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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY MAKES ADDISON OKTOBERFEST – SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2008 – THE PERFECT WEEKEND OUTING

Hours of fun await families at Addison Oktoberfest, September 18-21, in the beautiful Addison Circle Park. Throughout the park families can find opportunities to learn about the foods, crafts, music and dance culture of Bavaria while having great fun. Families enjoying a polka together -- or a parent twirling around the dance floor with toddler in arms – are common sights on the large dance floor in the 30,000 square foot main tent, “Schloss Addison.”

Inside Das Kinder Tent (The Children’s Tent), parents, kids and grandparents enjoy four days of world-class entertainment. This year’s family entertainment includes great dancers, fabulous entertainers, clowns, animals and a flea circus. There’s also sand art, a bounce house slide, midway games, face painting, a 24-foot rock-climbing wall and a quad bungee jump. The beautiful carnival, awash in lights, hosts dozens of family friendly rides, including carousels, swings and colorful rides perfect for the kid in everyone!



For a full schedule of entertainers in Das Kinder Tent, visit www.addisontexas.net.

Here are just a few of the attractions for kids at Oktoberfest:

Alpine Children’s Dancers --The dazzling colors of authentic Bavarian costumes, with a variety of German folk dances including the Schuplattler. A part of the Alpine Dancers, this versatile group of children, ages three to 16, entertain to the delight of audiences of all ages. They will give dance lessons to children in Das Kinder Tent.

Animal Edutainment – Explore the wilds of Africa, Texas and the rainforest with Animal Edutainment. Audience members will come face-to-face with a bat, a bobcat, a lizard, a baboon and other animals during a make-believe safari.

Bonkers the Clown – Enjoy this versatile clown’s hilarious comedy, juggling and magic in an audience participation setting.

David Hira --David’s Amazing Flea Circus will have the whole family believing in these “mighty mites” when they see the rope ladders jiggle as a tiny performer climbs to the high wire. Your whole family will hold their breaths as the tiny cocktail umbrella held by Fleaona Flea make its way across the wire to the other side. Everyone will gasp as the strongman "flea" actually lifts and flips a half dollar in a spectator's hand and will thrill to the splash of water as another performing "flea" leaps from the high dive (as the board springs up and down with each "jump"). And of course, the BIG finale! Evil Flea-Deeval gets shot out of the cannon, breaks through a tissue paper covered hoop, and lands into the safety net held by audience members. WOW!

Eddie Coker – This former opera singer-turned-children’s entertainer devotes his talents exclusively to creating original songs for everyone from preschoolers to retirees. He has won the adoration of thousands through his blend of sophisticated music and positive, child-appropriate lyrics.

Mr. Energy – Jimmy Perini is Mr. Energy and entertains with his fast paced nonstop juggling skills with tricks and acrobatics thrown in.

STV Almrausch Dancers: The STV Almrausch is a traditional Bavarian folk dance and mountain music preservation society based in Dallas, Texas. Founded in 1996, they have performed at festivals, parties, and celebrations throughout the United States and Europe. While the STV Almrausch performs many dances, they also enjoy teaching a variety of simple “participation dances” to the audience.

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EVENT SPECIFICS:

When:	Thursday, September 18, 2008	5pm – 11pm
	Friday, September 19, 2008	5 pm – Midnight
	Saturday, September 20, 2008	12 noon – Midnight
	Sunday, September 21, 2008	Noon – 6 pm

Where: 4970 Addison Circle Dr. Free parking located at the northwest corner of Dallas Parkway and Arapaho.

What: An authentic recreation of the Munich Oktoberfest featuring more than 30 hours of continuous family-oriented entertainment. German entertainers in authentic costumes perform traditional Bavarian folk dances, schuhplattling, oompah music, sing-a-longs, yodels and more. A special “Oktoberfest” Paulaner Bier is served along with several types of German sausage, sauerkraut, strudel, giant pretzels and more. There are carnival rides, midway games, children’s entertainment and activities and a 5K run benefiting Wipe Out Kids’ Cancer.

Cost: \$5 for ages 4 and older; FREE on Thursday. Discount tickets available at Tom Thumb Stores. Food & Beverage tickets are available for pre-sale. Go to Addison website for locations. For every \$50 you pre-purchase, you will receive \$5 free.

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