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CLEVELAND OKTOBERFEST, NAMED BEST IN COUNTRY, RETURNING FOR TWO WEEKENDS, AUGUST 30 — SEPTEMBER 2 & SEPTEMBER 6-7 Top Oktoberfest according to USA TODAY is back at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

Cleveland, Ohio (July 14, 2024) – Cleveland Oktoberfest festivities return to the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds (19201 E. Bagley Road in Middleburg Heights) for two weekends – kicking off over the long Labor Day Weekend on August 30 – September 2, and the following weekend on September 6 and 7.

Named the top Oktoberfest in the nation in 2023 by <u>USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Award</u> Contest, <u>Cleveland Oktoberfest</u>, presented by <u>Weihenstephan</u> (the largest brewery in the world) and <u>Bitburger</u> marks one of the largest Labor Day weekend events in the United States and the city's most anticipated cultural festival.

What's on tap in 2024:

- Assortment of more than 15 craft Oktoberfest-style beers, with Great Lakes Brewing Co., Cleveland's original craft brewery, being poured both weekends as the Official Craft Beer Sponsor.
- Tribute Bands including Trippin' Billes/Dave Matthews Tribute Band (Sept. 6), Taylor Nation/Taylor Swift Sing-Along Tribute (Sept. 7), Landsharks Band/Tribute to Jimmy Buffet (Sept. 7) all new for 2024!
- Full lineup of recognized bands including, Grammy-nominated Alex Meixner Band, <u>The Chardon Polka Band</u> and Fred Ziwich & His International Sound Machine, among others. Additionally, the highly anticipated return of Dorfrocker to the festival the second weekend from Germany
- Features including: Wiener dog races sponsored by Hollywood Feed, fireworks, Miss Oktoberfest Contest, Bavarian Shopping Village, Great Lakes 5K Bier Run, The Best Oktoberfest Microbrew Competition, Art Market, The International Pavilion, Classic Car Show, and the largest glockenspiel in the entire country sponsored by Jägermeister.
- Authentic German and European foods

"With each passing year, the excitement grows, and I am so grateful to unite with community partners to bring the rich German culture the community has come to expect," said President of Heritage Productions, Adam Roggenburk. "Being named the best Oktoberfest in the nation has only fueled our commitment to make this year's event bigger and better than ever. More than 100,000 people are expected to attend, and it's powerful to witness the incredible impact that Oktoberfest has on our city."

Cleveland Oktoberfest dates and times:

- Friday, August 30, 4 PM Midnight
- Saturday, August 31, Noon Midnight
- Sunday, September 1, Noon Midnight
- Monday, September 2, Noon 8 PM
- Friday, September 6, 4 PM Midnight
- Saturday, September 7, Noon Midnight

Visit <u>ClevelandOktoberfest.com</u> to purchase tickets, and view ticket packages including a two-day pass, V.I.P. Admission, and specific admission for tribute bands.

Tickets are also available at the box office. Kids under age 12 are free. Labor Day (September 2) is Military Monday sponsored by Ruoff Mortgage – show your military I.D. for a complimentary ticket. Parking is free.

Follow the event on Facebook and Instagram @ClevelandOktoberfest for the latest details and announcements.

For additional information about tickets, entertainment schedules, attractions, food offerings, and merchandise, visit www.clevelandoktoberfest.com.