

WILD WEST OKTOBERFEST

BAVARIAN

BANQUET

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 5:00PM TO 10:00PM



Frequently Asked Questions

What should I wear?

It's become a tradition for nearly all of our guests to come in costume and really makes our events fun! German and/or western costumes are encouraged for ALL guests (think lederhosen or dirndl with a cowboy hat and boots!). Our Yee-Haw sponsor, Confluence Companies, will also be hosting the Confluence Companies Costume Contest where the audience will select their favorite costumed guests! At the end of the evening, Confluence Companies will award the following prizes for the top 3 costumes: 1st Place - One-Night Stay at The Eddy Hotel & Taproom; 2nd Place - Morris & Mae Gift Card; 3rd Place - Bottle of Coors Whiskey.

Where is the Event, When does it Start and Where should I Park?

The Wild West Oktoberfest Bavarian Banquet starts at 5pm and will take place at the Clear Creek Lot located at 304 10th Street. Parking is tight on any weekend in Golden so we encourage all locals (or semi-locals) to walk, bike or ride share if possible! The Wild West Oktoberfest Biergarten at the Clear Creek Lot is surrounded by numerous free parking lots. If these fill up, there are also additional public parking garages on the West side of Jackson Street between 11th and 13th Streets, a large public lot on the CoorsTek property and temporary event parking at the Coors Wellness Center lot off of 12th and Ford. Please see following page for the evening's schedule.

Do I Need my Cell Phone for the Event?

Yes! In fact, please make sure that you come with your phone 100% charged so that you can engage with our Confluence Companies Costume Contest, Live Auction and Paddle Raise bidding before and during the event.

Where do the Gala Proceeds Go?

Proceeds from Wild West Oktoberfest will be used to help our special community of Golden transition into the future by supporting many important projects that might not happen otherwise. General proceeds from the Bavarian Banquet will benefit the Golden Civic Foundation's "For the Good of Golden" Community Grant Program which provides grants to non-profits, schools and civic organizations that make a positive impact on the quality of life for our Golden residents. Last year, the Golden Civic Foundation invested over \$200,000 into the Golden community and most of these funds were raised at this annual fundraising event.

What Do the Paddle Raise Funds Support?

We are excited to announce that this year's recipient of the Big Ideas in Golden (B.I.G.) Grant, a collaborative community project by the Golden Civic Foundation and Coors Brewing Co., will be the Foothills Art Center. This year, our goal is to raise up to \$100,000 that will go towards the outdoor seating project in their new Astor House location. Over the past ten years, funds raised range from \$20,000 to \$82,000 for community projects such as the Miners Alley Playhouse's new theater seats, Golden High School community track, the American Mountaineering Center front entrance/staircase and the Golden Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Art Tribute.

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Evening's Schedule

5:00pm- Event Begins!

Upon check in, each guest will be given their own commemorative ceramic beer stein. Thanks to a very generous donation from Coors Brewing Co. we will have an open bar of eight different varieties of Coors and AC Golden brewed beers on tap as well as Golden City Brewery's specially brewed root beer (bottled water will also be available for guests). Appetizers will be served by the Bohemian Biergarten.

5:00-6:00pm – Musical Performance by Polka Folka & Activities in the Confluence Corral

POLKA FOLKA will be performing an eclectic mix of traditional European polkas and waltzes, pop tunes in a polka style, and regional Mexican and U.S. polka styles.

During this time, we have a lot of GREAT entertainment in store for our guests including:

- Stacy & Joe Fowler, and their daughter Presley, from the Golden Hayride will serve as our Master of Ceremonies (aka, emcee) for our Friday night's festivities.
- Free rides on the mechanical bull - Yee-Haw!
- The Golden History Museum and the Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave will be onsite to share information about Golden's rich German and western history.
- "Pickles," the miniature horse, will be visiting and ready for guests to stop by her petting corral.
- Westernaires performers will be entertaining guests with traditional lariat looping, bull whip and baton demonstrations.
- There will also be fun games and photo opportunities.

5:45pm – Golden STRONG Steinholding Contest

Gather round the Golden Hayride for our first ever GOLDEN STRONG stein holding contest and contestants will include some of our key City and Community leaders.

6:00-7:00pm – Dinner Buffet Served

Golden's Seasoned Swine BBQ will open the dinner buffet! Guests will have assigned seating in the Biergarten. We request that everyone is seated at 7pm so we can begin the evening's entertainment and program. Coors will have whiskey tasting beginning at 7pm and will offer samples of their Five Trail Blended American Whiskey (Batch 002) and Barmen 1873 Bourbon from Coors Whiskey Co.

7:00pm – Program Begins

Our evening entertainment begins with Golden-local, Carmen Goodwin, singing our National Anthem. The Denver Kickers Club Schuhplattlers will perform followed by the Confluence Costume Contest. Guests will be able to vote to decide our Confluence Costume Contest top three winners!

7:35pm – Ein Prosit Toast!

Program begins with a traditional Ein Prosit toast with Peter Coors, Jr. and other key leaders. Our auctioneer extraordinaire, Shawn Hagler, is back to give us a great live auction and paddle raise benefitting Foothills Art Center and their backyard seating project.

8:30pm – 10:00pm - Musical performance & dancing to the Triple C Cowboys

Hosted by the Buffalo Rose, the evening will wrap up with a high-energy, boot scooting performance by the Triple C Cowboys from Cody, Wyoming!

