

It's Time to Prepare for Leavenworth
June 15 – 18, 2017
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Our reputation for providing quality, free entertainment during the accordion celebration is excellent. One of our major sponsors and supporters for LIAC is **Projekt Bayern** in Leavenworth. We are grateful for their confidence and support and wish to do our best to publically promote the accordion while we are in town. Scheduling will begin in April for public performances at the gazebo and grange in Leavenworth during the International Accordion Celebration.

Prepare Bavarian/ethnic/audience friendly music for your performances downtown. Bavarian/ethnic attire would be great! Check the web site: www.nwasnews.com for the gazebo and grange schedules. You cannot sign up on line; you can see what opportunities are available. The competition/workshop schedules are posted on the celebration web site: www.accordioncelebration.org After you review those schedules, contact Doris Osgood for times that would fit your plans. Doris will schedule the performers and the roster will be updated on line regularly. To sign up for performance contact: dorisosgood@frontier.com or 503-357-0417. Folding chairs are provided at the gazebo, but bring your own music stand if you need one. Remember, the performance schedule at the gazebo is tight. Time your program and be ready to roll when you are scheduled. Tardiness does not mean you will have your full 15 minutes; the next player will be "on" as scheduled. **The last date to schedule performances via email and phone will be June 10.** See Doris in person in Leavenworth after that.

Other performance venues will be open during LIAC. At the time of this writing, they are not confirmed. See Doris at the gazebo for those performance schedules and venues.

For those playing in competition or in evaluation, bring any "special" equipment you may need for your performance, like a music stand or stool. There are folding chairs on stage at the festhalle, gazebo and at the grange. **Yes, there will be the mass, volunteer accordion band** during LIAC. Be sure to bring your own music stand for that. Players will bring out extra chairs and will restore them after the program. Details about the volunteer accordion band will be available on line in May. Jim and Shirley O'Brien will conduct a preparation workshop on Thursday during LIAC and will return as directors, we're glad to report.

Volunteers make our event happen. This is an important part of the celebration. Participate in the competition, workshops, concerts, parade AND volunteer for a shift or two. A few hard working people can't do it all! Contact Frank Bruckner or Bonnie Birch to indicate the times you'd be available to work. Frank Bruckner: sqzbox144@gmail.com; Bonnie Birch: bonniebirch@msn.com

The parade will be close to the lunch hour on Saturday during the celebration. The time will be posted and printed in the festival schedule. The music is Leavenworth friendly; most will be in the key of C (Edelweiss is in G). Prepare tunes like: Happy Wanderer, Du Du, Wooden Heart, Edelweiss, Beer Barrel, and Lilli Marlene. Most years there is only time to walk down the street playing Happy Wanderer, Edelweiss at the gazebo with singing, the Beer Barrel a time or two,

then off the gazebo marching back to the festhalle! Come to the Festhalle about 15 minutes before parade time for a brief rehearsal and marching orders from parademeister, Rod Miller. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Remember to check the web site for updates. The schedules are subject to change. See you in Leavenworth – June 15 - 18, 2017 – *for the love of the accordion.*