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Director's Notes:

On 19 February, I was pleased to present SPC Christopher Fimpel an Army Commendation Medal, and Specialists Justin Bengel and Justin LaDow with Army Achievement Medals for providing critical first aid to a Marshall Center student whose heart had stopped beating. Our Soldiers were also presented with GCMC coins by Dr. James MacDougall, deputy director of the Marshall Center. It is reassuring to know our MPs are professionals trained in emergency first aid and have AEDs (automatic external defibrillators) in their patrol vehicles.

On the topic of vehicles, beginning March 22 the lines at AAFES gas stations should move faster as pre-fuel purchase checks are being eliminated— no more dreaded registration and Esso fuel card checks prior to pumping. AAFES says this will significantly speed up fuel purchases at AAFES facilities across Germany. Customers are still required to show their vehicle registration, fuel ration card and military identification at the time of payment. A word of caution before you fill up, however: customers who exceed their authorized fuel rations or have an invalid or deactivated fuel ration card at AAFES gas stations will be charged German fuel prices found on the local economy which can easily be 100 percent more than AAFES fuel prices. You must know your monthly fuel ration status prior to pumping or it will cost you.

Within the past month three Soldiers or Family Members have been taken to collections for unpaid medical bills! If you are active duty or an active duty Family Member and you receive a medical bill, **do not ignore it!** Fax it to 0044-208-762-8105 or e-mail it to International SOS at LondonTricareClaims@internationalsos.com, or fax it to here on post at DSN 440-3539, or bring it to the TRICARE Office for action!

USAREUR Commander [Gen. Carter F. Ham](#) gained approval for an exception to current DoD policy that prevents non-service members who report sexual assault through military channels from filing a restricted report. A six-month pilot program began March 1 that gives adult civilian beneficiaries of the military healthcare system in [USAREUR](#) the option to file a restricted report for sexual assaults. According to DoD policy, restricted reporting allows victims to confidentially report the sexual assault and seek appropriate medical care and advocacy services without triggering a criminal investigation. Unrestricted reporting allows victims to still seek appropriate care and services while immediately initiating an official investigation of the sexual assault. To report sexual assault, call the USAREUR Sexual Assault Hotline at DSN: 486-5469 (06371-86-5469) or toll free: 00800-0-277-2858 (00800-0-ASSAULT). You can also contact the garrison Sexual Assault Response Coordinator/Victim Advocate at 0162 265 2875 or the chaplain.

The folks at the Government Travel Card office in Grafenwöhr are warning about another method crooks use to rip off credit cards when using ATMs. 'Card skimming' uses a variety of techniques to capture the information contained on the magnetic strip on the back of your credit or ATM cards, while PIN capturing can be as simple as a camera hidden in a pamphlet holder placed next to the keypad. Contact the webmaster at www.garmisch.army.mil to request a copy of the presentation—some of the devices used to rob you are devilishly clever.

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On behalf of the entire Garmisch community, I'd like to welcome home Sgt. Michael Chambers and his trusted working dog companion - 'Staff Sgt.' Agbar from their tour in Afghanistan.

Karin H. Santos
Garrison Manager

News & Notes:



Town Hall Meeting

The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for
March 11, 6 p.m.
 at the Pete Burke Community Center.

Please join the Garmisch garrison key staff for an informative evening and an opportunity to address any questions and/or concerns regarding the community you live in.

Legal & Tax Assistance

The Hohenfels Law Center will provide tax and legal assistance services to the Garmisch community as follows:

Tax Assistance:

25-26 March
 22-23 April
 26-27 May

The service is available on an **appointment-only** basis. To make an appointment with the Hohenfels Tax Office please call DSN 466-2836 or Civ 09472-83-2836. The Tax Office is located in Building 202, room 3 (upstairs) on Artillery Kaserne.

Legal Assistance:

25-26 March
 22-23 April
 26-27 May

The services provided include assistance with both U.S. and German legal issues. Please remember to bring your own witnesses if you would like a last will and testament or a living will executed.

The service is available on an **appointment-only** basis. To make an appointment with the Hohenfels Law Center please call at DSN 466-2401 or Civ 09472-83-2401. We recommend customers, especially retirees, to call in advance to ensure the scheduled dates are still valid as we have no way to notify our customers off-post of any last minute changes to the schedule. The Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 202, room 4 (upstairs) on Artillery Kaserne.

Mark Messner-Chaney at the USAG Garmisch Pass & ID card office provides **notary service** for the Garmisch community. The telephone number is DSN 440-3737, Civ 08821-750 3737 and the office is located on the ground floor in Building 203 on Artillery Kaserne.

News & Notes:

Army Community Covenant – Europe’s Special Contribution

In America, The Secretary of the Army created the Army Community Covenant in 2008 to build mutual relationships and strengthen bonds between Soldiers, Families and American communities. The ACC has been a valuable tool in fostering and sustaining effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families on home front U.S.A.

The ACC accomplishes two things by recognizing the selfless service and contributions of community volunteers, and also shows Soldiers the compassion and support of the American public.

Though the Army Community Covenant is not a formal program at European garrisons, Europe has long carried the torch as a pillar of support for the U.S. Army, ever since we helped liberate it from the bonds of tyranny during World War II and the bonds of oppression during the Cold War.

I fully understand that Europe’s positive impact on the strength of the Army Family overseas is a jewel in our Nation’s crown.

Much the same as the ACC in the states, Soldiers and Families who call Europe their home away from home enjoy fabulous friendship and selfless support from community leaders, business owners and average citizens in numerous German, Italian, Belgian and Dutch communities who empathize with the sacrifices of forward-stationed Soldiers and Families, and speak volumes through their deeds of support to them.

In my travels, I hear countless stories of the extent to which our European community partners strive to support our Soldiers and families before, during and after the many deployments, without the expectation of reward. These partnerships strengthen ties between our Soldiers and host nation hosts, and the bond of fellowship this develops certainly builds added resilience in our Families as they deal with numerous hardships.

The generosity of Europe's neighborhoods, towns, cities, and counties is astounding. Just as in America, every day communities surrounding our European Army garrisons devise new ways, both small and large, to demonstrate their appreciation for Soldiers and Families. Here are a few initiatives that give you an idea of the scope of this support:

Adults, children, and organizations support Family Readiness Groups in supporting efforts to support deployed Soldiers from the local area.

Reduced-fee or gratis incentives provided by cities to families and Soldiers to attend host nation community, cultural and tourism events that enhance cultural understanding.

Host Nation Visitation Tours for Soldiers and Families to German political centers to enhance understanding of host nation socio/political workings.

Host Nation volunteers from the KONTAKT program at Germany garrisons, who donate thousands of hours annually to support events at garrisons that enhance the experience for Soldiers and Families.

- School exchanges/partnerships that encourage cross-cultural awareness, understanding and appreciation, and develop bonds of friendship

News & Notes:

- The reliance of Army communities on critical life and safety support provided by host nation law enforcement, medical and fire first responders that safeguard our communities and, when called upon, selflessly risk their lives for our Soldiers and Families.

Garrison sports exchange programs and competitions that develop comradeship between sports organizations and enhance cultural understanding.

Access to host nation medical care facilities for Army families that ensures the health concerns and priorities of Soldiers and their Families are effectively addressed in a timely manner.

These examples of support on part of European nations are great examples of how foreign citizens and organizations directly enrich the lives of our Soldiers and Families and strengthen our resiliency.

When you eventually return to the U.S., the Community Covenant will pick up where your gracious European hosts left off, and I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the program at <http://www.army.mil/community>, where you can see the best practices of Soldiers, Family members, leaders, and community organizations in the states. Perhaps you will even discover something you can adapt to your European community, or see an opportunity to let me know about something that has worked for you overseas that we can use here in the U.S.

Relationships are everything, and I encourage you to take every opportunity to thank the members of your host nation community for their sincere and active caring for Soldiers and their Families in Europe. The Army is eternally grateful and thankful for their support.

LTG Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commander



News & Notes:



USA Girl Scouts Overseas – North Atlantic –
2010 Adult Learning Conference –
Sailing with Leadership -
feel the power of the wind in your sail.
9 – 11 April 2010, Edelweiss Lodge & Resort
Garmisch, Germany

A sailing vessel or an organization moves forward because of the reaction and the tension of moving air or conditions on its sails. The sail alone is not sufficient to drive the boat in any desired direction, as a sail by itself would only push a boat in the same direction as the wind. Sailboats overcome this by having a center board below the water line holding it steady just like our Promise and Law.

To quote Christopher Cross, “Sailing Takes me away to where I've always heard it could be. Just a dream and the wind to carry me and soon I will be free.”

- Brochures will be posted on the www.usagso-na.org website and mailed to Overseas Committee Chairs.
- Take advantage of our secure on-line registration option at www.usagso-na.org!
- Adult grants to assist with transportation and lodging will be available! **Deadline is 12 March** 2010 Ambassador Girl Scouts are encouraged to apply!
- The conference fee will be at the 2009 price to encourage more participation from more Overseas Committees! Attractive hotel packages too!
- Go to www.usagso-na.org for more preliminary conference information including pricing.

Sailing is the art of controlling a boat with large sails. By changing the rigging, rudder, and dagger or centre board, a sailor manages the force of the wind on the sails in order to change the direction and speed of a boat. Mastery of the skill requires experience in varying wind and sea conditions, as well as knowledge concerning sailboats just like the mastery of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.



News & Notes:



University of Maryland University College *Europe*



Introduction to Writing

Discover the fundamental English course that helps you develop the skills necessary to successfully complete college-level writing assignments. Learn all the essentials on how to plan, draft, and revise your writing assignments in this three-credit university course.

Topics include:

- The writing process – formulating sentences and paragraphs to structure an essay or research report
- Framing and supporting an arguable thesis
- Designing a clear, logical sequence of information to easily communicate ideas
- Conducting efficient and effective research
- Basic documentation styles (MLA or APA)

WRTG 101 Introduction to Writing (3 credits)

Monday and Wednesday, 22 March-12 May, 1800-2100

May be applied toward the general education requirement in communications, major in communication studies, and electives.

Enroll now!

UMUC Europe field representative, Garmisch Education Center (E174),
DSN 314-440-3560, CIV +49-0(8821-750-3560, or e-mail garmis@ed.umuc.edu.

www.ed.umuc.edu

CLEP EXAMS

- The **Garmisch Army Education Center** will be offering the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DSST exams
 - **March 29th and 30th** Bldg. 203 Rm. 5
 - For more information or appointment
- Call DSN 440-3560 or email kenn.teal@eur.army.mil

Exams Available Through Paper-And-Pencil Testing:

- **General Exams**
 - English Composition without essay
 - Social Sciences and History
 - Natural Sciences
 - Humanities
 - College Mathematics
- **Subject Exams**
 - Analyzing and Interpreting Literature
 - College Algebra
 - Freshman College Composition
 - Information Systems and Computer Applications
 - Intro Sociology
 - Intro Psychology
 - Principles of Management
 - History of the U.S. I
 - History of the U.S. II

Remember, the college credit you earn through CLEP:

- Can help you get promoted
- Helps satisfy college requirements for commissioning programs
- Opens new career possibilities for all service members
- Can make your college degree a reality in record time

www.collegeboard.com/clep

www.petersons.com/army

Chapel News:



USAG-Garmisch Community Chapel

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Garmisch Catholic Community

Through 26 March EVERY Monday, Wednesday and Friday

0800 hrs – Daily Mass

All Weekdays

1215 – Daily Mass

Through 26 March EVERY FRIDAY

1730 hrs – Stations of the Cross, followed by Soup and Salad Potluck Dinner

1 April-Holy Thursday

1630 hrs-Mass of the Last Supper

2 April – Good Friday

1500 hrs-Good Friday Service

3 April – Holy Saturday

1630 – Solemn Easter Vigil

Garmisch Protestant Community

4 April – Easter Sunrise Service

0645-Garmisch Chapel; followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

Trading Post:

For Sale: Only to ID card holders-1999 DODGE DAKOTA PICKUP 4X4 (part time) Please call 0171-7422650 (between 0900-1800 M-F) \$2500 (1 of 2)

Service available:

Dog sitting offered. For those of you who own a dog and need a dog sitter while on TDY or on vacation, I would be happy to stay at your house while you are gone and take care of your dog(s). Daily dog walking also available. Please call Monica at 0172-891 5615. mbailey23@yahoo.com



Wanted: Person with outgoing personality, organizational skills and computer experience to manage the Community and Spouse's Club Thrift Shop.

Position pays up to \$600 per month. Duty hours are Wed (1330-1830); Fri (0930-1430) and the 1st and 3rd Sat (0930-1430) plus up to an additional 10 hours per month. This position could be a job share position; applicants interested in job sharing are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be US ID card holders. If interested, please submit a hard copy resume to:
Garmisch Community & Spouses' Club
ATTN:
Thrift Shop Liaison

CMR 409 Box 615
APO AE 09053
Deadline: 5:00pm; Friday, February 19, 2010.



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The deadline for advertisement submissions is one week in advance of the desired edition date; for the March 18 edition it is March 11.

Munich Movie Schedule:



www.cinema-munich.com

Thursday 4.3.

14:30 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
16:45 Shutter Island
19:45 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:15 The Men Who

Stare at Goats

Friday 5.3.

13:35 Crazy Heart
15:40 Shutter Island
18:30 The Men Who Stare at Goats
20:45 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D

Saturday 6.3.

10:00 Nice Morning Price (only 5,50 €):
The Men Who Stare at Goats
11:50 Kids Club (Kids 7,90 €/Adults 8,90 €):
Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
14:30 Shutter Island
17:30 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
20:00 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:30 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D

Sunday 7.3.

10:00 Nice Morning Price (only 5,50 €):
Crazy Heart
12:15 Kids Club (Kids 7,90 €/Adults 8,90 €):
Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
14:30 Shutter Island
17:30 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
20:00 The Men Who Stare at Goats
22:15 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D

Monday 8.3.

13:15 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D

15:15 Up in the Air
17:35 The Men Who Stare at Goats
19:45 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:15 Shutter Island

Tuesday 9.3.

13:00 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
15:00 The Men Who Stare at Goats
17:00 Up in the Air
19:30 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:15 Crazy Heart

Wednesday 10.3.

11:00 Special School Screening:
Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
17:25 Crazy Heart
19:30 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:15 The Men Who Stare at Goats

Thursday 11.3.

13:00 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
14:50 Extraordinary Measures
17:05 Shutter Island
20:00 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:30 Edge of Darkness

Friday 12.3.

13:30 Extraordinary Measures
15:30 Edge of Darkness
17:50 Shutter Island

Saturday 13.3.

10:00 Nice Morning Price (only 5,50 €):
Edge of Darkness
12:15 Kids Club (Kids 7,90 €/Adults 8,90 €):
Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
14:30 Fantasy Filmfest:
The Collector
16:30 Fantasy Filmfest:
Heartless

18:45 Fantasy Filmfest:
Survival of the Dead
20:45 Fantasy Filmfest: Splice
22:45 Fantasy Filmfest:
Shock Labyrinth: Extreme - DIGITAL
3D (Orig./Engl. subt.)

Sunday 14.3.

09:45 Nice Morning Price (only 5,50 €):
Extraordinary Measures
11:50 Kids Club (Kids 7,90 €/Adults 8,90 €):
Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
14:00 Fantasy Filmfest: Red Riding: 1974
(Orig./Engl. subt.)
16:00 Fantasy Filmfest: Summer Wars
(Orig./German subt.)
18:00 Fantasy Filmfest: La Horde
(Orig./Engl. subt.)
20:00 Fantasy Filmfest: Daybreakers
(English)
22:15 Fantasy Filmfest: (REC)2
(Orig./Engl. subt.)

Monday 15.3.

16:45 Shutter Island
19:45 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:15 Edge of Darkness

Tuesday 16.3.

13:15 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
15:15 Extraordinary Measures
17:30 Edge of Darkness
20:00 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
22:20 Shutter Island

Wednesday 17.3.

17:00 Extraordinary Measures
19:30 Alice in Wonderland - DIGITAL 3D
21:55 Shutter Island

Shutter Island

USA, 2009

Length: 138 min, Rating: 16

Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Emily Mortimer, Michelle Williams
 Director: Martin Scorsese

With this intense and thrilling Gothic noir set in 1954, Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese («The Departed») teams up for the fourth time with Leonardo DiCaprio, who plays up-and-coming U.S. marshal Teddy Daniels, who is summoned to a remote island to investigate the mysterious disappearance of a murderess from the island's fortress-like hospital for the criminally insane. Teddy's shrewd investigating skills soon provide a promising lead, but before long he wonders whether he isn't there as part of a twisted plot by hospital doctors whose radical treatments range from unethical to illegal to downright sinister. As a hurricane cuts off all communication and the puzzling, improbable clues multiply, Teddy begins to doubt everything - his memory, his partner, even his own sanity.



Out and About

Host Nation Calendar:

March 4 -9, 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Munich, **Garden Fair – Garten München**
Opulent bouquets, useful tips and a great variety of plant accessories will await horticulturalists and hobby gardeners at the Munich Garden Fair. A special section of the fair will present a r kids (ages 3–12). For more information, visit gartenmuenchen.de, Tickets € 12.50



March 5 -7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Seefeld/Austria, **Market Days**, all shops along the pedestrian zone have special offers. Farmers Market with fresh, regional products in the pedestrian zone. Food specials and music.

Fri, March 5, 4 p.m., Wallgau, Dorfplatz, **Open Air Welcome Party for Magdalena Neuner**

Fri, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Garmisch-Pa., Olympic Ice stadium, **Ice Hockey game SC Riessersee vs. Wölfe Freiburg**

Sat, March 6, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Weilheim, Kleine Hochlandhalle, Indoor Flea Market

Sat, March 6, 7 p.m. Partenkirchen, Gasthof Schatten, **Starkbierfest with live Bavarian music.** € 7.- admission.

Sat, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Partenkirchen, Richard-Strauss-Institute, **Chamber Concert**
<http://www.richard-strauss-institut.de/>

Sun, March 7, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Weilheim, Stadthalle, **Antique – and Flea Market, indoor**

Sun, March 7, 6 p.m. Partenkirchen, in front of church, **Olympia Fest**, welcome reception and party for all Olympic participants



March 10 - 14, Kandahar/Gudiberg, **FIS Ski World Cup Finals**, for race schedule check: <http://www.gapa2011.com/>

March 12 - 14, Andechs, Florian Stadl, **Easter Egg Market**

Sat, March 13, 6 p.m., Kurpark Garmisch, **Awards Ceremony and World Cup party with live music**

March 17, 8 p.m., Congress Hall, **Banff Mountain Film Festival** Outdoor sports movies and adventure documentations. All movies are in English. <http://www.banffmountainfilm.de/programm>
€ 14.-

Sun, March 14, 9 a.m., Steingaden near Füssen, **Spring Market**

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Out and About

St. Patrick - Ireland's Patron Saint

Saturday, March 13 – Parade Party (Munich)

Sunday, March 14 – Parade (Munich)

For more information please check: www.stpatricksdays.de

Patrick is said to have originated from England, came to Ireland as a slave and was the first writer in history to pen eye-witness accounts condemning slavery.

There are many legends and stories associated with St. Patrick. The legend goes that during his wanderings through Ireland he came to Dublin - a hill, gazed out over the landscape and said, "One day, this little village will flourish as a great, important city, growing ever wealthier, and one day it will house the seat of the kingdom."

In 1776, during the American War of Independence, St. Patrick's influence is even said to have helped the Americans to victory over the British. General George Washington's army was besieging the city which would later bear his name, and at the time was defended by the British army. Washington chose the password "St. Patrick" as a mark of respect to the many Irish in his ranks. And so it happened that on March 17th, the feast-day of St. Patrick, the British surrendered - without a struggle. As they left the city, an American band struck up the lively melody "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning".

The tune has been played in Washington on every St. Patrick's Day since that time.



Irish people all over the world celebrate March 17, the name-day of their patron saint, with parades, festivities, music and dancing. The numerous members of Munich's Irish community meet their German friends in a host of clubs, societies and groups to form a thriving Irish scene.



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Out and About

The Botanical Garden in Munich - Quite literally a growing attraction

www.munichfound.com

With 14,000 plants from across the globe, Munich's Botanical Garden at Nymphenburg Palace is world-renowned among botanists and nature-lovers alike. But, while it may be the city's only one, it is not the first. The seeds of the development were first sown in the early 19th century, when a garden was created in Elisenstrasse, near Karlstor, at the behest of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences. Officially opened in 1812, the garden boasted an impressive collection of tropical plants from around the world, spread across some 5.1 hectares. Yet, no matter how green-fingered the gardeners, back in 1850 there was one thing that was growing even faster than the plants—industry. In 1853 the Bavarian Government made a decision that would ultimately mark the end of the original botanical garden: to allow a giant greenhouse to be transformed into an exhibition center, the Crystal Palace, in preparation for a national industrial trade fair. Although replacement greenhouses were built on either side of Sophienstrasse, the garden's central core had been irrevocably damaged and, in the light of yet more industrial pollution from the ever-expanding railway station, it was finally decided, in 1908, to uproot the entire garden.



The first step was clearly to find a new site. Needless to say, the status attached to the garden prompted councils in many areas of Munich to offer their land. But it was finally agreed that the palace at Nymphenburg provided the ideal location: it was within easy reach of the city; was surrounded by chestnut trees, which offered protection from the elements; its location in royal grounds meant the chance of other building work being carried out in the future was slim; and it had a regular water supply from the Nymphenburg canal.

The next task, designing the garden, was put in the hands of the new director, Karl Immanuel Eberhard von Goebel, who was given just six years to complete the new development. But it wasn't long before he encountered problems. In 1909 any plans he had already made had to be scrapped and rethought because the city had decided to lay a new tram line to the garden. As soon as work began on the site, it became clear that the earth was anything but suitable for such an array of plants. Therefore some 130 cubic meters of more fertile soil had to be brought in from Moosach and Dachau before anything could be expected to flourish. Finally, in the winter of 1912, with the key earthworks complete, the first trees and plants were transplanted from the original garden.

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Out and About

Clearly, with Munich's northern European climate, greenhouses were necessary if the tropical collection of plants was to have a chance of survival. Construction work on these, and on the botanic laboratories and a museum, which no longer exists, got underway between 1911 and 1913, with most work completed in time for the official opening, on May 10, 1914.

Elsewhere in the world, of course, the troubled shoots of war were sprouting—prompting the start of yet more difficult times for the garden. Not only was there a lack of money and shortages of fuel and staff, with many young gardeners called away to fight, but Germany's international reputation also meant links to countries that had been the sources of important plants were suddenly cut off. In fact, it was some 20 years before the situation improved, by which time, of course, World War II was already threatening. Again, similar shortages occurred, and in 1944 the Allies bombed the Botanical Garden, killing many valuable trees in the arboretum. Once the war was over, it was up to the new director, Karl Suessenguth, to do his best to repair damages. He gradually built up foreign contacts and started using the garden to grow vegetables and tobacco for employees, who suffered from the aftereffects of the war. Indeed it is this diversity that is the key to success of any garden. And although the original aims of creating a space for both scientific research and enjoyment have remained unchanged over the garden's 200-year history, its content has been influenced by changing social circumstances and the personal interests of its various directors. With high points ranging from an entire greenhouse devoted to Mexican cacti, to giant water lilies capable of supporting weights of up to 70 kg and temporary exhibitions on individual species, such as onions, roses or, as was the case this year, mushrooms, there is little doubt that Munich's Botanical Garden has enough variety to prosper and flourish for many years to come.

www.botmuc.de



**Stickers available
at the Host Nation Office**

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Children & Teens



GARMISCH SCHOOL AGE CENTER

MARCH 2010






HOURS OF OPERATION: SCHOOL DAYS 1430-1800 NON-SCHOOL DAYS 0745-1730
DSN 440-2654 OR NON DSN 08821-750-2654



Womens History Month



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Garmisch BGCA Photography Exhibit 1 - 8 March 2010 at the Garmisch Library 				Have a Happy St. Patricks Day 17 March
1 Homework Center Photo Club - Still Life Geography Club	2 Homework Center Tech Club Interest Centers	3 8 th Wonderful Wednesday 	4 Homework Center Club Active Bowling Interest Centers	5 Homework Center Tech Club - Game Day Pet Club 1700-1800 Awesome Girls Club Friendship Bracelets
8 Homework Center Photo Club Wacky Poses Internet Safety Continued	9 Homework Center Club Active Snow Soccer Tech Club Mindstormers	10 9 th Wonderful Wednesday  	11 Homework Center Science Club- Gak Tech/Music Club Beat Lab	12 Homework Center Tech Club - Game Day Pet Club 1700-1800 Awesome Girls Club Statue of Liberty
15 Homework Center Art Club Create a Mascot Interest Centers	16 Homework Center Tech Club Interest Centers	17 St. Patricks Day! <b style="color: green;">Wonderful Wednesday finale	18 Homework Center Club Active Snow Obstacle Course	19 Homework Center Tech Club - Game Day Pet Club 1700-1800 Awesome Girls Club Strong Women Collage
22 Homework Center Art Club Space Shuttle Sculptures Geography Club	23 Homework Center Club Actove Snow Soccer Lego Challenge Biggest, Baddest Boat	24 Homework Center Theater Club Fashion Show Photo Club Action Photos	25 Homework Center Tech/Music Club Beat Lab Science Club with Pete	26 Homework Center Tech Club - Game Day Pet Club 1700-1800 Awesome Girls Club Greek Goddess Altar
29 Homework Center Art Club - Patterns Internet Safety Continued	30 Homework Center Snow Shoeing Tech Club 2 nd -5 th	31 Homework Center Cooking Club Returns! Art Club Clay Making	Our BGCA Homework Center is open daily from 1430-1630 	Don't forget to spring forward on 28 March 2010!

Children & Teens



MARCH MADNESS GARMISCH YOUTH CENTER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Torch Club Meeting</i> "All Welcome!"	2 <i>Photographer's Session: Light & Snow</i>	3 WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY	4 <i>Hoop Hoop Challenge</i>	5 <i>Culinary Arts: Agho & Olio</i> HIRE! <i>Alcating</i> 1500	6 <i>Intermediate & Expert Ski Adventure</i> 1100-1700
7	8 <i>Cross Country Skiing w/ Pete</i>	9 <i>Snowboard Great</i> Kelly Hodges Q&A <i>Photo: Still Life</i>	10 WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY	11 <i>Snow Darts Contest</i> <i>Photoshop 4 Beginners</i>	12 <i>Culinary Arts: Spud-nik</i> <i>Snow Soccer Under the Lights</i> 1500	13
14	15 <i>March Madness Brackets Due</i> <i>S Ball</i> <i>StarWar</i>	16 <i>Green Monochromatic Art</i> GREEN	17 FINAL WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY	18 <i>Wiffle Ball Homerun Derby</i>	19 <i>Culinary Arts: Coconut Curry Chicken</i> <i>Snow Soccer</i> 1500	20
21	22 <i>African Box Lessons</i>	23 <i>Greek Gogglesnet</i> <i>Pastels</i>	24 <i>Middle Eastern Backgammon Challenge</i>	25 <i>Valerie's</i> SOVENGER HUNT	26 <i>Melkow Friday</i> <i>Line Chicken Nachos</i> <i>Snow Soccer</i> 1500	27
28	29 <i>Sports Fitness Yoga w/Pete</i>	30 <i>Faces of Famous Women Art</i>	31 <i>Rollercoaster Tycoon Tutorial</i>	School Days 1430-1800/Fridays 1430-2200 School Out Days 1300-1800 08821-750-2600 / 440-2600		



Interested in music lessons? **GUITAR** **SAXOPHONE**

GUITAR
SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS (2 students per class) \$90.00
PRIVATE LESSONS \$140.00
 Classes begin in April. They are 30 minutes long and meet once a week for 8 weeks. Your fee covers the entire 8 weeks!

SAXOPHONE
PRIVATE LESSONS \$140.00
 Classes begin in April. They are 30 minutes long and meet once a week for 8 weeks. Your fee covers the entire 8 weeks!

Jesse Thompson, our instructor, is a graduate of the Neue Jazz School Muenchen e.V. with a concentration in saxophone. He is also qualified to teach guitar. He has 20 years experience performing and over 10 years experience teaching. Jesse can teach students with a wide variety of abilities and styles and will tailor lessons to the specific needs of each student. He focuses on the creative, imaginative and personality aspects of music and promises a fun, motivated and well-disciplined experience.

Stop by any CYS Services facility for more information, or call DSN 440-2393; CIV 750-2393.



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It's time for . . .

BASEBALL!!

Sign up now for spring baseball and take part in a fantastic opportunity for your children to play in American-style baseball against teams in the Baseball in Bayern League (Munich, Fuessen, Augsburg, Landsberg, and more).

- SIGN-UP:** until 31 March 2010
 at any CYSS facility
- COST:** \$46.00
 multiple child & coaches discounts available
- AGES:** 6-8 years, T-Ball
 children must be 6 years old as of 17 April
 9-12 years, Bantam
 13-15 years, Junior
- REQUIREMENTS:** Be registered with CYSS and have a
 sports physical valid through 12 June 2010
- UNIFORMS:** All uniforms and equipment are provided
 by CYSS Sports & Fitness

INFORMATION: CYSS Sports & Fitness
 DSN 440-2599
 CIV 08821-750-2599



Birthdays:

Chambers, Michael March 6

Moise, Ellagrayce March 10



If your child or teen does not go to Garmisch Elementary or Middle School and you would like to have his or her birthday listed in this column, please e-mail GarmischPAO@eur.army.mil

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Garnisch Elementary and Middle School PTA Cordially invites you to the

GEMS PTA 2010 SPRING AUCTION

What : Wine & Cheese Auction Fundraiser
When: Saturday, March 27 at 7 PM
Where: Pete Burke Community Center
Dress: Semi-Formal
Featuring: The NATO School Band



The Auction raises necessary funds to provide the school and ultimately the community's children with additional educational materials, support for school and community programs and the ability to bring in outside speakers, authors, entertainers, and presenters for school assemblies. As school budgets are further reduced, these PTA functions become an increasingly important way to help support the school and update materials to keep resources for our children current.

We hope that the larger Garnisch community will help us with this worthwhile event. The best way to show your support is to join us for a fun evening and take part in the Service Auction.

You can contribute greatly to our success if you can donate services. Possibilities are endless – Past donations have included:

- Dinners
- Paintings
- Jewelry
- Cakes
- Lessons (ski, music, computer, dance, etc.)
- Artwork
- Quilts
- Hiking or biking tours
- Babysitting

There will also be a silent auction – your donations of items is greatly appreciated.



For Questions or Donations – Please contact:
 Suzanne Gainey (tszainey@fks-net.com) or call 08821-9430965.

Thanks in advance for your support to GEMS and the children of this community!
 The Garnisch Elementary and Middle School PTA

TELL US HOW WE ARE DOING!

Our annual Patron Satisfaction Survey is on line and ready for your input! Please take a few minutes to answer our short (only seven questions) survey to tell us how what we do well and what we can do better. We take your replies seriously and we will use them to improve our services to you. Click here to take the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y3G69J7>.



ACS

Garmisch ACS: CIV 08821-750-3777 or DSN 440-3777, Bldg 203, 1st Floor
Email: Garmisch.FMWRacs@cur.army.mil
Hours: M-F 0800-1700 — Closed on American Holidays



March 2010

Garmisch ACS News Spot

Tax Advice:

Pondering the best use for your Income Tax return? Paying down debt is an absolute no-brainer. Review outstanding debts and pay off or down the debt with the highest interest first. If your return is fairly large, you may be paying too much tax. Letting the government use your money throughout the year does nothing for you. Although returned to you, it is without interest while your debts are charging interest. Make your money work for you, not them. Talk to a tax advisor or go to irs.gov to re-calculate your withholdings. ACS has free financial consulting services available as well, please call for an appointment.

Don't forget to stop by our Coupon Corner, located in the ACS lobby.



AFTB Training

There will be an Army Family Team Building Level 1 class on Tuesday, March 9, from 9:00-4:00 in the ACS Training Room. Please sign up at ACS or call DSN 440-3777/CIV 08821-750-3777.



Congratulations goes out to Mrs. Tracey Stockwell who has completed AFTB levels 1-3!

Coming Soon...Community Baby Shower

The USAG Garmisch Family Advocacy Program cordially invites expectant parents and parents with children up to age three to attend and participate in the ACS Community Baby Shower on Friday, April 23, from 9:00-12:30 at the Pete Burke Community Center. Participants will receive a free baby bag, educational books, diapers, and much more.

Pre-registration is required, please RSVP by Friday, April 16 to DSN 440-3777 or CIV 08821-750-3777.



**Report Sexual Assaults:
Contact the Sexual Assault
Response Coordinator at:
0162-265-2875**



This facility is handicap accessible.

ACS

Upcoming ACS Events:

Every Tuesday Playgroup 10:00-11:30 at the Chapel on Sheridan Kaserne

Every Thursday Stroller Walk 10:30-11:30 meet at ACS Center, bldg 203 Artillery Kaserne

March:

1st- Garmisch Group for local fun and friendship, 9:30-11:00, Pete Burke Community Center

2nd- Read Across America Celebration, 10:00-11:00, Library

9th- Army Family Team Building Level 1, 9:00-4:00, ACS Training Room

11th- Managing Stress and Anger Class, 12:00-1:00, ACS Training Room

18th- Resume Fundamentals, 10:00-11:30, ACS Training Room

April: *Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month*

5th- Garmisch Group, 9:30-11:00, Pete Burke Community Center

8th- Managing Stress and Anger Class, 12:00-1:00, ACS Training Room

15th- Community Newcomer's Briefing, 8:30-11:30, Pete Burke Community Center

16th- German Customs and Culture, 8:30-12:30, ACS Training Room

16th- Sexual Assault Awareness Day

20th- Money Habitudes, 10:00-11:30, ACS Training Room

23rd- Community Baby Shower, 9:00-12:30, Pete Burke Community Center

May:

3rd- Garmisch Group, 9:30-11:00, Pete Burke Community Center

6th- Managing Stress and Anger Class, 12:00-1:00, ACS Training Room

12th- Blended Family Support Group, 5:30-7:30 pm, ACS Training Room

To register for any class/event, call ACS at DSN 440-3777 or CIV 08821-750-3777 or email Garmisch.FMWRacs@eur.army.mil.

Certified Credit Report Reviewer:

Now available at ACS. Patricia Pearce received her certification in January and is now available to assist with any questions or concerns you may have about obtaining/ interpreting your credit report/ credit score, or resolving any credit issues. Appointments available, please call DSN 440-3777.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Crafts Tree

Bldg. 263, Artillery Kaserne, DSN 440-3888, Civ 08821-7503888, Tue Wed Thu 10-13 & 15-19, Sun 13-17



Wood Shop Safety Class Prerequisite to use the shop's power tools / machines. Upon completion of the class you receive the MWR Arts & Crafts Qualification Card, which is honored at all MWR crafts facilities. Fee is \$20. Please note: The Wood Shop is open at all times the Crafts Tree is open for do-it-yourselfers with a valid qualification card. Classes always on Thursday 1700-1900 and Sunday 1500-1700 hrs. Please reserve in advance.

Furniture Upholstery Class To learn this skill you need to bring a piece of furniture in need of upholstery, which will be your class project. The class runs over three two-hour sessions, six total hours of instruction and is taught by personal appointment and the fee is \$35 (materials not included).

Handbuilt Pottery Class You will learn coil and slab building techniques! Make cups, bowls, flowerpots, candleholders, or whatever you imagine! Fee for the beginners' class is \$48, which includes four hours of instruction, enough clay for your first two projects, paints, glazes, use of tools, brushes and everything you need to start creating. The class will consist of two class meetings of two hours each. Call DSN 440-3888 for more details and sign up.

Silk Painting Class For children and adults, beginners and advanced students. 2 sessions, \$15. First session always on Tue 1600-1800. Please schedule an appointment in advance.

Watercolor Painting Class 2 evening or 2 afternoon class, \$20, materials included. First session always on Thursdays 1630-1830. Please schedule an appointment in advance.

Oil Painting Class for Beginners 3 weeks of instruction, \$69, includes oil paints and canvas. Date and time: every Wed. 1500-1700. Please schedule an appointment in advance.

Basic Ceramics Pouring Class Beginners Class. Learn how to pour and finish. You will make one easy class project to take home. Advance sign-up is required. Fee \$20, includes instruction & materials (slip, paints and glazes, shop and firing fees) for one small project.

Picture Matting & Framing Class Learn the basics of matting and framing. After completion of the course you will be able to use the shop's framing equipment and machines and receive the Arts & Crafts Qualification Card, which is honored at all other military framing shops. Fee is \$20 (materials not included). The class is taught in two sessions. Please call for class dates.

And if you do not have the time to do it yourself – Use the Custom Services:



Furniture Repair Restoration & Upholstery Service Drop off your furniture in need of repair at the Crafts Tree and we will give you a cost-free estimate. If your project is too large to bring it in schedule an appointment for an estimate at your home (Garmisch area only). Repair fee: \$25 per hour & materials

Picture Matting & Framing and Dry Mounting Service Great prices! Great choice of frames -the Crafts Tree offers over 300 wooden moldings for your framing needs. Skilled staff will assist you in bringing out the best for your presentation. Great gift ideas for fare-well presents!

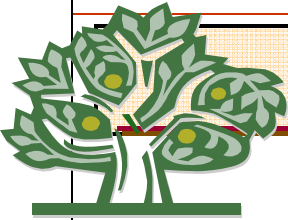
Why not do something different for your child's birthday?

Children's Crafts Birthday Parties

How about a crafty birthday party for your child's next birthday?

- One crafts piece for each child attending.
- Decorations provided in the package.
- Great projects to choose from, something for all ages (pottery, ceramics, silk painting, watercolor, ...)
- \$12 to \$15 per child (all materials & supplies included)
- And the best part, we do all the clean up.
- Special openings on for your special wish date.
- Stop by and check out the projects.





Crafts Tree

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Quilting Classes Spring Schedule

I LOVE HEXAGONS Level: all levels
Tuesdays 9, 16, 23, 30 March, 5:30- 8.30 PM (3hrs)

This great technique developed by Bethany Reynolds is Stack n' Whack variation and a lot of fun. You will make your quilt with hexagons, the outcome is stunning. This is a great quilt to make in class because it's so much fun to see the fabrics others start with and their amazing results. You do not need to be familiar with the Stack 'n Whack technique. We'll cover it all in class.

Please sign up in advance Fee: \$ 89.00

Fabric requirements: 6 repeats of a fabric, maybe more for border or back. Optional: Flower or button pins, they lay flat. **IMPORTANT:** Your quilt will be more interesting if... there is a minimal background.

- there is movement (flowers, animals, amorphous shapes) - a flowing leaf is more interesting than a bare stick.
- you use large floral or animal prints.
- you avoid straight lines and fabric with obvious repeat every few inches.



COUNTRY STYLE SAMPLER QUILT

Wednesdays, 7, 14, 21, 28 April 2010
from 5:30 - 8:30 PM (3 hours)

Level: beginner and up

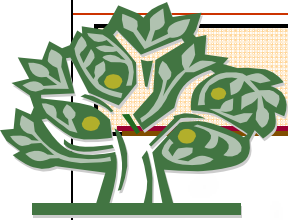
If you've ever wanted to learn how to quilt or improve your quilting skills this is the class for you. Learn how to make traditional blocks with different techniques and put them together for a beautiful wall hanging you might use in your living room or your kids room.

Techniques that will be covered in class: flying geese, log cabin, appliqué and paper piecing.

Fee: 89.00

Please sign up in advance.

Crafts Tree, Bldg. 263, Artillery Kaserne
Tue Wed, Thu 1000-1300 & 1500 -1900
Sun 1300-1700
DSN 440-3888 or Civ 08821-7503888



Crafts Tree

2 hour Ceramics Project for beginners

Welcome Spring with a fresh new crafts project. In this 2-hour class you will learn to transform an ordinary terracotta pot into a cheerful flower pot at your own design. Class fee of \$15 includes all materials, paints and firing fees.



Dates: Tue 9 March or Wed 17 March, 5-7 PM.

This is a Crafts Tree Mom and Me (ages 8 and up) Project (Dads also welcome!)

DSN 440-3888 for more details and sign up.



Custom Picture Matting & Framing

Over 300 different wooden mouldings and a large selection of mats at great prices for your framing needs. Skilled staff will assist you in bringing out the best for your presentation. Great gift ideas for fare-well presents! Poster mounting service also available!

Oil Painting Restoration Service

Get damages of the frame and the canvas fixed like small tears or chips. Your picture will be cleaned to restore the paint back to its original colors. We will remove any discolored old varnish and apply new varnish using high-quality products. Bring in your original oil on canvas in for an estimate.

Crafts Tree's Picture Matting & Framing Service

10% OFF COUPON

on materials for 1 custom framing order

1 order (= 1 picture) per customer. Coupon is valid for orders placed until 31 Mar. 2010.

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Tue, Wed, Thu, 1000-1300 & 1500-1900, Sun 1300-1700



Mueller Fitness Center

For more information about classes, massage, fitness instruction, and sports, please contact the Mueller Fitness Center at DSN 440-2747 or civilian 750-2747.

The center is located on Sheridan Kaserne in Bldg. 119.



The Mueller Fitness Center

Class Descriptions

All Classes are \$4.
Classes are 1 hour unless otherwise stated.
Classes are first come, first serve.

Zumba (cardio)

This is a Latin dance-inspired aerobic workout. Easy to follow, repetitive dance moves guaranteed to make you sweat, smile & shimmy!

Total Tone (strength/cardio)

This class targets every major muscle group of the body to help tone up the muscles and increase strength. Each class varies with use of equipment, but the goal is always the same: a total body workout!

Pilates Mat (strength/flexibility)

Pilates is a unique series of exercises developed to strengthen and tone core muscles, improve posture and flexibility, and create a streamline shape.

Spin (cardio)

This is an intense indoor cycling workout using various cycling techniques from hill climbing and sprinting to peddling at different tensions. Easily modified for beginners.

Spin Interval Training (cardio)

Good dynamic music and liters of dripping sweat. This class is designed for those who like hard work.. it will add some "spice" to your weekly routine.

Abs, Gluts, & Thighs AGT Class (strength)

This workout strengthens and tones the abdominals, gluts, and thighs. Get that celebrity-looking body that body you have always been craving!

Fitness Assessments/Personal Training

A fitness assessment is an individualized health/fitness appraisal of your current health & fitness status. Resting blood pressure, body fat, aerobic endurance, and trunk flexibility. Personal training sessions will help you to exercise in proper form, stay injury free and always motivated.

Please inform the instructor of any injuries you may have.
Schedule subject to change.

March Fitness Classes

	CLASS SCHEDULE	SPECIAL INFORMATION
SUN		
MON	0830 Spin (Becky) 0930 Total Tone (Becky) 1800 Zumba (Becky)	
TUE	1730 Spin (Ewa) 1830 Pilates (Ewa)	
WED	1730Zumba (Becky) 1830 Pilates (Lory)	No Zumba on the 24th
THU	17:30 Spin (Ewa) 18:30 Pilates (Ewa)	
FRI	9:00-12:00 Fitness Assessments/Personal Training (Ewa) 12:10 Abs, Gluts, and Thighs (Ewa)	
SAT		

Tel: 440-2747 Civ: 08821-7502747
Hours of Operation:
Monday-Thursday: 0600-2100
Friday: 0600-2000
Saturday/Sunday: 1100-1900



Pete Burke Community Center

Water Works—Therme Erding



If you thought the "Water Works" is only a semi-desirable property in Monopoly you might be wondering how does it work?

Trust me! Water does Work!! Water can be extremely therapeutic, relaxing, calming, exhilarating, and lots of good fun! I am speaking especially of the absolute Disney-like Waterworld known as the Erdinger Therme! And I'll list just ten of the top reasons that it is so:

10. The "clothing required" areas are extensive and almost as much fun as the "textile free" parts!
9. The Kelo Sauna is so big that it requires two people to perform the "Aufguss."
8. You can sit completely naked on a marble barstool in a pool of water and drink alcoholic beverages with all your friends.
7. You can fall off the bar stool into the water and not hurt yourself!
6. They have a "full day ticket" because there is so much to do!
5. We plan to be there all day. Last time we stayed 10 hours!
4. You can eat and drink all day in the pool complex by simply waving a magic wand and only pay for it at the end when you leave.
3. This place has now become Europe's biggest SPA and it has Erdinger Weisse on tap!!
2. There are fourteen different water slides - some of them have elevators that go to the top!!!!

And the number one reason for exploring the Erdinger Therme:

1. It's fun for everyone - you can wear a swimsuit, not wear one, eat, drink, not drink, bring kids, ignore the kids, enjoy the twenty-five different saunas, lounge in the pools, go to the "oxygen bar," walk around outside - unclothed but for the sky, sip beers under palm trees etc. etc.

Now let me tell you - this is my new favorite place - almost too much fun for a single day. We are doing this as a train trip! Meet at 0850 at the Garmisch Train Station on **Saturday 20 March** and don't expect to be back before 22:55. The charge for the trip (which includes the train transportation but nothing else) is \$ 15.00. Bring Euros for all the food and drink you plan to consume and bring Euros 34.00 if you are doing the "full European experience" or Euros 32.00 if you're going to wear a swimsuit all day (it is cheaper if you want to avoid the fun in the "textile free" areas) It may seem expensive but trust me: this one is extraordinary and worth every penny! **Sign up as soon as possible!**



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Neuschwanstein Castle

Visit the most popular tourist attraction in Germany, Neuschwanstein Castle. As opposed to most of the tours that concentrate on the scandalous upbringing of Ludwig and his "tragedy," this tour is called Ludwig and Richard and focuses as much on the famous composer as well as the shy king. Essential to an understanding of the "Ludwig World" is an acquaintance with the world of nineteenth century German politics and there will be some talk about that as well! In addition to Neuschwanstein and a short stop for lunch in the castle town of Füssen, a short stop at the UNESCO designated World Heritage Site of the Wieskirche, and the Ettal Monastery. There will be time for refreshments too at a monastery known for its brewing skills! This tour will take place on **Sunday, 21 March**. Meet at the Burke Lodge at 08:00 and be prepared to be gone until sometime between 17:00 and 18:00. **Cost is only \$ 39.00.**

Operas & Concerts in Munich

We are fortunate in having an opportunity to see concerts and operas in a world class setting in Munich. Tickets range in price from 132 Euros down to 9 for the opera and from 53 Euros down to 5 for the concert. Naturally, it all depends on where you sit and what is still available. Sometimes we get some discounts as well. Munich has four opera houses so there are multiple ways to satisfy the urge to see live music and theatre!



*Tuesday **13 April** at 20:00 - features two "Firsts", namely the Beethoven's First Piano Concerto and Brahms' First symphony. We depart the PBCC by bus at 16:30 and return about midnight*

For some of the performances described above FMWR will be running a bus to the performance for the very inexpensive cost of \$ 12.00 and if the bus is not full of concert and opera goers, we have been known to take along some people who just want to drink some Biers in the big city, catch a movie, or do whatever other things one does in a big town! Departure is from the PBCC at 16:30.



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Shakespeare Play: Othello

When was the last time that you attended a lecture on William Shakespeare's ***Othello***? Did it challenge your mind? You will be introduced to the enjoyable experience of letting William Shakespeare batter your mind with ideas! There will be a fifty-minute ***non-intimidating*** talk on one of the greatest of all Shakespeare's plays. This is the equivalent of a college lecture at any major university. After a ten-minute break, we will show the much-acclaimed video version of the play with Laurence Fishburne, Kenneth Branagh, Irene Jacob, and many others.

This is guaranteed to be an exhilarating evening. If you have not checked this out yet you do owe it to yourself. Even if the evening were to be a disaster, your investment would have been a whole five dollars and about two hundred minutes of your lifetime! ***Be bold!***

Dare to be different. Pete Burke Community Lodge 7 April at 1900 hrs. Cost: \$ 5.00



Munich in the Third Reich Tour

One of the most popular tours is **Munich in the Third Reich** - a walking tour developed quite a few years ago to coincide with an exhibition that the Munich Stadtmuseum was presenting. We start with a video presentation and a geographical and historical orientation in the **Pete Burke Community Center** on **Friday Evening 9 April at 19:00**. Two days later, **Sunday 11 April**, we meet at the **Garmisch Train Station just before 8:00** take a train to Munich at 8:04. Once we arrive we recreate the Bier Hall Putsch exactly as it happened in 1923, have lunch, visit the site of the Munich Accords (where Czechoslovakia ceased to be a unified country) and visit other places associated with the



Nazi movement. This is an extremely interesting tour, somewhat like touring an urban battlefield. We cannot pretend that there is not a lot of walking, or that this is a short day. Most participants are exhausted after we storm troop our way from one end of Munich to another. However, no one has said shorten it! The cost of this extravaganza is only \$ 35.00! Pre-payments are required for this tour and limited to 35 participants. The last chance to pay is during the talk on **Friday 26 February**. Get your money in quickly.



Pete Burke Community Center

The Absolutely Most Relaxing and Stress-Free Day of Your Life

One of the most beautiful natural attractions in this area is the Partnachklamm. The Partnach is a river that has been rushing down from the top of the Zugspitze for a few eons and, in time; it has managed to carve out a rather wonderful canyon or gorge that is well worth seeing. It normally takes about 90 minutes to walk all the way in and return to the parking lot. Before we do that however, we will talk a bit about the **1936 Olympics in Garmisch** and show people the stadium where the ski jumping event took place.

After our invigorating walk through the gorge, we visit the **Alpspitze Wellenbad** which is the town's largest swimming pool. (In fact, it is a complex of five pools!) It is also the best spa in the local area. Each Bavarian town in this part of Germany competes with every other town in the quality of their facilities and Garmisch is certainly able to maintain its own! There are three saunas, a steam bath, Jacuzzis, warm pools, cold pools, diving pools, water slides, Olympic pools, salt pools, salt treatments, eating and drinking areas, a bar, numerous lounging areas and just about everything you might want to experience during the **most relaxing day of your life**. There is one caveat; Germans are very much in to the FKK scene – which literally means –free body culture in translation. In short, it indicates that some areas of the complex are –textile free, as they like to say – so you do not have to worry about the fact that you did not remember your swimsuit! We make sure that everyone feels comfortable in an environment that many people are unsure about, and ensure that the experience is a good one! Most of the time you can be wrapped in a large towel and not look out of place. Your first visit to an FKK spa is just like diving in to a cold pool – once the original shock has passed, it is all great fun!



Date is **Saturday 10 April**. Meet at the **Marshall Center Dining Facility** at 12:30. If everyone has bikes, which is the method we will use to get to the pool. If there are cars, we may employ them too! Otherwise, we will walk people over to the appropriate bus stop. There we could board the city bus for the ride to the gorge. The cost is only **\$ 22.00**. Bring along two towels, shower shoes, swimsuits, soap, shampoo, and something to read at the pool!



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Weekend Tour to Venice



This is a favorite trip offered to those who are lucky enough to get a space. We drive down on Friday 23 April 2010 leaving Garmisch at 16:30. We stay two nights in some hotel rooms in the Vicenza area. We start early the next morning (05:45) for breakfast (06:30) and the bus ride to Venice (07:00) and an all day tour on Saturday 24 April. Naturally there are wonderful things to see - great art and architecture, pigeons in St. Mark's Square, gondolas etc. - and good places to eat! Return to Vicenza at the end of Saturday and then next day Sunday 25 April it is on to Verona and a tour of the Romeo and Juliet city with the great Roman Arena – and a wonderful restaurant. We take about three hours to gorge ourselves before arriving back in Garmisch at about 21:00.

Cost is a very reasonable \$290.00, which covers transportation to Vicenza, Venice, and Verona and two overnights there as well as the guided tours of two cities! Plan to bring about Euros 120-140.00 to cover museum entrances, food, public transportation, some souvenirs, etc. **Dates are from 23 - 25 April.** Contact Outdoor Recreation staff to register and receive more info.



Prague - Long Weekend with Bohemian Beers

We leave from the Pete Burke Community Center at 16:30 on Friday 30 April. We should be arriving at our hotel shortly after 22:00 and then – for those who are ready to party - We begin with an orientation tour of Prague – including how to get back to the hotel if your experience of the city is going to include any of the **very** late nightspots! On the next day, we will do a daytime tour that includes a few more of the usual touristic sights. There is time to arrange tickets for those who want to see a Ballet (Tchaikovsky's **Sleeping Beauty** is playing as well as a modern opera about the Communist Show Trials of the 1950's). There will be a fair amount of free time and then we will continue with a guided tour of the Franz Kafka museum as. Three full nights in Prague and two and a half full days before we load up for the ride back to Bavaria. Estimated arrival time in Garmisch is about 20:00.

Dates are **30 April – 2 May.** Cost for the two overnights in the hotel and the transportation there and back is a ridiculously low price of **\$270.00**. Minimum of 12 people are required before the trip can take place; maximum number that can go is 14! It is essential people pay for this one as quickly as possible.



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Amsterdam for Tulips!!!

This is a traditional trip. You know of course that half of Europe heads to Holland in the spring to see the flowers. Thought by some to be one of the corniest trips imaginable, yet a lot who go are impressed. Tulips are great!!!! So we return to Holland for our springtime revels and celebrate the fact that the Dutch are not only interested in flowers but also are great lovers of art and cultural things in general!



We will see Rembrandts, Vermeers, and those Van Goghs that are permanently on display in Amsterdam. Maybe the paintings stolen from Zurich will turn up again while we are there! Approximately 900 paintings that Vincent left, 200 are in Amsterdam!!! There is the Anne Frank House. We will visit the Heineken Brewery and the "Lord in the Attic" museum – where persecuted Catholics hid out to conduct their clandestine services during the early days of Calvinist Alterations. There could be a boat ride on the canals; people might want to catch up on films in English, see English language bookstores and sit out in one of the many quaint cafes that line the leafy canals. A number of people will take Amsterdam in the spring over Paris in the springtime any day of the week! Unfortunately, Americans have no holidays in April or May, so for this trip you really do need to take some time off – a two-day weekend as well as the preceding Thursday and Friday.

We will leave by plane on **Thursday 15 April** and return by **Sunday evening 18 April**. We stay in a small Dutch hotel - Spartan conditions, but Amsterdam is the one city that you do not want to be staying very long in a hotel room anyway - not with all of those attractions in the city! This trip is **FUN**. If you cannot find something to make happy about in Amsterdam... you must not be pursuing happiness very diligently. This is a kid-friendly trip – they just need to be prepared for the long ride! We are going to leave on a plane on Thursday or on a "night train" on Wednesday evening. Great fun – this is sort of an extended sleepover/ pajama party with people that you know and do not know all over the train! The exact cost may have to be adjusted later – you already know that the dollar is in free fall again and the plane and train cost is dependent on how many people go... the more that go, the cheaper the trip per person! But think, three overnights in Amsterdam, the transport on the plane or the train in a couchette will not exceed \$450.00 for adults and \$ 390.00 for kids. The final price will be announced after we explore our travel options and see what kind of group discount we might get. In the meantime, we have a block of hotel rooms reserved. We only have 12 bed spaces and we must fill them or cancel soon. Let me know - \$ 150.00 deposit by **5 February** will secure a space for you. Do not get left out on this one! ***Until you have seen Amsterdam in the spring, you have not lived!***



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Memorial Day Weekend UNESCO World Heritage Site - "Renaissance Italy"

People often ask are there any special places in Europe. There are, and one near the top of the list is Urbino.

Why Urbino? You've probably **never heard** of it! And therein is the reason: one big advantage is that mass tourism hasn't arrived there yet and its delay has allowed Urbino to retain its charm! It is still authentic Italy – everything that Florence should be - except that Florence became a big loud city instead! What else makes Urbino the ultimate Renaissance jewel?

Raphael was born there. So was **Bramante**, the guy who was mostly responsible for the construction of St. Peter's in Rome. **Duke Federigo** built a palace there. The Duchess presided over soirees that included the leading literary luminaries of the time. Not a believer? Read **Castiglione's *The Book of the Courtier***, written where else... in Urbino!

The trips to Urbino are well known. Jump on this before it is sold out. And before many more people hear about it. A few years ago there were articles in Time Magazine and the New York Times, the latter proclaiming it the "next Tuscany." HELP!

We will leave Garmisch at 4:30 p.m. on **Friday 28 May** and anticipate arriving at the Hotel Giada in Vicenza at about 10:15 p.m. on Friday evening. On Saturday morning we will leave the hotel - no later than 7:30 a.m. - and head to the UNESCO site of **Urbino**. We should be arriving at midday – just in time to grab an excellent lunch and take in the charm of the town. Before the ducal palace closes for the day, you will be guided through the many wonderful rooms in the palace, commonly regarded as one of the best structures from the Renaissance period. That evening we will have reservations for those who are interested in wonderful dining at the Tre Piante Restaurant and you will be salivating a lot at the dinner choices!

Sunday morning we are going to travel a bit further south and enjoy the splendors of **Perugia**. You may have heard of the wonderful chocolate confections produced there, but it is not just about candy! The views are magnificent; the main thoroughfare is grand and stylish; the architecture quite wonderful. Another of those undiscovered gems that makes Italy the great destination it is!

The trip is not too structured and there will be time for you to make some interesting discoveries of your own.

On **Monday 31 May** we board the bus for a long ride back to Garmisch. At the halfway mark we will stop at a wonderful gourmet restaurant and gorge ourselves for about three hours. Anticipated arrival time in Garmisch is anywhere between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Cost of the trip is \$ 475.00, which includes three overnights in great hotels, transportation, and tour guide. \$ 150 will serve as a deposit and hold your place. Tour is limited to 16 people.

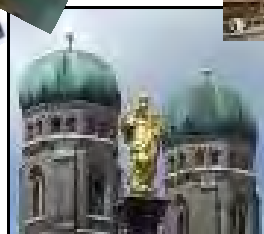
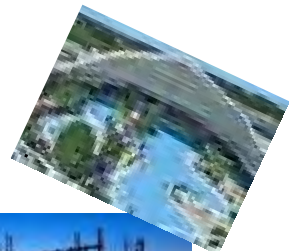
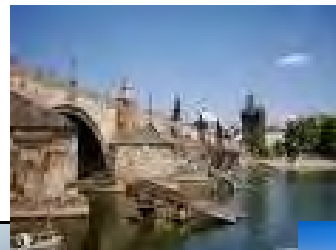
Deadline for signing up is 22 March.



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PETE BURKE CENTER ACTIVITY AND TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellations must be made **5 business days** (1 week) from the trip date for a **100% refund**, less any non-refundable ticket or hotel reservation purchases.
- Cancellations made **4 business days** from the trip date will be **85% refunded**, less any non-refundable ticket or Hotel room purchases.
- Cancellations made **3 business days** from the trip date will be **75% refunded**, less any non-refundable ticket or Hotel room purchases.
- Cancellations made within **2 business days** from the trip date will be **50% refunded**, less any non-refundable ticket or Hotel room purchases.
- Cancellations made less than **48 hours** from the trip date will be **non-refundable**.
- Exceptions to this refund policy will be examined on a case-by-case basis. Cancellation due to official duty or emergency medical issues involving participant or family members received in writing and signed by customers command or doctor will always be fully refundable, less any non-refundable ticket purchases.
- This policy is entered as a trip comment in RecTrac and will be available to all guests at the time of purchase, both by posted sign and on their receipt. Failure to pay for program and activity bookings within 1 week prior to departure will result in cancellation of your booking.



Garmisch Outdoor Recreation



No car? No Problem! No gear? No fear!

Come into the Burke Center and we'll get you set up for snow sports and then get you to the mountain. Our Ski Austria Day Trips are just \$39 or \$10 if just need a bus ride. (Lift pass not included). **One more time on 14 March.**

Night Sledding - is an all mountain high tech sport. It truly is *'The other winter sport'*. Imagine a completely groomed and lighted ski run just for sleds, with a cable car to get you back up, all night long! \$39. **16 March, 30 March.**

Night Skiing

It's a full length ski run with a detachable 6-man chair lift. See the lights of Seefeld Austria twinkle below. \$29 adults, \$22 Child includes pass. Equipment rentals \$10 extra. **One more time on 24 March.**

Ski School-Night School Need schooling? We're not fooling! This year we're offering group rate ski instruction in conjunction with our Night Ski program in Seefeld Austria. Just add \$10 to our night skiing trip above.

Hinterbrand Hideaway Ski Trip

This is truly a ski in-ski out accommodation in Beautiful Berchtesgaden, right next to the Jenner Bahn. Includes two nights stay on the mountain, two breakfasts and a 3 course dinner! **19-21 March**, for only \$49, (shared accommodation).

Mark Your Calendars - Other Events Coming Up

22 March - Pink Floyd Show - Olympiahalle

24 April - Brewery of the Month - Weltenburger

8 May Scorpions concert - Olympiahalle

Introducing the Burke Center Rent-A-Bus

The Recreation Specialists at the Pete Burke Community Center have got you covered. Transportation to any Munich Venue is as low as \$8 per person. Want to go somewhere else? We'll go wherever your imagination takes you! Come see us for a personalized price quote. Up to 32 passenger bus and internationally licensed driver available for daily or overnight trips.

SKI AUSTRIA!



**Garmisch Outdoor Recreation
One-Day Ski Trips**

Price:

\$39 includes weekend equipment rental
\$10 for the bus

- March 14 - St Anton

Includes:

Transportation to and from Garmisch
Complementary Guide service
Lift tickets not included.

Sign up and get your equipment at the

Pete Burke
Community Center
DSN 440-2638
CIV 08821-750-2638

**Winter Nights
with Garmisch Outdoor Recreation**

Night Skiing

It's a full length ski run with a 6-man chair lift. See the lights twinkle below. \$39 adult, \$22 child includes transportation and lift pass. Equipment rentals \$6 extra.

Ski "Night School"

Includes two hour group lesson, equipment, lift pass and transportation \$49

We depart the Burke Center at 17:00 and return at 22:30.

- 24 March

Night Sledding

Sledding in the Alps is a *serious* sport. Imagine racing down fully lighted and groomed ski slopes and riding the Gondola back up; all evening long! There's plenty to eat and drink too. \$39 adults, \$22 child Includes everything! We depart the Burke Center at 17:30 and return at 22:30.

- 16 March
- 30 March





Hideaway

This will be the *best* trip you take all winter! Two nights in the beautiful, historic *Hinterbrand Lodge*, high in the Berchtesgaden alps. It's our own *private* ski-in, ski-out accommodation, right next to the Jenner Bahn. Just a five minute walk through the forest and you're *on* the ski slope. It's perfect for ski touring and hiking.

Includes transportation, breakfasts, and a *fabulous* dinner Saturday night. \$49, (shared accommodation).

We'll leave the Burke Center Friday, 19 March at 1700 and return Sunday, 21 March at 1800.

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INTRODUCING THE BURKE CENTER RENT-A-BUS

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UPCOMING CONCERTS IN MUNICH



The Australian Pink Floyd Show
Olympiahalle, Munich
22 March—17:30 departure from PBCC

The most internationally well-known and successful Pink Floyd Tribute Band in **THEIR BIGGEST SHOW YET!**

The **Big Pink Greatest Hits World Tour** will include jaw-dropping note-for-note musical excerpts from Pink Floyd's legendary albums **Wish You Were Here, Animals, Dark Side of the Moon & The Wall**. Having already wowed audiences worldwide over the course of the last five years, this magnificent new tour will be even bigger, even better, featuring an amazing new stage production with more **animation**, more **lasers**, & even more amazing **inflatables**.

Tickets available at: www.muenchenticket.de

www.aussiefloyd.com



Green Day
Olympia Reitstadion Riem
11 June—13:30 departure from PBCC

See Green Day perform their latest rock-opera, **21st Century Breakdown** and a selection of their older hits and classic rock and heavy metal hits.



Scorpions
Olympiahalle, Munich

8 May—16:30 Departure from PBCC

Germany's most successful musical export has just announced their retirement at the end of this tour! Your last chance to see the Scorpions combined with their German roots makes this a once in a lifetime experience

OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN IMAGINE!

GARMISCH OUTDOOR REC.



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Military & Family Life Consultant

Ever face one of those life stresses when you just wish you could talk with someone to help sort it all out and get back on track? Support is available in Garmisch through the Military & Family Life Consultant Program. The Military & Family Life Consultant is a licensed professional who can assist you with numerous issues such as concerns dealing with family, separations, parenting, communication, anger, stress, relationship and financial issues. They can meet with you on or off post.



All consulting is solution focused. It is free and records are not kept. Consultations are confidential with the exception of situations involving danger to self or another. The Consultant will review the program guidelines and informed consent in the beginning of the consultation.

The consultant can be contacted by **calling 0170-708-0744**, and you can leave a confidential voice message at any time. DSN number **during office hours is 440-3501**. After-hours and weekend appointments are available.

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

All numbers below are DSN unless otherwise noted. If you are calling from a civilian phone, please replace the DSN 440 with the Garmisch area code (08821) and 750.

AAFES PX: CIV – 966 7414
 SHOPPETTE: CIV – 966 7414
 ACS: 440 3777
 AUTO SKILLS & VAN RENTAL: 440 3580
 BILLETING: 440 3308
 CHAPEL: 440 2819
 CDC: 440 2684
 COMMISSARY: CIV – 908 997/998
 COMMUNITY BANK: 440 3619
 CREDIT UNION: 440 3373
 CRAFTS TREE/THEATER/MUSIC CENTER: 440 3475

EDELWEISS: CIV – 9440
 EDUCATION CENTER: 440 3560
 EEO OFFICER: 440 3584
 FITNESS CENTER: 440 2747
 HOST NATIONS: 440 3843
 HOUSING: 440 3531
 ID CARDS/PASSES: 440 3737
 LIBRARY: 440 2467
 MC LIBRARY: 440 2463
 MAIL ROOM/COMMUNITY: 440 3535
 MAIL ROOM/OFFICIAL: 440 3680
 MARSHALL CENTER DINING FACILITY: 440 3863
 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEEN CENTER: 440 2600
 MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT: 440 3501 or 0170-708-0744 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

MILITARY POLICE: 440 3801
 MOTOR POOL: 440 2835
 PETE BURKE CENTER: 440 2638
 POST OFFICE: 440 3713
 SATO: 440 3872
 SAS: 440 2654
 SCHOOL – ELEMENTARY: 440 2758
 SELF HELP: 440 3529
 SERVICE CREDIT UNION: 440 3373
 THRIFT SHOP: 440 3552
 TRICARE: 440 3816
 VAT OFFICE: 440 2461
 WORK ORDER DESK: 440 3555
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