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The tent was full during the 2009 Oktoberfest and the event promises to be even bigger this year as it moves to the Army Heritage and Education Center, Oct. 16. file photo.

Carlisle Barracks will host its third annual Oktoberfest Oct. 16 at the Army Heritage & Education Center.

The first Oktoberfest was in held in Munich, Germany 200 years ago. It started in 1810 as a celebration of the marriage of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Saxon-Hildburghausen. They royal couple opened the festivities to the citizens of Munich.

Here at Carlisle Barracks the event will include tethered hot air balloon rides, a soccer game, paint ball and music, both traditional and 80's top 40, as well as beer and food.

The all-day, family-oriented event at the Army Heritage & Education Center is free and open to the public. Traditional German foods such as bratwurst and pretzels will be served as well as American food.

This is the third year that Carlisle Barracks has hosted an Oktoberfest celebration, and the first year where it will be held off post.

“While Oktoberfest has always been open to the public, we decided it would be more friendly to hold it somewhere where the public could easily get to,” said Chris Reitman, FMWR marketing director.

Reitman said that Oktoberfest is so popular with servicemembers and their families because so many have been stationed in Germany.

The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 717-245-4069.

Events include:

8 a.m. - [Jim Thorpe 5K Run](#), at Indian Field, on post.

8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. -Shuttle Bus (Marshall Heights/Meadows Housing, Root Hall, LVCC, Anne Ely, Clinic, Bowling Center, PX, Commissary)

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. – Registration 5K Volksmarch. *A Volksmarch is an organized non-competitive hike or walk. Developed in Europe, Volksmarching is good exercise and encourages outdoor physical activity for people of all ages.*

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Craft Vendors

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. –Recruiters Static Displays

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Food and Beverages

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Radio Station W100 broadcasts from Fest Site

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Happy Wanderers (Oompha Band)

11 a.m. The first Beer will be tapped (poured). The official Army War College beer will also be unveiled.

12 p.m. – Bratwurst Eating Contest

12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Hot Air Balloon (tethered) rides

12 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Paint Ball

12 p.m. - 5 p.m. – Children's Games

12 p.m. - 5 p.m. – Caricature Artist

12 p.m. - 5 p.m. – Pony Rides

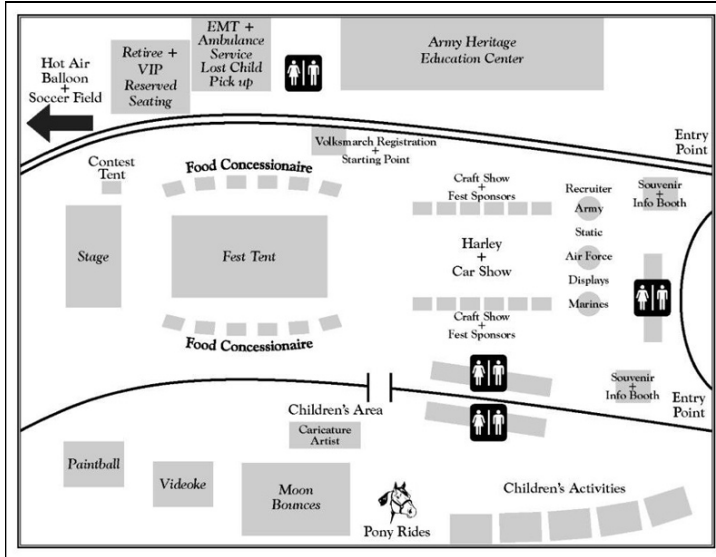
12 p.m. - 5 p.m. – Moon Bounce

1 p.m. – Polka Dance Demo

2 p.m. – Best Bavarian Costume Contest (Adult/Child)

2 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Cheap Sneakers

3 p.m. - International Fellows vs. the Olde Boys of Chester County Soccer Game



Map of the Oktoberfest grounds.

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