



SAVE the DATE!

The 63rd Swiss Festival National Rally
is scheduled on
September 26-October 3, 2026.



Information and Registration for the 2026

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Thank you for attending the 2025 Swiss Festival National Rally.
*We hope you enjoyed your stay in this beautiful area, met new friends,
and learned something new about the Amish and Swiss cultures.*

Safe travels. We will see you down the road!

62nd Swiss Festival National Rally



September 20—28, 2025

Where good fellowship is a constant companion.

- Wally Byam

Tours
Entertainment
Hospitality
Day in the Park
Parade
Hobby Show
Flea Market
Swiss Festival



Sugarcreek, Ohio
Heart of Ohio's Amish Country



‘WILKOMEN’ to Sugarcreek, Ohio

OHIO SWISS VILLAGE

by Wiley McDowell

There’s a village in Ohio down along the rolling land,
Where the eyes can gaze in wonder at the beauty close at hand.
And the people of the village, be they man or boy or miss,
Will bestow the smile of welcome characteristic of the Swiss.

Come to see us in the spring when the fields are turning green,
And the hills are grazing cattle in an atmosphere serene.
Or perhaps you’ll come in summer and meander where you please,
Be it shop or store or market as the magic word is cheese.

Then come back in the autumn when there’s music in the air,
For the atmosphere is festive and the country lanes are fair.
Hear the Alpine horns a-blowing, hear the yodeler’s pipe and call;
Catch the gala Sweitzer music up above and over all.

For this village in Ohio has a touch of Old World grace,
As they toss the stone to contest who’s the strongest in the place.
But to all a gentle welcome, happiness to those who seek,
As the Swiss turn out to greet you in our town of Sugarcreek.



GROUND RULES

PARKING AREAS: Your electrical pedestal has a location number on it. Your location will be tracked by that number. Your vehicle should be parked at your own RV site when on rally grounds. Guest parking areas are near the entrance gate.

PETS: All pets must be on a 6-foot, non-retractable leashes when outside the Airstream. Please always check collars and leashes to ensure they fit correctly and are working properly. A size-appropriate pet containment system can be used at the campsite. Except for working service animals, pets are not permitted in the buildings or during a meal in outside dining/food preparation areas. Well-mannered dogs are welcome to play and exercise in designated dog parks. Always clean up after your pet. And make sure your pet has an ID tag.

SAFETY: Be aware of your footing as you walk. The park has uneven ground, stones, water hoses, and electric cords. When rainy, expect slippery floors and stair steps and entrance/exit areas muddy. Use a flashlight to walk to your RV after the evening programs.

SMOKING: A city ordinance prohibits smoking anywhere on the park’s grounds or in the Pavilion. You may smoke inside your RV unit or outside the rally ground’s perimeter.

SECURITY: Protect and secure your RV, property, and vehicle at all times. We cannot always monitor “unwelcome” visitors from checking out our rally site (or your RV). Please help us keep a look-out for suspicious activity in our rally area.

TREES: Please do not trim branches or cut trees.

WATER: Keep your fresh water tank full. Your rally water supply is subject to disruptions and low pressure.

GROUND RULES

ELECTRICITY: You are being provided shared 30-amp electric (one 30 amp circuit for 2 Airstreams). Electrical appliances such as AC, microwave, coffee pot, toaster/toaster oven, hair dryer, curling iron, electric blanket, overhead heat strip, or any appliance requiring large wattage cannot be used without coordinating with your shared neighbor. TVs and CPAP machines may be used with no problem.

FIRST AID: If you need medical attention, you must engage medical help on your own and at your own expense.

GARBAGE: Trash, cans, plastic bottles, etc. must be compacted as much as possible and placed in the dumpster behind the Pavilion. If the dumpster is full, **do not** leave trash bags on the ground.

GUESTS: Guests are always welcome at the rally. Whether staying in your RV for the duration of the rally or visiting on a day-by-day basis, all guests must register. If guests plan to attend rally programs and/or tours, they must pay a rally fee and wear a name badge and rally ribbon. Non-paying guests may not attend any rally activities. Please turn in badges before departure.

HOLDING TANKS (GRAY WATER): The Ohio Revised Code does not permit draining gray tank water on the ground because of the probability of food particles in it. This also prevents stench and attracting wildlife.

HOLDING TANKS: Holding tanks (both gray and black) will be pumped out on your choice of Tuesday or Friday. Attach your red tag to your dump valve by 7 a.m. on your choice of day. To dump on both days, buy an extra tag at the Chalet (when open) or before evening programs. There are convenient port-a-potty locations on the rally site. Listen for further instructions.

IDENTIFICATION: All rally attendees **MUST** wear their WBCCI name badge and rally ribbon while on the rally grounds and to gain entrance to our rally activities, evening programs, and tours.

WELCOME and THANK YOU

Welcome to the 62 nd Swiss Festival National Rally, the longest continuously running rally in WBCCI history. We believe it's the best rally in the club! We hope you enjoy your time here and want to return next year with your friends. You are important to us.



Holmes County and the surrounding area are in an extraordinary community with a culture that may differ from what many of you are used to. Please be respectful of our Amish neighbors. Drive carefully, look out for children walking to school, and watch for people bicycling to work. Be aware of the slow-moving buggies, especially on curves and hills.

Fred and Kathy Kiehl

Brad and Jane Briggs



2025 Swiss Festival National Rally Chairpersons

Thank you to our
2025 Sponsors!

The Swiss Festival National Rally is sponsored by WBCCI Region 4.



ESCORTED RALLY TOURS

TOUR 1: (South)

Pearl Valley Cheese

Erb's Coleman Museum

*Lunch: Der Dutchman Restaurant**

German Culture Museum

Keim Lumber Co.

TOUR 2: (North)

Weaver Wagons

The J.M. Smucker Co. Store

*Lunch: Dravenstott's Restaurant**

P. Graham Dunn

Lehman's Hardware

TOUR 3: (Southwest)

Stutzman Buggy Shaft/Wheel Works

New Bedford Harness & Boot

*Lunch: Downtown Diner of Berlin**

Behalt Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center

David Warther Carvings (Ships)

TOUR 4: (East)

Stoney Point Amish School

Warther Museum and Gardens

Warther Cutlery Store

*Lunch: Buckeye Career Center Café**

Tour of Buckeye Career Center

Amish Casket & Funeral Provider

*Dutch Treat



The Age of Steam Roundhouse

Check the newsletter for information on how to organize your own tours and activities.



IMPORTANT ITEMS

AMISH DINNERS: Tickets are required for the limited seating. You may go to both a tour and Amish dinner on the same day. If necessary, leave your tour early to be back in the park by 5:15 p.m. Eat a light lunch-Amish meals are huge! Tickets will be sold on a first-come basis beginning on Sunday.

CHAIRS: The chairs are rented specifically for our rally and must not be removed from the Pavilion.

DRIVING: Many Amish buggies and bicycles use the roads in this area, so please drive cautiously. Buggies are slow-moving and may not be marked with a caution triangle or light at night. Horses can be skittish and are often controlled by young people. Please review the Amish Country Driving Tips flyer in your newsletter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: Check the bulletin board and tables on a daily basis for information about our rally and the community. You may leave items of interest to be posted e.g., items for sale, in the designated folder.

PHOTOS: Please do not ask or take photos of the Amish in or out of our rally site. It is against their religious beliefs. When touring, ask your tour leader if you may take photos of the places you visit.

PROPANE: Hillside Propane 2113 Dutch Valley Dr NW 330-852-4334

CHECK-IN AT THE CHALET: Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday: 3 to 4 p.m. (Pavilion) Late arrivals and day-guests will be handled on a case-by-case basis after Sunday. Call Fred Kiehl 330-697-0463 or Brad Briggs 614-207-1241.

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL INFO

Call **911** for Emergencies!

Rally site address: 2800 Winklepleck Rd. NW, Sugarcreek, OH 44681

POLICE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency) 330-852-2212

SHERIFF, HOLMES COUNTY 330-674-1936

SHERIFF, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY 330-339-7743

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, NEW PHILADELPHIA 330-339-1103

Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg (open 24 hours) 330-674-1015

Walnut Creek Medical (M-F, 9-5)..... 330-893-2431

Union Hospital, 659 Boulevard, Dover..... 330-343-3311

Berlin Medical Clinic, Berlin (M-F, 9-5)..... 330-893-2341

Pomerene Express Care, Berlin (M-F, 4-7; S, 9-1) 330-893-2754

The following medical practices are all located in Sugarcreek.

Alpine Family Medicine, 126 N. Broadway St. 330-852-0704

Dr. Phillip Teague MD, 153 N. Broadway St. 330-852-3211

Dr. William Smith DC, 705 Dover Rd. NE..... 330-852-5127

Thomas Family DC, 233 Factory St. SE 330-852-3032

Insight Vision Care, 232 Factory St. SE 330-852-2512

Dr. Michael Nippert DDS, MS, 233 Factory St. SE 330-852-6143

Sugarcreek Veterinary Clinic, 306 S. Broadway 330-852-2321

RV Repairs

nuCamp RV Service Center provides repair services for all brands of RVs. Their mobile service comes to Winklepleck 330-852-4811

REMINDERS

Escorted Tours

- Sign up for escorted and self-guided tours on Sunday.
- Make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to your tours.
- On tour days, listen for the announcement of your specific tour **before lining up**, so you do not enter the wrong tour's caravan.
- Follow your Tour Escort as GPS may not be accurate for some tour locations.
- Bring necessary medications and/or snacks in case you miss your normal meal time and need an energy boost.
- Wear closed-toe walking shoes.
- Ask your Tour Escort if photos are allowed during any part of tour.
- Tour schedule and events are subject to change.
- **Please inform the Tour Escort** if you plan to leave the tour before it ends.



SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOURS

Self-guided driving tours allow you to choose your destinations and go at your own pace.

Sign up for Extra Activities

- Hobby Show/Flea Market
- Amish Dinner



Beautify Your Silver Pumpkin
Let's have some creative fun during Thursday's Day in the Park by decorating our Airstreams.

Volunteer at the Swiss Festival National Rally

Rallies are about fun, friendship, and exploring new places together. They are a big part of why we love Airstreaming. The Swiss Festival National Rally (SFNR) began in 1962 and has earned its reputation as the oldest, continuously-running rally in WBCCL. The SFNR team also believes that it is THE BEST rally that the club offers.

If you want to become part of the team that produces this wonderful rally, we would love to tell you about the many positions in which you can volunteer your talents and time. Have a seat at our campfire! Let's make friends and have some fun while exploring this rally together.

Fred and Kathy Kiehl
Brad and Jane Briggs

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2025 SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY PROGRAM

Friday, September 27

Fill your fresh-water tanks today. The water will be shut off at 7 a.m. Saturday to put the water lines away.

If you are planning to depart today, please be careful of the pumper trucks.

Please avoid driving over their hoses.

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| 7 a.m. | Coffee Hospitality |
| | Pumping-ensure your tank is tagged, if pumping today |
| 8 a.m. to 12 noon | Rally Workers tear down venue |
| 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Enjoy the Swiss Festival |

Saturday, September 28

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| 7 a.m. | Water supply shut off and water lines put away |
| 10 a.m. | Decorate Swiss Festival National Rally Parade Float |
| 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Enjoy the Swiss Festival |
| 2 p.m. | Swiss Festival Parade in downtown Sugarcreek |
| | Let's cheer on the Swiss Festival National Rally Float |
| 4:30 p.m. | Un-decorate Parade Float |
| 7 p.m. | Campfire fellowship. Bring your own chair |

Sunday, September 29

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| By 12 noon | Rally Attendees Decamp |
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Hospitality and Programs are in the Pavilion

Friday, September 20

1 to 5 p.m.	Free fresh-popped popcorn	Pavilion
1 to 5 p.m.	Early Parking and caravans by appointment	
1 to 5 p.m.	Check-in	Chalet

Saturday, September 21

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality-bring your own cup.	Pavilion
9 a.m. to 12 noon	Parking	
9 a.m. to 12 noon	Check-in	Chalet
12 noon to 1 p.m.	Worker's Lunch Break	
1 to 5 p.m.	Parking	
1 to 5 p.m.	Check-in	Chalet
1 to 5 p.m.	Free, fresh-popped popcorn	Pavilion
7:15 p.m.	Announcements	Pavilion
7:30 p.m.	<i>Amish Culture Presentation</i> <i>Mr. David Miller, Jr.</i>	Pavilion
8:30 p.m.	Rally Tours Announced	Pavilion

Hospitality and Fellowship following the program.

Sunday, September 22

1 to 2 p.m.	Orientation for ALL Attendees	Pavilion
2 to 3 p.m.	Sign-up for Tours and Thursday's Activities	Pavilion
	Amish Dinner Tickets \$30 Extra Dump Tag \$35	
3 to 4 p.m.	Ice Cream Social	Chalet
3 to 4 p.m.	Check-in for late arrivals	Pavilion
6:15 p.m.	Announcements	Pavilion
6:30 p.m.	<i>Cambridge City Band with</i> <i>WBCCI Band Guests</i>	Pavilion

Hospitality and Fellowship following the program.

2025 SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY PROGRAM

Coffee Hospitality and Evening Programs are in the Pavilion

Monday, September 23

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality-bring your own cup	
8 a.m.	Daily Announcements on loud speaker	
8:10 a.m.	Tour #1 Departs	
8:20 a.m.	Tour #2 Departs	
8:30 a.m.	Tour #3 Departs	
8:40 a.m.	Tour #4 Departs	
5:30 p.m.	Amish Dinner departure. Advanced tickets required	
	Please Car Pool	
7:30 p.m.	Campfire Social	Park
	Bring your chair	

Tuesday, September 24

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality. Bring your own cup	
	Pumping-ensure your tank is tagged, if pumping today	
8 a.m.	Daily Announcements on loud speaker	
8:10 a.m.	Tour #1 Departs	
8:20 a.m.	Tour #2 Departs	
8:30 a.m.	Tour #3 Departs	
8:40 a.m.	Tour #4 Departs	
7:15 p.m.	Announcements	
7:30 p.m.	Sunday Drive	

Hospitality and Fellowship following the program.

2025 SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY PROGRAM

Coffee Hospitality and Evening Programs are in the Pavilion

Wednesday, September 25

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality-bring your own cup	
8 a.m.	Daily Announcements on loud speaker	
8:10 a.m.	Tour #1 Departs	
8:20 a.m.	Tour #2 Departs	
8:30 a.m.	Tour #3 Departs	
8:40 a.m.	Tour #4 Departs	
7:30 p.m.	Campfire Social	Park
	Bring your chair	

Thursday, September 26

“Day in the Park”

Please - no photos of the Amish

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality. Bring your own cup	
8 a.m.	Daily Announcements on loud speaker	
8 to 8:30 a.m.	Hobby Show (not judged) and Flea Market setup	
8:30 to 10 a.m.	Amish School Bake Sale	
8:30 to 10 a.m.	Hobby Show and Flea Market	
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Buggy and Mule-Team Wagon Rides (free)	
11 a.m.	Amish Kids' Lunch	Pavilion
12 noon to 1 p.m.	Hot Dog Lunch	Pavilion
12 noon to 2 p.m.	Ice Cream (ticket is in Welcome Bag)	Chalet
5 p.m.	Community Dinner	Pavilion
7:15 p.m.	Announcements	Pavilion
7:30 p.m.	Joey Tomsick Orchestra	Pavilion

Fellowship following the program