

# 2017 Minnesota Renaissance Festival

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## **Oktoberfest at its Finest with the Minnesota Renaissance Festival**

**SHAKOPEE, Minn. (September 26, 2017)** – The Minnesota Renaissance Festival is rounding out its 2017 season with a celebration of German culture at its annual Oktoberfest celebration. The last weekend the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, September 30 and October 1 is filled with activities, food, and beer that will satisfy the whole family and is a wonderful way to welcome fall.

The weekend has a little something for everyone to tap into their inner German. For those with a competitive streak, participate in one of the many competitions, from Stein-holding competition, Lederhosen and Dirndl contests, the best beard competition to sauerkraut eating.

For those who love games, the Renaissance Festival is providing some classic favorites such as Hammerschlagen and Bier Pong. Plus, there is free beer for the winners!

For the musical folk, the Minnesota Renaissance Festival is showcasing traditional German music from Flemming Fold, a talented local German band. In addition, free polka lessons are offered three times a day at the Shepherd's Green to help all tap into some German dance moves.

Plus, it is not a truly German experience without including FREE beer. Join for the Festival's three free Schell's beer tastings at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to sample varieties of their best Oktoberfest brews! Plus, wander the grounds to visit one of the many craft beer pubs for flavorful drinks and live music.

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The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs its 47<sup>th</sup> season August 19 through October 1, 2017. The Festival is open weekends; Labor Day and Festival Friday, September 29, 2017 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., rain or shine. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Highway 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors and 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king! Admission at the gate: Adults \$23.95; Seniors \$21.95; Children 5 – 12 \$14.95, children four and under are free! Discount tickets are also available at participating Menards, Super America, Cub, Whole Foods, and Walgreens. Coupons toward admission are available at participating Subway and Papa Murphy's locations. Visit [www.renaissancefest.com](http://www.renaissancefest.com) or call 952.445.7361 for more information. Also make sure to follow the Minnesota Renaissance Festival on social media, @MNRenaissance!

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