

CONTESTS

TUG OF WAR

1 p.m., Saturday, June 16, at the Midsummer Pole

The Tug of War is back this year, and we hope each Scandinavian Lodge will form a team of eight participants to compete at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in front of the Midsummer Pole.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in this fun coed event, contact your favorite lodge and sign up!

The prize for the Tug of War is the coveted "UFF DA" trophy!

Each lodge will have its own sign-up sheet, and you can also sign up during the festival at the Festival Souvenir Booth.

DANISH AEBLESKIVER-EATING CONTEST

3:45 p.m., Saturday, June 16 – Exhibit Hall

2:45 p.m., Sunday, June 16 – Exhibit Hall

The Danish Aebleskiver Eating Contest started at the 50th anniversary festival and was a big hit! Individuals will have two opportunities to participate in this event: 3 p.m., Saturday, June 16, and 2:45 p.m. June 17, both in the Exhibit Hall.

Eight contestants are needed for each contest. Each of the contestants will eat a plate of Aebleskivers, delicious Danish doughnuts dusted with powdered sugar. Aebleskivers are donated by the Lower Columbia Danish Society.

The first to finish the most Aebleskiver in the time limit will win a "Danish" prize!

Sign up at the Festival Souvenir Booth.

SWEDISH MEATBALL-EATING CONTEST

3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16 – Exhibit Hall

Can't get enough of those succulent Swedish meatballs? This contest is for you!

Eight lucky contestants will have the opportunity to eat a plate of Swedish meatballs donated by the Scandinavian Café.

The participant who eats the most meatballs in the allotted time wins the "Swedish" prize!

Sign up for this contest at the Festival Souvenir Booth.

SCANDINAVIAN SPELLING BEE

1:45 p.m., Sunday, June 17 – Exhibit Hall

Are you a spelling expert? How do you do with the unique words of the Scandinavian countries? Come give them a try.

The winner will receive the "Way to be Scandinavian" prize.

Sign up for this event at the Festival Souvenir Booth.

SVEN AND OLE JOKE COMPETITION

Audition: 5:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16 – Information/Souvenir booth

Performance: 8:15 p.m., Saturday, June 16 – intermission of the ARRIVAL/DREAMS concert

Are you talented enough to pull off a clever routine of three "Sven and Ole" jokes? Meet at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, June 15, to audition at the Souvenir booth with appropriate, family-friendly jokes. Scandinavian accents are encouraged!

Finalists will perform during intermission of the ARRIVAL/DREAMS, Canada's Tribute to ABBA and Fleetwood Mac concert that starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. (Extra ticket required)

The winner(s) will win the "Lena" trophy.

Sign up at the Festival Souvenir Booth.

Festival Events



FRIDAY, JUNE 15

BOOTHS OPEN

2 to 6:30 p.m. – Arena

Visit the Midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and snacking pleasure.

ENTERTAINMENT

5 to 7 p.m. – Arena Stage

The Kleiveland-Toppe Duo will perform culturally unique folk music from Norway.

BEER GARDEN OPEN

3 to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu.

BEEF POT ROAST DINNER hosted by Olney Grange

4:30 to 7 p.m. or until supply runs out – Exhibit Hall

Beef pot roast, baked potato, green beans, roll, salad, pie, beverage, \$14; children under 11, \$8.

QUEEN'S CORONATION

7 p.m. – Arena

Princesses sponsored by the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Sons of Norway and VASA Swedish Lodge will speak about their Scandinavian heritage. A panel of judges will select one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2018. Stay afterwards for the Torchlight Procession, Bonfire and family-friendly Queen's Family Ball with music from Scandinavian Country.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE TO BONFIRE AND HEX BURNING

8 p.m. approximately (following the Queen's coronation) – Parking Area

Scandia men with flaming torches will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and audience members to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This tradition symbolizes ridding oneself of bad luck for the year.

QUEEN'S FAMILY BALL with Scandinavian Country

8 to 10:30 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special partner will lead the first dance of the 2018 Midsummer Festival. Join the dancing or watch the dancers and listen to great music.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

MIDNIGHT SUN BREAKFAST

served by Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash.

7 to 11 a.m. – Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Norwegian Jarlsberg egg cake, Finnish pyttipannu (Scandinavian pan-fried scramble of potato, onions, sausage and egg), Swedish pancakes with whipped cream and strawberries, Norwegian rommegrot (sour cream porridge/pudding with cinnamon and sugar), lefse (fresh off the griddle), Scandinavian cheese, shrimp and salmon lox, fresh assorted breads, fruit, fresh baked Danish pastry, coffee, OJ, water. \$10 (Kids 6 and under: \$5)

RUNNING OF THE TROLLS

Thanks to our primary sponsor, Columbia Memorial Hospital 8:30 a.m. – Walluski area

Join us for a walk or run in the beautiful Walluski countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship

Fund. Registration is available online or at the festival. Check-in is 7 to 8 a.m. Saturday in the Main Entry Hall.

BOOTHS

9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items and handcrafted treasures. Many booths offer Scandinavian food items for your dining and snacking pleasure.

ENTERTAINMENT

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Arena

12:45 to 5 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

Noon to 6 p.m. – beer garden

There will be live Scandinavian-themed entertainment and dancing on three stages throughout most of the day. Pick up a festival program at the admission table or view one of the posted schedules to find your favorite band, singer or dance troupe.

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel

will hold an open house in their Viking encampment outdoors south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.

BEER GARDEN

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Astoria Brewing Company will present a selection of award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu. The Astor Street Opry will present its standing-room only show of olio acts from "Shanghaied in Astoria" at 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

BARNEFEST

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Arena

Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area. This area is staffed by volunteers from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, the Nordic Viking Dancers and parents. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult. There are inexpensive games (fishing, wheel spin, plinko, golf and bean bag toss), face

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