. Rocky Coulee Brewing Company
 18. St. Matthews Church
 19. Street Fair & Petting Zoo
 20. Wheatland Bank Chalk Drawing
 21. Wild Roots Market
- Bed & Trike Races (Thur 6pm)
 — Parade Route (Sat 10am)



Welcome the 2024 parade Grand Marshals

This year Odessa will be welcoming Ed and Dee Deife as the new Parade Grand Marshals. Mr. and Mrs. Deife will be leading the parade strong and representing the German Russia heritage.

Ed and Dee had a beautiful wedding in the spring of 1984 at the Old Odessa Town Hall. In the following year, they started building a family. With having three children, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, life couldn't be more complete.

Ed has always played a role in the Odessa Community serving two terms on the Odessa City Council, 14 years on the Odessa School Board, Biergarten chairman now three times, chamber president twice, and a member of the Odessa Development Authority Board.

He retired after 44 years as a service and mechanic manager at Walter Implement.

Dee has always been active in the Odessa community and engages in countless Deutschesfest activities. She has spent many years in active roles such as 2016 board president of the Odessa Public Library, worked in the healthcare field at the Odessa Clinic for 12 years and as the service manager

for the Wheatland band for 3 years.

Dee has always been of service and persistent attitude. Dee was seen for her commitment to the Odessa community and the years she's spent working hard for her neighbors.

Dee and Ed has always been a part of organizing the parade and making it what it is, "I'm looking forward to seeing the parade from a different view point" Ed states. This is Ed and Dee's first year as Grand Marshals; Dee is filled with "honor to be asked to be Grand Marshal for this year".

The couple has been going to or a part of Deuteschesfest since the beginning, their fondest memories are over the years "meeting new people", Ed says, now being able to see the younger generations take over and promote positive generational change.

Over the years after some high and low years such as COVID, the population of the parade has decreased and yet that doesn't stop Odessa from making Deuteschesfest something new every year. Trying new foods, activities, and bringing in new people, Deuteschesfest doesn't lose its touch.

What isn't at the Street fair?

This year's street fair starting 10 a.m. on Friday, September 20th, located on Division Street. Some amazing vendors come from all over the state.

Vendors ranges from food, clothing, woodwork, jewelry, textile, quilts, and so much more. The street fair is a great opportunity for selling and purchasing memorable souvenir reminding you of the astounding weekend you had with family and friends.

During the street fair the German food court is open on Main Street. In the street fair, buyers will be supporting small businesses located in Odessa and around Washington.

While a majority of the vendors are selling breathtaking work, there are also vendors who are selling German Style craftsmanship that incorpo-

rates the history of Deutschesfest in Odessa.

While the street fair is active so are the stage performers and other entertainment events. Activities incorporate adults and the young ones. The "kid zone" is next to the Wheatland bank and has fun, thrilling games and ventures.

During the fair the Odessa High School FBLA has vendors at the street fair and sponsors the petting zoo that takes place every day during the fair. Some animals you might be able to see include goats, sheep, pigs, bunnies, chickens, ducks and more. These young members bring fun while educating individuals about the importance of these animals.

For adults, from the times 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. the Biergarten is open but after the street fair at 5 p.m. minors are no longer allowed in.

Have you
visited Odessa's
Historisches
Museum?



{ Friday, September 20th - 2 to 6 p.m.
Saturday, September 21st - 12 to 6 p.m.
Sunday, September 22nd 12 to 4 p.m. }

4th and Elm across from the ball field.

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DEUTSCHESFEST DAILY SCHEDULE

2024



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Thursday

- 5pm Sidewalk Chalk Art Ages 2-12,
Wheatland Bank Sign-up 4:45
- 6pm Tricycle (ages 2-4, 5-7, 8-20) and Bed Races
Sponsored by Hair Haus and Sigma Chi Fraternity
- 7-11pm German Biergarten (No Minors)

Friday

- 7-10am Pancake Feed Sponsored by Odessa FFA (Biergarten)
- 10am Old Fashioned German Bake Sale - Old Town Hall
- 9am-5pm Used Book Sale-17 W 1st Ave. By Friends of
the Library Next to Drug store
- 9am-6pm Vendors & Check out the Rejuvenation Projects
(Old Town Hall)
- 10am-4pm Quilt & Vintage Textiles Display - St. Matthew's Church
- 10am-7pm Street Fair & Petting Zoo-Division Street
Sponsored by Odessa FBLA
- 11am-8pm German Food Court
- 11am-1am German Biergarten (Minors Until 5pm)
- 1pm Rocky Coulee Brewing Co, Live Sports, Kid Friendly,
Food, Music & More
- 2-6pm Historical Museum/Slide Show
- 7pm Sausage Bowl vs Waterville (Football Field)

Saturday

- 7-10am Lions Club Farmer's Breakfast (Biergarten)
- 8:30am Deutschesfest Fun Run Registration 7:45-8:15 am
City Park, Sponsored By Odessa HS ASB
- 9am-5pm Used Book Sale-17 W 1st Ave. By Friends of
the Library Next to Drug Store
- 9am-6pm Vendors and Rejuvenation Projects (Old Town Hall)
- 10am-7pm Street Fair & Petting Zoo-Division Street
Sponsored by Odessa FBLA
- 10am Kiddie and Deutschesfest Parade

Saturday cont.

- 11-1am German Biergarten (Minors Until 5pm)
- 11am Rocky Coulee Brewing Co, Live Sports, Kid Friendly,
Fest Games & Prizes, Beer Swag & Souvenirs All Day
- 12-6pm Historical Museum & Ag Machinery Display
Slide Show
- 12-6pm Kid Zone (Lot Next to Wheatland Bank)
- 12-4pm Quilt & Vintage Textiles Display
St. Matthew's Church
- 1pm Poker Run Tournament 2 Person Scramble
Odessa Golf Course
- 3pm Rocky Coulee Brewing Co Stein Holding Contest
- 3-7pm Live Music at Wild Roots Market
- All Day German Food Court

Sunday

- 7am-10 am Breakfast Sponsored by FBLA (Biergarten)
- 8:00 am St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- 9am-3pm Old Town Hall Vendors
- 10:00 am Community Church Service (Outdoor Stage)
- 10:30 am Zion Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- 11am-2pm Street Fair & Petting Zoo-Division Street
Sponsored by FBLA
- 11:15am-10pm German Biergarten (Minors until 5pm)
- 12-4pm Historical Museum/ Slide Show
- 12-4pm Quilt & Vintage Textiles Display
St. Matthew's Church
- All Day German Food Court (Can Sell Out Early)

Schedule Subject to Change For the most up-to-date schedule visit deutschesfest.com:



Schlimmer chairs 2024 Biergarten

ODESSA — Megan Schlimmer, a lifelong Odessa resident, is this year's biergarten chairman. Megan was raised right here in Odessa, and brought her own family back here to raise. Megan works at Odessa Golf & RV in the clubhouse and alongside her husband, Ted Bruya, at Odessa Drug as a Pharmacy Technician. When Megan isn't working, you'll find her golfing or spending time with friends and family. Last year Megan



Megan, this year's chairman is on the right.
Deanna Lobe, last year's chairman is on the left

served as the co-chairman under Deanna Lobe, learning the ropes to take on the posi-

tion of chairman this year. For years Megan and Ted have worked the busy Saturday evening shift in the sausage booth, staffing the shift with their children and friends. Serving as the chairman is a lot of work. She recognizes the importance of this festival for our community and is excited for the opportunity to step up and take on a larger role in making the weekend a success.



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BIERGARTEN STAGE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

7:30-8:30 pm Oom Pas & Mas

8:45-10:45 pm Karma's Circle

FRIDAY

12:15 - 1:15 pm Gil Rivas

1:30 - 2:30 pm Oom Pas & Mas

2:45 - 4:15 pm Luminosity

4:30 - 6:00 pm Hometown Hooligans

6:15 - 7:45 pm The Funk

8:00 - 9:00 pm Oom Pas and Mas

9:15 - 10:45 pm Staff Infection

11:00 pm - 1:00 am Karma's Circle

SATURDAY

12:15 - 1:15 pm Hillyard Belles

1:30 - 2:30 pm Oom Pas and Mas

2:45 - 4:15 pm Midnight Juliets

4:30 - 6:00 pm Stoney River Band

6:15 - 7:45 pm The Funk

8:00 - 9:00 pm Oom Pas and Mas

9:15 - 10:45 pm Whack-a-Mole

11:00 pm - 1:00 am Bay 7

SUNDAY

12:15 - 1:15 PM Gil Rivas

1:30 - 2:30 PM Oom Pas and Mas

2:45 - 4:15 PM Jon White

4:30 - 6:30 PM Hunny Soup

7:00 - 11:00 PM All Request Music



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St. Joseph's Catholic Church

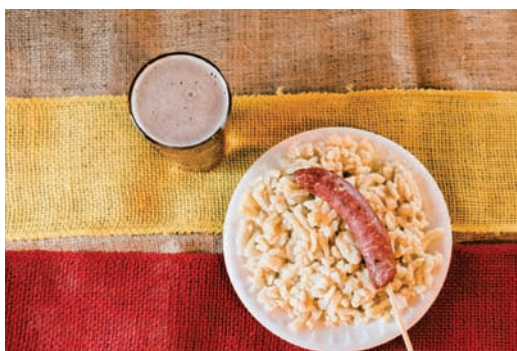
Kraut Ranzas

FBLA Booth

Fresh Curly Fries

Odessa Booster Club

Hamburgers



BREAKFAST AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER BIERGARTEN

Open to All Ages -- 7am-10am

Friday

Odessa FFA Pancake Breakfast

Saturday

Lions Club Farmer's Breakfast

Sunday

Odessa FBLA Pancake Breakfast



SPECIALTY FOOD BOOTHS

FFA

Hot Buttered Corn | Caramel Apples

FFA Alumni

Reuben Sandwiches

Das Kraut Haus

Kartoffel und Klöss | Sausage on a Stick | BBQ Sausage
Sauerkraut | Hot Mustard

Biergarten Sausage Booth

Soft Pretzel | Homemade German Sausage on a Stick
Homemade German Sausage Boat (with BBQ Sauce)
Homemade German Sausage Plate (with homemade sauerkraut,
homemade pickle & pretzels)

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Rocky Coulee Brewery

Wild Roots Market



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OUTDOOR STAGE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 12-1 pm Chuck & The Carlsonettes
Welcome & Entertainment
- 1-3 pm After Dark
Back by Popular Demand
- 3-7 pm ATGO PNW
New Music This Year

SATURDAY

- 11-12 pm Spring Chicks
Clogging at it's Finest
- 12-12:30 pm Ugly Beard Contest
Back Again by Popular Demand
- 12:30-1 pm Cutest K-9 Contest
Show Off Your Furry Best Friend
- 1-3 pm Big Dawg & The Howlers
Local Ritzville Band
- 3:30-4:30 pm Oom Pas and Mas
Local German Polka Band
- 5-6 pm Sentimental Journey
Great Music!
- 6:30-8:30 pm General Disarray
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SUNDAY

- 10-11 am Community Worship
Odessa Ministerial Association
- 11:30-12:30pm The Campbells
Local Bluegrass Duo
- 1-2 pm Thad Striffler
Local Musician
- 2:30-3:30pm General Disarray
Always a Crowd Pleaser



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History of Deutschesfest

Fifty-three years ago a group of individuals came together and brought to life their heritage of German-Russian descendants. Starting in 1971 Deutschesfest came to life, starting small and now being the biggest and most well-known festival in the Odessa area. It wasn't always easy and had hardships but never stopped. Founders came together to celebrate food, music, and other activities.

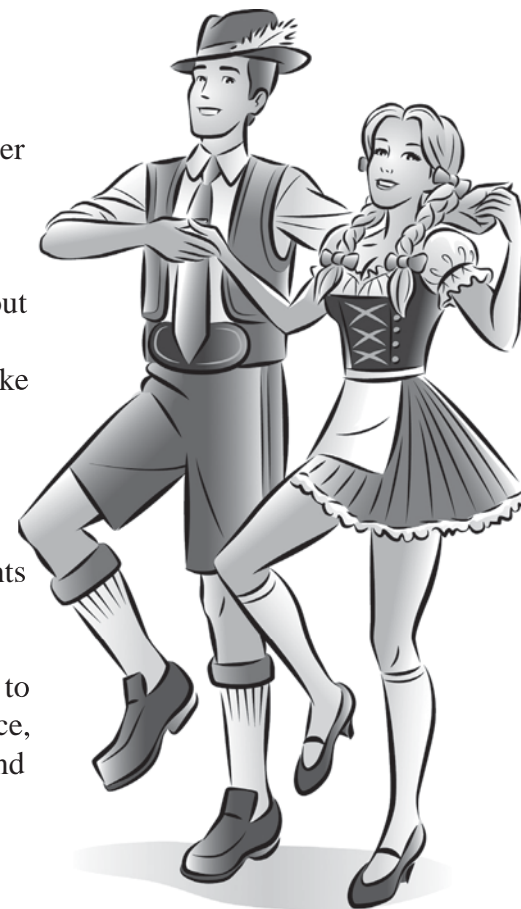
Friday, September 17th, 1971, was the first day of this celebration, starting it was hard but took off quick by that Saturday all booths were sold out and ran out of beer. Ever since that weekend, Odessa hasn't looked back and ends with sold out booths. There is beer for

days, games and activities to play your heart out. Odessa comes together to share their heritage, based off of the Deutschesfest website 80% of Odessa's residents are from German-Russian descent.

As the festival started growing, the town was staying the same size causing conflict on space for the festival itself. The founding fathers of Deutschesfest got inspiration from the famous Leavenworth and the Bavarian style craftsmanship. It was a struggle in the beginning to influence other building owners in Odessa to accommodate to the Bavarian style; it took a while for the town to accept the idea and not only that freeing up the space.

The Biergarten ran out of beer around 10 p.m. which according to the 1972 Biergarten Chairman Jim Walter was told with these guys that's a "no-no" so he sent out people with enough cash to stock pile beer all the way to Moses Lake and Ritzville.

As more people from all around came to celebrate the rich history of Odessa, Odessa expanded. Adding tents for the events and opening up more businesses. Preparing for Deutschesfest the community center would convert to the Biergarten for more open space, now it's the Biergarten year around and celebrated every day.



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Time: Run Starts at 8:30.

Check-in and day-of-run registration: 7:45 – 8:15 A.M at the park.

Distance: 5K and 10K

Course: With the exception of 1 steep hill about 650 yards long at the ½ mile mark; the course is flat out and back. There is about ¼ mile of gravel road; the rest is asphalt.

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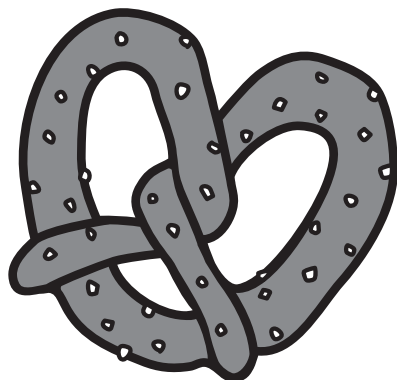
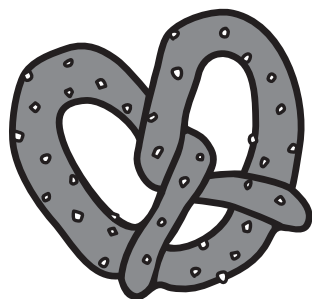
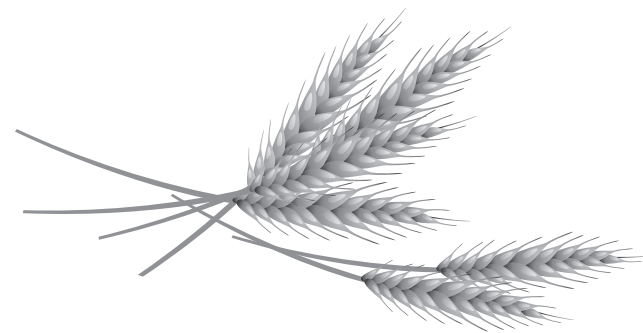
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German recipe to try at home

Borscht Soup

Borscht, or borscht soup has been a staple in Eastern European cuisine for centuries. Historians note the recipe was originally made with hogweed, a plant that blisters the skin if touched with bare hands, but like stinging nettles, is rendered harmless when cooked.

When cultivated vegetables were more readily available, beets became the predominate base. There are two camps when it comes to borscht, red beet based and beet top/beef based, with hundreds of variations in each. Common to Germans from Russia who settled the Odessa area is a beef based soup with numerous variations. Following is a close adaptation of the borscht served at Deutschesfest in the past, by the Odessa Baptist Church Women.

Borscht Soup

- 2 to 2 1/2 quarts water
- 1 large meaty beef soup bone
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 medium potato, diced small
- 1 cup grated carrot
- 1/2 cup tender green dill, chopped
- 1/4 cup uncooked rice
- 1 cup, finely diced onion
- 6 large beet tops, chopped
- 1 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp ground black pepper

In a large kettle, brown soup bone on all sides. Add 2 quarts of the water and the 1 teaspoon salt. Slowly bring to a boil over medium heat and simmer for 2 to 3 hours, or until meat falls from the bone. Remove meat and bones from the broth and let cool until you can handle. Finely dice the meat.

Skim any fat from the remaining broth. Add meat, rice, onion, potato, carrot and dill. Cook slowly over medium heat until rice is cooked and vegetables are tender. Add the remaining 1/2 quart water. Season with remaining salt and pepper and continue to cook until hot.

Borscht is often served with toasted rye bread or crusty dinner rolls, or hearty sandwiches. A Rueben or a kraut ranza are perfect for dipping in this broth based soup.

Some borscht recipes include a tablespoon or two of vinegar or pickle juice for a bit of a sour flavor. Swiss chard leaves can be substituted for the beet leaves, Chopped cabbage, parsnips or turnips may be included.



Red beet borscht included the beet root. Most recipes start with beef broth. Cabbage is often included in the red beet versions. Some recipes include chopped apples and vinegar or sour salt for a slightly tangy flavor. A few recipes include tomatoes.

Borscht began as a way of making something to eat from what was on hand, evolving into distinct recipes in each ethnic region. Some cultures include borscht in celebratory meals. In other regions it is a harvest or butchering time soup. No matter the occasion, this savory soup is often the star of the meal.

Laura Estes, who writes a bimonthly recipe column for the *Lincoln County Record-Times*, contributed this recipe for Borscht soup.

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