

Swiss Club of Washington, DC



September 2024 Postillion

Message from the President

Gruezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Hello,

I hope you are all enjoying a lovely Labor Day weekend! Whether you are traveling, enjoying time with family and friends, and/or preparing for the upcoming season, I hope you are able to make and enjoy some additional memories from this summer.

One of the final Swiss Club memories from this summer was the Club's annual bike ride. The weather was perfect and it made for a fantastic ride on the Arlington Loop. The ride ended with a lovely picnic lunch and refreshments. Board member Helen Bircher did a great job organizing the event from start to finish. Thanks to all those who attended the ride!

As the summer comes to a close, we are excited about the upcoming autumn season and the Swiss Club activities that are coming up. In particular, the annual fall picnic and shooting event with the Swiss Rifles later this month promises to be a fun day for attendees young and old. The link to register can be found below. We hope you can attend!

All the best,

Kevin H. Sprenger



Fall Picnic with the Swiss Rifles

Sunday, September 22nd

We invite members and their guests to our annual picnic with the Swiss Rifles in Thurmont, MD for food, fun, and festivities. We will have a BBQ, shooting lessons (beginners welcome), and a shooting contest.

From 11am to 3pm ~ rain or shine

11am - 2pm ~ Shooting Activities

1pm - 2pm ~ BBQ Lunch

Bring your own lawn chairs, rain gear, mosquito spray, and sunscreen!

Admission Includes

BBQ lunch, soda, water, coffee & dessert

Ticket prices:

Member Adult \$10

Member Child (2 to 12) \$5

Non-Member Adult \$15

Non-Member Child (2-12) \$10

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Shooting

We will have a shooting contest with prizes! Participants will fire with the Swiss rifle (Karabiner 31) with electronic scoring, 300 yard range and small caliber shooting (children and teens ages 8 to 18), 50 yard range.

Those that wish to participate in shooting will be assigned to a team. Each team will be comprised of 5 people (a parent or legal guardian will be asked to accompany any child under 18) and have a time slot (roughly 1/2 hour) for shooting. Each participant will be paired up with a preceptor to monitor their shooting, answer questions and manage the weapon. Children and teens that wish to shoot .22LR will shoot on paper. At the conclusion of each team's shooting, we will declare the line "cold" and we will collect the small bore targets for scoring and as a souvenir for the participants.

Please note:

Children must be accompanied and supervised by a parent at all times, at picnic area, playground and shooting range. No child under the age of 8 will be allowed near the shooting ranges. Ear protection must be worn before approaching shooting ranges.

Ammunition cost is \$6 for 10 rifle shots.

Do you want to join the Swiss Rifles? Ask for registration forms at the entrance.

A Message from the Swiss Benevolent Society

The SBS of Washington DC is pleased to announce that we have awarded scholarships to six remarkable students for the 2024-2025 school year! They all have big goals and exciting aspirations for the future, and we wish them all a great start to this year. The SBS regularly hosts Kaffeeklatches in our local area in the middle of the week. Do you want to connect with the Swiss community through coffee and conversation? If so, please reach out to us at info@sbsofdc.org to be added to our contact list.



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Benevolent
Society of
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Kaffeeklatsch with the SBS

Please join the SBS for coffee, sweets and casual conversation. This special event is for DMV Swiss seniors and will be held at the Swiss bakery. Come prepared for friendly conversation!

September 18, 10am
The Swiss Bakery
5224 Port Royal Rd, Springfield, VA
22151

Please RSVP by emailing martin.perret@swissclubdc.



Oktoberfest with the Swiss Bakery

The Swiss Bakery

OKTOBERFEST

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

SUNDAY, SEPT 15TH

11AM-3PM

At Ravensworth Shopping Center

5224 Port Royal Road,
Springfield, VA 22151



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MUSIC



WARM PRETZEL, APPLE
STRUDLE, RACLETTE

Swiss Club Events for 2023

- KaffeeKlatsch with the SBS September 18, 2024
- Picnic with the Swiss Rifles September 22, 2024
- Raclette Fall, 2024
- Grittibänz Winter, 2024
- Samichlaus Winter, 2024

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2024 prices are as follows:

\$75.00 for dues paying members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Great exposure to the Swiss community for a small cost.



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