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### Outdoor Oktoberfest family-friendly fun returns to Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park

*The mountain-top theme park in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, is bringing its Oktoberfest celebration back on three Saturdays in October, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Visitors can enjoy fall colors and photo opps, music by local band Alpine Echo, axe throwing, keg bowling, outdoor games, traditional German fare and a beer garden—all orchestrated with COVID-19 safety precautions in mind.*

**Glenwood Springs, Colo.** (Sept. 25, 2020) — Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park is once again celebrating the harvest season with an outdoor, family-friendly Oktoberfest experience. This year's celebration takes place the first three Saturdays in October and includes many activities from past years, such as leaf peeping, fall photo opportunities, keg bowling, a beer garden, pumpkins and music by Alpine Echo. There are some additions this year, too, all chosen with COVID-19 safety precautions in mind.

"While it may be slightly different from our previous Oktoberfests, our team has come up with a plan that's a lot of fun and still provides for social distancing," Nancy Heard, general manager for the park, said. "Many of our guests' favorite activities are back, and we've added some new things this year as well, including axe throwing! We anticipate that this will be a welcome and popular excursion and suggest making reservations soon."

The mountain-top park looks, sounds, tastes and smells like a traditional Bavarian Oktoberfest on Oct. 3, 10 and 17, from noon to 6 p.m. Guests are welcomed by the mouthwatering aroma of bratwursts and kielbasa on the grill, festive shouts of *Prost!* from the beer garden, employees and festivalgoers dressed in their best lederhosen and dirndls, and yodeling and oompah sing-alongs from local band Alpine Echo.

For additional entertainment for the whole family, "Jammin Jim" Pomey can be found roaming the park juggling, performing magic acts and making people laugh. He's been performing throughout the Roaring Fork Valley since 2001.

The beer garden, located under the tent, is the place to be for food and Oktoberfest and seasonal brews. Three local teams are making special appearances to pour the beer, the Sunlight Ski Patrol on Oct. 3, the Glenwood Springs Rugby Team on Oct. 10 and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Roller Dolls on Oct. 17. In addition to grilled brats and kielbasa, German fare includes sauerkraut, roasted nuts, giant pretzels and Bavarian cream puffs. Specially designed beer mugs are available in the garden or the Lookout Grille for \$20, which includes the first beer.

Polkas, yodeling and perennial favorites like the chicken dance take center stage in the plaza from noon to 4 p.m. as local band Alpine Echo entertains festivalgoers. The band features John Levin on drums, bass and vocals; John Pataky on



accordion, drums and vocals; Joe Pologar on horns and vocals; Charles Smith on lead guitar and vocals; and Gerhard Rill on strings, keyboards, accordion, horns, drums, bells and vocals. They will also emcee the stein-holding contests, which are as much fun to watch as they are to join.

The Lookout Grille serves German and autumn favorites all month, with specialty cocktails for the adults and fall drinks for kids. The General Store features fudge-covered apples and marshmallows in addition to its homemade fudge.

All of the park's rides are open through the end of the month, weather permitting, except for the Cliffhanger Roller Coaster. Reservations are required and available at <https://www.glenwoodcaverns.com/park-info/tickets/>, and regular admission rates apply. Gondola rides cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 3 to 12. Funday Tickets, which include the gondola ride, cave tours and unlimited turns on all open rides, cost \$59 for adults and \$54 for kids. A gondola/cave combo ticket costs \$33 for adults and \$28 for kids. Face coverings are required.

Through Nov. 1, the park is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and is closed on Tuesday. The park will be closed Nov. 2 through 12. Beginning Friday, Nov. 13, Winter on the Mountain hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., through the end of the month with longer hours over the week of Thanksgiving. More information about the park, including hours of operation, winter pricing and a list of which attractions are open, can be found at [GlenwoodCaverns.com](http://GlenwoodCaverns.com) or by calling 800-530-1635 or 970-945-4228, ext. 0.

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Located in scenic Glenwood Springs, Colo., midway between Aspen and Vail, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park offers a one-of-a-kind mountain-top adventure. The Adventure Park features a gondola ride, walking and wild tours of Glenwood Caverns and Historic Fairy Caves, dining, and year-round attractions including an Alpine Coaster, Haunted Mine Drop, 4D Motion Theater and Laser Tag Arena. Seasonal offerings include the Giant Canyon Swing, Glenwood Canyon Flyer, Soaring Eagle Zip Ride, Cliffhanger Roller Coaster, Wild West Express family coaster, a climbing wall, gemstone sluice box mining, a Ferris wheel ride and a holiday light display. Ideal setting for groups and birthday parties. Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park operates the Iron Mountain Hot Springs now open on the bank of the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs.

