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Fort Meade Oktoberfest - Five days of Family Fun

EVENT: Sports and School

WHEN: Scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19 from 5 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept 20, from noon to 11:00 pm
Sunday, Sept. 23 from noon to 10 p.m.
Rain or shine.

WHERE: Fort Meade Pavilion, located just inside the Llewellyn gate off MD Route 175.

DIRECTIONS: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Llewellyn Avenue. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil. (NOTE: Media interested in attending this event must coordinate your visit and RSVP by contacting Summer Barkley at (301) 677-1436 or mary.susan.barkley@us.army.mil)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation directorate (FMWR) at Fort Meade is holding its annual Oktoberfest celebration that promises to be bigger than ever! Come one, call all and be sure to bring the children because Fort Meade's Oktoberfest is all about family fun.

The big news is the addition of a 24 ride carnival and midway with games. Jolly Shows Amusements is the purveyor; patrons will recognize them from the annual Greater Glen Burnie Carnival. The first evening, Wednesday the 17th, will be Military Discount night. Patrons with a DoD ID card may purchase ride-all-night wristbands at a discounted rate.

And it wouldn't be Oktoberfest without oom-pah music. Three of the area's best German bands will be providing the entertainment. On Friday, Sept 19 it will be the Edelweiss

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Band; on Saturday, Sept 20 Heidi and Helmut Echo Band and dancers will take the stage; and on Sunday evening, the 21st, Das Alte Kamaraden and folk dancers from Fairfax, VA will entertain.

Oktoberfest is known for good food, good times, and tradition. Fort Meade will be establishing its own tradition on Friday night with the time-honored keg tapping ceremony. Fair goers' palettes will be tempted by the selection of German and international food vendors.

Admission to this event and parking is free and open to the public. For more information on this event, please visit <http://ftmeademwr.com/events/Oktoberfest/>

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