



Bockfest Parade

**We invite you to participate in our FOURTH Annual Bockfest!
Saturday, April 26th**

General Information

The Roselle Sister Cities Association German Committee (**RSCAGC**) is once again sponsoring a Bockfest event. Bockfest is a celebration of Roselle's German heritage. Roselle was founded primarily by Germans and German-Americans. In fact, our namesake, Rosell Hough, was a German-American.

Bockfest (literally translated as "Goat Fest") is a festival of the beer brewed by German monks who drank it as a substitute for food during Lenten fasts.

We will begin with a Parade starting at Kemmerling Park, followed by ceremonial keg blessing & tapping, food, music, dancers and of course, goats! We anticipate having the following in our Parade:

- Marching band(s)
- Dancers
- Community organizations
- Multi-generational Roselle German families
- All 4 Roselle Sister Cities Association committees: German, Polish, Italian and Indian
- Keg(s) of Bock beer
- Goats!

Who: RSCA German Committee (**RSCAGC**)

What: Bockfest Parade and Festivities at Pollyanna Roselare Brewery

When: **April 26, 2025**, Parade lineup begins at 10:00 am, step-off at Noon

Where: Kemmerling Park to Pollyanna Brewery, 245 East Main Street
Parking available at American Legion 344 East Maple Street (2 blocks from Pollyanna)

Why: The celebration of Roselle's German roots and to appreciate one of the many cultures that made Roselle what it is today.

Parade Route & Other Information

- The Parade will assemble at Kemmerling Park and along S. Prospect Street and head north on Prospect Street to Main Street. It will turn right on Main Street and end at Spring Street.
- Limited parking will be available at Kemmerling Park at the parade start and the commuter parking lot on Spring Street behind the American Legion Hall. Street and Kemmerling lot closures will start at 11:30 am.
- **The Application deadline is April 1, 2025.** If space is available late applications will be considered. Please note: receipt of an application is not acceptance into the Parade. Applications will be reviewed and notification of acceptance will be given via email and notifications of non-acceptance will be given via email and/or phone.
- Notice of Acceptance in the Parade will be emailed no later than **April 7, 2025**.
- **Event Cancellation Policy:** Bockfest and the Bockfest Parade is a community event run by a non-profit organization. The event will only be cancelled if the safety of the vendors and participants is deemed at risk due to inclement weather, acts of God, or any other circumstances deemed necessary by the **RSCAGC**, Village of Roselle, and/or Roselle Police Department.
- Parade Applicants must read and agree to the following Rules and complete the Application and General Release forms.

RSCAGC Bockfest Parade Rules & Requirements

The following public safety regulations are set forth by the Village of Roselle and the Village of Roselle Police Department, and will be strictly enforced before, during and after the parade.

1. The Bockfest parade is supposed to be fun! The goat and German culture themes allow for many fun ideas. Costumes, masks, and creative floats are preferred. Included are pictures from last year's Bockfest parade to give you ideas.
2. Costume ideas include: Traditional German folk wear (Trachten, Lederhosen, Dirndls, etc.), Monk robes, goat costumes, are encouraged and should be respectful.
3. Vehicles: Antique German and American made vehicles. Newer vehicles will be limited to German/Goat/Monk themed vehicles used to pull floats and trailers and decorated convertibles to transport dignitaries.
4. Rude, offensive, and politically sensitive topics are prohibited. If you attempt to violate this guideline, you will be removed.
5. Throwing items from floats or vehicles is strictly prohibited. ONLY persons walking with the units may hand PRE-APPROVED items to the spectators.
6. Music and background sounds may not contain any sound which resembles a firearm, gun shot, cannon, or any other type of weapon, or startling sounds.
7. Absolutely no firearms (real or replica) may be carried by parade walkers or be mounted/carried on a float without prior approval. Concealed weapons as set forth in 430 ILCS 66/65(a)(10) are strictly prohibited.
8. The following items, including, but not limited to pyrotechnic displays, use of flammable materials, water guns and any device ejecting projectiles including and not limited to confetti, t-shirts, and food items, are prohibited.
9. Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited before and during the parade. Violators will be removed.
10. No changes to the Parade Application can be made after **April 22, 2025**.
11. No political candidates or advertisements are permitted in the parade.
12. Parade participants will not be permitted to bring pets or animals unless pre-approved.
13. Any parade participant or entry that is deemed to be inappropriate, offensive, unsafe or fails to follow the rules will be removed.
14. All decorations must be in good taste. Theme colors of red, yellow and black matching the current Federal Republic of Germany flag or colors of red and green representing the Village of Roselle and the town of Laatzten, Germany (the **RSCAGC** Friendship City) are strongly encouraged. Use of goat and monk themes are also encouraged and must be in good taste. The **RSCAGC** considers this to be a fun family event.

Additional Rules for all Floats and Motorized Vehicles

15. Individuals operating motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years of age with two years of driving experience and a valid driver's license. All drivers in motorized groups must provide a copy of their driver's license and driver's insurance card with the Parade Application. Proof of vehicle insurance must list coverage for at least \$300,000 liability.
16. Businesses sponsoring floats must provide a copy of the Business organization's liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, included with the Parade Application.
17. A signed General Release of Claims (Hold Harmless Agreement) must be provided with the Parade Application.
18. All items to be passed out to spectators must be stated in the Parade Application and be approved prior to the parade.
19. A description of the float and pictures or sketches must be provided with the Parade Application. Changes made prior to the parade must be submitted for approval. Floats and parade entries will be reviewed prior to the start of the parade during parade staging.
20. Undecorated vehicles will NOT be allowed to participate in the parade unless pre-approved.
21. Tractors, trucks and other tow vehicles must be clean, attractive and relatively quiet.
22. Children walking with floats or vehicles must be at least 12 years old.
23. Children must be at least six years old and accompanied by an adult in order to ride on a float. Children between six and 11 years old must remain seated at all times when riding on a float.
24. Floats and trailers must have proper safety equipment in proper working order to connect to the tow vehicle. Towing chains must be connected between the float or trailer and the towing vehicle at all times. Wheel chocks must be accessible and used in the event the float or trailer is disconnected from the towing vehicle.
25. All Vehicles, Floats, Trailers and Towing Vehicles must maintain a six-foot clearance from the curb to avoid potential collisions with spectators.



Pictures are from Roselle's Bockfest.

PARADE APPLICANTS: Please complete and return the attached **PARADE APPLICATION** and **RSCAGC Bockfest Parade 2025 GENERAL RELEASE OF CLAIMS & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

to: RSCAGERMAN@gmail.com

or Mail: 116 S. Prospect St., Roselle, IL 60172

not later than April 1, 2025. We will notify you of your Acceptance and parade lineup number by April 7, 2025.

**RSCAGC Bockfest Parade
PARADE APPLICATION
Application Deadline: April 1, 2025**



Type of Parade Entry (Check all that apply)

- _____ Float
_____ Vehicle(s): # of vehicles (limited to 9) _____
_____ Walker(s): # of people _____

Application Checklist (All items must be submitted for a complete submission)

- ✓ Completed and Signed Parade Application (Agreeing to Rules)
- ✓ Signed General Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement
- ✓ Certificate of Liability Insurance (see Rules)
- ✓ Copy of Driver's License for all Drivers
- ✓ Copy of Vehicle Insurance Policy Declaration Page for all Vehicles
- ✓ Pictures or Rough Sketch of Entry
- ✓ Entry Description

Parade Entry Name: _____

Entry Description: _____

Float or Vehicle Dimensions: (L x W x H) _____ Sponsored By: _____

Contact Person: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

List Items (including food/candy) to be handed out, if applicable: _____

Parade Float/ Vehicle Driver Information

Vehicle (include float towing vehicle info): Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

1. Vehicle driver(s) name(s) and age(s): _____
2. Copy of driver's license(s).
3. Copy of vehicle's insurance policy Declaration Page (a minimum of \$300,000 liability coverage must be displayed). A copy of the insurance card will not suffice.
4. Copy of businesses certificate of liability insurance (displaying \$1,000,000 liability)
5. If more than one vehicle, attach a separate sheet with a copy of the driver's license and vehicle's insurance policy Declaration Page for each driver.

☐ I have read and accept the **RSCAGC Bockfest Parade General Information and Rules & Requirements.**

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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GENERAL RELEASE OF CLAIMS & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Roselle Sister Cities Association and **Roselle Sister Cities Association German Committee (RSCAGC)** (hereinafter referred to collectively as “**RSCAGC**”) do **NOT** provide liability insurance for the protection of persons, vendors, entertainers, merchants, organizations, spectators or others who participate in the **RSCAGC Parade** (hereinafter referred to as “**Parade**”).

In consideration of participating in the **Parade**, I, _____, an authorized representative of _____, do hereby release and forever discharge the **RSCAGC**, its members, officers, employees, agents, servants, volunteers and sponsors from any and all actions, negligence, causes of actions, claims and demands, for any damage, illness, loss or injury of any kind, which hereafter may be sustained by me or my organization in connection with or relating to the **Parade**.

This release extends to, applies to, covers and includes all known, unknown, disclosed, undisclosed, foreseen, unforeseen, anticipated, unanticipated, suspected and unsuspected injuries, illness, damages, losses and liabilities, and the consequences thereof, notwithstanding the provisions of any state, federal, local or territorial law or statute to the contrary, the provisions of which laws are hereby expressly waived.

It is further understood and agreed that my/my organization's participation in the **Parade** is not to be construed as an admission of liability or the assumption of any responsibility by **RSCAGC**, its members, officers, employees, agents, servants, volunteers and/or sponsors for any act or omission by me or any member(s) of my organization.

I hereby agree on behalf of myself, my organization, its heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to indemnify **RSCAGC** and its members, officers, employees, agents, servants, volunteers and sponsors, jointly and severally, and to hold them harmless from and against any and all actions, negligence, claims, demands and liabilities, loss damages and expense of whatever kind or nature, including attorney fees, which may arise from my organization's participation in the **Parade**.

The **RSCAGC**, the Village of Roselle and the Roselle Police Department reserve the right to remove any misrepresented or inappropriate material or persons from the **Parade**. Non-compliance with any **RSCAGC** directives, rules and/or regulations will result in the forfeiture of my/my organization's performance and immediate closure or ejection by **RSCAGC**.

I hereby grant permission to **RSCAGC** representatives, to take and use: photographs and/or digital images of me for use in news releases and/or promotional materials. These materials might include printed or electronic publications, websites, social media or other communications. I further agree that my/my organization's name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints, digital reproductions shall be the property of the **RSCAGC**.

APPLICANT

Name of Business/Organization

Name & Title of Signer

Date

RSCAGC

Approved By (Name & Title)

Date