

# Wurstfest opening brings New Braunfels to life

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New Braunfels, 120 miles from A&M, comes alive Friday with the opening of the 15th annual Wurstfest. The festival, running from Oct. 31 to Nov. 9, highlights the enjoyment of beer, sausage and dancing, augmented by 114 sports and entertainment events.

For a one-night visit to Wurstfest, the MSC Travel committee is providing a 80-space bus trip and entrance to the Wursthalle for \$10. The buses will leave A&M at 1 p.m. Saturday, returning to campus after the Wursthalle closes at midnight.

The Outdoor Recreation Committee is going also to New Braunfels. The group will camp at Canyon Lake Saturday night, but plans for

arrival and departure are still undecided. Interested students should sign up at the Outdoor Rec booth in the MSC and attend the organizational meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 in Room 607 in Rudder Tower.

The Wursthalle and surrounding grounds, located in the center of New Braunfels, are the focal point of the festivities. Last year 4,032 kegs of beer and 40 tons of sausage were consumed by the 150,000 people who attend.

Everything from aspirin and apfel streudel to wurstburgers and wurst tortillas are served.

Sausage starts at 75 cents and for \$1 to \$1.50 a third pound of sausage on a stick can be bought. Twelve

ounces of draught beer in the Wursthalle costs 50 cents, and pitchers are \$2.50 for a refill. The profits, according to Wilton Warnecke of the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, are recycled into the community through donations to schools and community programs.

Weekend attendance is largely college students and young people, while week night crowds are usually middle-aged adults and families, according to Tom Purdem, public relations director for Wurstfest.

With such a large number of people attending, an elevated number of disturbances and ensuing arrests is usually anticipated.

Last year, however, only 75 persons were arrested by the 30 New Braunfels officers for public intoxication and/or disorderly conduct.

"Most of them were out in about four hours, provided they could pay the \$25 cash bond," said John Breslin, records manager of the police force.

"We've been encouraging the police force and Wurstfest security not to hassle people who are having a good time," said Warnecke, "but we don't want to see a few people keeping others from having a good time." Little trouble is anticipated.

A provision for enforcing the 1 a.m. liquor curfew, closing the retailers at midnight, provides an ample margin of safety. "There will be Alcoholic Beverage Commission officials on the grounds to enforce the liquor rules," said Purdem.

A sailing regatta at Canyon lake will take place from Friday evening

to Sunday. On Saturday, white water canoeing begins at 8:30 a.m. below Canyon Dam finishing at noon in Cypress Bend Park, New Braunfels. Team kayak competition is held behind the Wursthalle Saturday at 3:30 with individual competition Sunday at 10.

Nov. 8 an Auto Rally will be held at Walnut Square Shopping Center. Open registration begins at 9 a.m. with competition beginning at 10.

Three bicycle competitions also take place that weekend including a hill country race from Austin, Sunday's time trial road race in the New Braunfels vicinity and a criterium race 10 o'clock Sunday morning at Walnut Square.

Bowling, Tennis, Square Dancing, and Dramafest events during the week are billed as tournaments.

Competing throughout the festival bowlers are awarded a \$350 men's and \$1,000 men's first prize.

Square dancing workshops and round dancing take place at 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. featured callers at the 8 p.m. jam bore.

The Dramafest performance "Sweet Sue's Secret Sorrow—The Wurst Time of Her Life" found in Kleinhalle at 7 and 8 p.m. weekend evenings and 8:30 Tuesday through Thursday evenings.

If these events can not justify a trip to New Braunfels, there are several area attractions including the Beer Bottle World, which houses 9,000 unique beer bottles, Garden Display, Fall Art Show, Natural Bridge Caverns, Gruene, a revived ghost town.

## Girl Scouts vote down male entry

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Girl Scouts voted overwhelmingly Tuesday not to admit boys to their organization.

Boys will be able to participate in Girl Scout activities when invited, however. About 60,000 adult men will be able to continue as troop leaders, board members and consultants.

The Boy Scouts, which are not affiliated with the Girl Scouts, voted last year to admit girls aged 14 to 21 to their Explorer Division.

The 1,800 delegates to the Girl Scouts national convention, by a show of hands, backed up their directors who recommended against admitting boys.

Those who wanted boys in the program argued that they would encourage older girls to remain in the scouts and increase membership. By merging girls and boys into one program, they said, it would cut expenses of having duplicate programs.

The critics, clearly in the majority, said girls mature faster than boys, so grouping them by age would be a problem. They argued that boys would dominate girls and that the organization would lose its all-female identity.

"If we need boys to sell Girl Scouts, we need to re-evaluate our program," said Brenda Akers, 17, of Lawrence, Ind., in preliminary debate Monday. Her comments received much cheering and applause from the delegates, varying in age from young to middle aged and old.

Maureen O'Connell, 17, of Chicago, argued that boys will try to dominate girls when they go on camping trips. "They'll try to tell us how to build campfires and stuff," she said.

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