

March 13-14, 2009
Diamond Ridge Conference Center
Jamison, PA

Macht Mit!

On behalf of the AATG Chapter 47, I would like to invite you and your students to attend the 1st annual **Delaware Valley Deutschfest!** This two-day event is an opportunity for your students to meet with other German students, showcase their hard work through competitions and creative projects, meet with local college representatives, and most importantly, use their German outside of the classroom to better understand the greater purpose behind language learning. This is an excellent way for teachers to inspire and motivate our students to be successful and confident German-speakers. We can also connect as colleagues while strengthening our programs. In a time when many language programs are shrinking, I believe more than ever that we must create opportunities for our students to succeed in the target language, and preserve the rich German heritage in this area.

In this packet you will find an overview of the **Delaware Valley Deutschfest** as well as a pre-registration form, which must be filled out and mailed in by the deadline, November 10, 2008. Please note that space is limited and that spots will be filled on a first-come first-served basis and may fill up before the deadline. Further information and registration materials will be mailed by mid-December to participating schools.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at nperrinewilson@wsd.k12.pa.us. You can also find information about the event and location on the **Delaware Valley Deutschfest** blogsite: <http://deutschfest.blogspot.com/> as well as on the AATG Chapter 47 Listserv site: <http://groups.google.com/group/aatg-chapter-47>.

Sincerely,

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Schedule and Event Overview

Schools arrive in Jamison between 3-4pm on Friday, March 13, 2009. Friday evening's events include: a special opening convocation and Schulruf contest, dinner, a college fair, and a choice of entertainment events including a Volkstanzschule, Kinoabend, and Schachturnier. All projects will be presented and judged on Friday evening. All participants will stay overnight in heated cabins with teachers from their schools (boys and girls will have separate accommodations).

Saturday will begin with breakfast and an overview of the day. The morning contests (see descriptions below) will be followed by lunch and AATG meeting for teachers as well as election of the first student officers of the Pennsylvania Association of Students of German (PASG). The afternoon will consist of interest sessions including Basteln und Ostereier, Basketball und Völkerball, Fussballschuss, Wandern, und Schach. The **Delaware Valley Deutschfest** will conclude with an awards assembly and announcement of PASG officers for 2009-2010. Schools can plan to depart around 5pm on Saturday, March 14th.

Who Can Participate?

The DVD is open to any students enrolled in a Chapter 47 school in grades 9-12 currently enrolled in German I, II, III, IV, or V/AP accompanied by a teacher(s) from his or her school who belong to AATG. Schools with one German teacher can bring up to fifteen students from any level. If your school has at least 1 ½ German positions, you may bring up to 20 students. Teachers are reminded to pay all AATG dues for the 2009 calendar year to be able to participate in the **Deutschfest**.

What Will It Cost?

The cost for each participating student will be \$80. This will include a \$25/student deposit due with the pre-registration materials on November 10, 2008 and remaining \$55/student due with final event registration on January 19, 2009. There is no cost for teachers bringing students (one teacher per school unless a school qualifies to bring 20 students). The cost includes three meals, accommodations, use of all facilities, and awards.

Diamond Ridge Conference Center

Diamond Ridge is a camp facility located in Jamison, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. We will have access to heated cabins and dormitory-style accommodations for up to 250 as well as the use of onsite buildings suitable for whole and small group activities.. The camp also has many opportunities for recreational activities, which will be made available to our students during the **Deutschfest**. Please visit the Diamond Ridge website for pictures and more information on its location and amenities: www.diamondridgeconferencecenter.com

Events

Events will be categorized as **School Competitions, Individual Contests, and Individual Projects**. Each category will be described briefly in the sections to follow. A more comprehensive description of each event category along with specific rules will be mailed with final registration materials to participating schools. If you need any clarification about events before then, please email Nicole Perrine-Wilson at nperrinewilson@wsd.k12.pa.us. The information here is merely intended to give a general idea of what is offered at each level of competition.

School Competitions

Each school will prepare a banner depicting the school name and embodying the theme: ***DEUTSCH im 21. Jahrhundert***. Banners may not exceed the dimensions of 4 feet by 6 feet. Banners will be hung in the main assembly hall and will be judged according to specified criteria. At the opening convocation, each school will present an enthusiastic Schulruf (cheer). This does not need to reflect the theme, but integration of the theme may be considered in the judging. Each school can also submit a scrapbook in one of two categories: Deutschverein/Delta Epsilon Phi OR GAPP/Deutschreise. Scrapbooks must be prepared by students, all text and captions must be in German, and scope and sequence must be clear and must reflect the theme. Lastly, there will be a Total Points Trophy awarded to the school with the highest point/student ratio based on awards won in all events. This is a great honor and will rotate from one school to the next each year.

Individual Contests

Buchstabieren Level I-III

Students spell German words using the German alphabet. A cohesive set of possible words at each level will be available upon request beginning in November.

Vokabeln Level I-III

Level I students give the English word for German equivalent. Level II and III students will give the German word for English equivalent. Word lists will be the same as for Buchstabieren contest and are available upon request beginning in November.

Gedichtvortrag Level I-V

Students recite a poem from the approved list for each level. These are judged on memorization, presentation, and pronunciation. The poem list will be available after pre-registration materials have been received.

Schriftliche Prüfung (Levels I-V/AP)

Non-current AATG tests will be used for each level (written only).

Allgemeines Wissen (Any Level)

Written multiple-choice test of German history, culture, etc. The test is in English.

Nacherzählung (Level III-V/AP)

Students read a story or fairy tale appropriate for their level, and then retell the story in their own words. Theme-based stories will be used when possible. Students are judged on communication, vocabulary, and accuracy.

Stegreifreden (Extemporaneous Speaking) (Deutsch IV-V/AP)

Students give a short speech on topics appropriate to their level. Students draw a topic and have a few minutes to collect their thoughts before they begin. Each student may have one notecard with him/her when he/she speaks. German IV students should speak for three minutes, German V/AP for four. Students are judged on communication, vocabulary, creativity, and accuracy.

Individual Projects

Projects will be completed prior to arrival at the **Deutschfest** according to specific criteria. All projects should reflect the theme unless otherwise specified. Each school may submit two project entries in each category. Entries will not be separated based on level of the student submitting the project. Categories for individual projects are: games, t-shirt, poster, costume, and video.

Special Notes

Please note, each student registered should compete in a minimum of 3 events and a maximum of 5 events. School competitions do not count in these totals, only individual contests and projects. A student may do no more than two projects. Each student must be registered for at least two non-project, individual contests. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at each level in each event. Exceptions are for projects and the Allgemeines Wissen test, which is given to any level. For these events, the first three places overall in each project category or event will be awarded.

Native speakers and students who have spent more than 4 consecutive weeks in a German-speaking country may not compete in the **Deutschfest**. Schools may bring German-speaking exchange students or native speaking students to take part in project judging and non-competitive events. Schools should not bring more than two native speakers and they will be included in the total students allowed per school.

All teachers will be assigned a judging responsibility. We encourage teachers to have their middle school teacher colleagues attend on Saturday as judges. Middle school teachers interested in doing so should contact Nicole Perrine-Wilson at nperrinewilson@wsd.k12.pa.us.

EVENT	Any Level	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Level V/AP
Buchstabieren		X	X	X		
Vokabeln		X	X	X		
Gedichtvortrag	X					
Schrift. Prüfung		X	X	X	X	
Allgemeines W.	X					
Nacherzählung				X	X	X
Stegreifreden					X	X
Projekte	X					

Pre-Registration and Deposit Due: Nov. 10, 2008

Name of School: _____

Please check according to your participation.

- I will attend with my students. I understand that my AATG membership must be current by March 1, 2009 in order for my students to compete. Students may not attend without a German teacher from their school.
- I will not be bringing students, but I will attend on Saturday to help judge contests or supervise an interest session. (Plan to be there by 8:15am. Lunch will be provided. The awards ceremony should be finished by 5pm.)
- I will attend as a university/college member. I will attend on Saturday to help judge contests or supervise an interest session. (Plan to be there by 8:15am. Lunch will be provided. The awards ceremony should be finished by 5pm.)
- I will attend as a university/college member. I will represent my institution at the college fair Friday night and will require accommodations. I will also participate as a judge on Saturday.
- I will attend as a university/college member. I will represent my institution at the college fair Friday night and WILL NOT require accommodations. I will also participate as a judge on Saturday.

For teachers attending with their students:

Name of Attending Teacher: _____

Total Students Participating: _____ (male: _____ female: _____)

(NOTE: High Schools with one German teacher can bring up to 15 students, schools with at least 1 1/2 German positions can bring up to 20 students total. If students being brought are from two different teachers, both must be members of AATG.)

If bringing more than 15 students, name of second teacher: _____

Will this teacher attend the **Deutschfest**? YES NO

It is very important that we have sufficient male and female chaperones for the student accommodations. If you are bringing a group of students consisting of all or mostly members of the opposite gender from yourself, we will need for you to bring a second chaperone or teacher of that gender to supervise them.

Total Deposit:

\$25 X Total Students _____ = \$