

Fest in the Land – The Last Fest

Honoring the Class of 1976 | Heidelberg High School

August 12 – 16, 2026 | Aloft Cleveland Downtown

Wednesday

Aug 12

6:30 PM

 **Meet & Greet**
(unofficial)
Collison Bend Brewery

Thursday

Aug 13

9:00 AM

 **Auguste Golf Outing****
Departure: 8:15 AM

11:00 AM

 **The Cleveland Museum of Art**
Departure: 11:00 AM

4:00 PM

 **Reception – Class of 1976**
Music Box Supper Club
Departure: 3:30 PM

7:00 PM

 **Lady Caroline Dinner Cruise**
Departure: 6:00 PM

Friday

Aug 14

6:00 AM

 **Fest Fish Tournament****

10:30 AM

 **Walking Tour of Downtown Cleveland****

2:00 PM

 **Taste of Cleveland**
Aloft Hotel patio

7:00 PM

 **Hoyerfest on the River**
The Foundry
Departure: 6:30 PM

Saturday

Aug 15

10:00 AM

 **Bratburger Tailgate Brunch**
“Forgiveness Park”
 **Group/Class Pictures**
Departure: 9:30 AM

2:00 PM

 **Funny Bus**
Comedy tour / BYOB

7:00 PM

 **Prost Night Out**
Hofbräuhaus Cleveland
Departure: 6:45 PM

IMPORTANT NOTE: Event times appear in **bold**. Shuttle departure times appear in *italics*. Reference each event’s one-pager for full details.

** Optional Add-On Events

 Thu, 9:00 AM Auguste Golf Outing

 Fri, 6:00 AM Fest Fish Tournament

 Fri, 10:30 AM Guided Walking Tour of Downtown Cleveland

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AUGUSTE GOLF OUTING

Thursday, August 13, 2026 | 9:00 AM



A Fest Tradition: Our golf outing is named after Mrs. Auguste Hoyer (Axel's mother) who passed away after the Fest in 2019. This is the 7th annual (and last) Fest in the Land golf outing. *"Trust the club, fear the shot!"*

THE DETAILS



Date

Thursday, August 13



Location

Springvale Golf Club, North Olmsted, OH



Transportation

Depart 8:15 – 8:30 AM via carpool (meet in lobby)



Tee Time

9:00 AM



Format

18 holes best ball scramble



Foursomes

Maximum 4



Cost

\$35 (senior rate with cart)



Equipment

Rentals are available at the Club



Sign-up

Joe Novak, Course Manager

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A morning on the links with fellow Festers
- Lots of laughs!

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THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

Thursday, August 13, 2026 | 11:00 AM



Some Things Age Like Fine Art: Free admission to one of the country's top art museums... because Fest in the Land believes in culture, and in not spending money twice in one day.

😊 Wander galleries, find the painting or sculpture that stops you in your tracks, and let your inner creative loose. Shuttle departs leaving at 11AM, seats capped at 25.

THE DETAILS



Date

Thursday, August 13



Shuttle departs

11:00 AM



Museum pick-up

2:00 PM



Shuttle pick-up

Aloft patio, Business Tower Plaza



Cost

Free



Fest Docent

Tara Herbert Cousins



Sign-up

Axel Hoyer

WHAT YOU'LL SEE

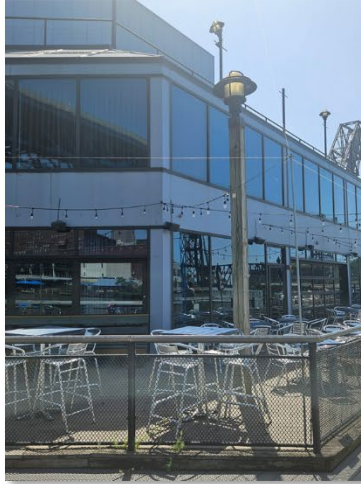
- Van Gogh, Monet, Caravaggio & other European masterworks
- Rodin's *The Thinker*, greeting you at the top of the grand staircase
- One of the best Asian art collections in the U.S.
- World-class Egyptian antiquities
- ... and so much more!

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RECEPTION – CLASS OF 1976

Thursday, August 13, 2026 | 4:00 PM



Honoring the HAHS Class of 1976: In 2023 the Fest began to honor the 50th anniversary of graduating from Heidelberg American High School. The Class of 1976 will gather at the Music Box Supper Club for their class reception. Following the reception, attendees will walk down the boardwalk to the Lady Caroline for the evening's dinner cruise.

THE DETAILS



Date

Thursday, August 13



Shuttle departure

3:30 PM



Shuttle pick-up

Aloft Patio, Business Tower Plaza



Venue

Music Box Supper Club



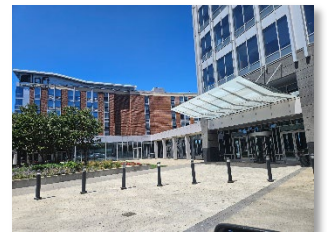
Dress

Casual



Transportation Minister

Dave Stevens



WHAT TO EXPECT

- A private gathering with fellow classmates in a relaxed setting
- One complimentary beverage and hors d'oeuvre, with a cash bar available for additional drinks

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DINNER CRUISE ON THE LADY CAROLINE

Thursday, August 13, 2026 | 7:00 PM



Our First Official Fest Event kicks-off on Thursday, August 13 @ 7 PM

A Fest Tradition, Cleveland-Style: When thinking about creating the Fest, thoughts of Heidelberg and a Neckar River cruise came to mind. A river cruise has been a Fest tradition, and we will continue the tradition on Lake Erie with dinner, dancing, and skyline views aboard the Lady Caroline as we kick off the last Fest in the Land together.

THE DETAILS



Date

Thursday, August 13



Departs

6:00 PM



Returns

Approx. 10:00 PM



Dress

Casual



Shuttle Pickup

Aloft Patio, Business Tower Plaza



Shuttle Procedure

Just hop on the next available shuttle



Transportation Minister

Dave Stevens



WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Skyline views of our "little big city"
- ✓ And of course, dancing, because no Fest tradition is complete without it

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🚶 WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND

Friday, August 14, 2026 | 10:30 AM



Explore the City Between Fest Events: Before the evening's festivities at The Foundry, take a guided stroll through the heart of Cleveland. From the iconic Terminal Tower to the historic Warehouse District, this tour is a great way to soak in the city's landmarks with fellow Festers.

THE DETAILS

📅	Date	Friday, August 14
🕒	Start Time	10:30 AM
🕒	Duration	2 hours (<i>back in time for Taste of Cleveland!</i>)
💰	Cost	\$20 per person (minimum 10 attendees)
📍	Start Location	Aloft Hotel Lobby
🏠	End Location	Playhouse Square (<i>easy walk back to hotel</i>)
🗺️	Tour Guide	Lorraine Slogik (<i>long-time fest tour guide</i>)
📋	Sign-Up Contact	Axel Hoyer

WHAT YOU'LL SEE

- **Terminal Tower** – One of Cleveland's landscaper skyscrapers
- **Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument**
- **Public Square**
- **The Warehouse District**
- **The Cleveland Hotel**
- ... and more along the way!

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HOYERFEST ON THE RIVER

Friday, August 14, 2026 | 7:00 PM



A Fest Tradition, Reimagined: HoyerFest started as a Sommer Oktoberfest run at the Donauschwaben German Cultural Center... until COVID shut it down. The Aloft stepped in, letting us grill schnitzel and bratwurst right on their patio, with Matt Hoyer earning his title as Schnitzel King and Joe Novak commanding the bratwurst grill. As our numbers grew, we outgrew the patio and found our home at **The Foundry** on the river, under a big tent, just a mile from the Aloft. Transportation is provided.

THE DETAILS



Date

Friday, August 14



Dress

High school spirit *(wear your favorite jersey or gear)*



Start Location

Aloft Hotel Patio – Business Tower



Shuttle departs Aloft

6:30 PM



Shuttle Procedure

Fill the vehicle & take off



Returns

Approximately 9:30 PM



Walking Option

A healthy 15-minute walk



Uber Option

Your choice *(let us know so we can account for you!)*



Transportation Minister

Dave Stevens

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Bratwurst, schnitzel, veggie trays, and good German fun
- Your photo taken by the Foundry Cleveland sign
- A riverside venue perfect for our crowd!

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BRATBURGER TAILGATE BRUNCH

Saturday, August 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM



Tailgating, A Hoyer Family Tradition: Starting in 2017, the second Fest, Axel wanted to share his nearly 20 years of tailgating experience, and his delicious invention, the **Hoyerbratburger**: a bratwurst patty on a proper German brötchen with Deutsche Senf (mustard). Sliders and great grilled pizza were added, and a Saturday morning tradition took shape. The Aloft hosted us on their patio until we simply outgrew it, so we found a riverside spot just minutes away, and **Forgiveness Park** was born. We are not entirely sure whose property it is, so we borrowed the adage, *"better to ask forgiveness than permission."* ⚠️ Address not available (even Google doesn't know about this park!)

THE DETAILS

 Date	Saturday, August 15
 Shuttle departure	9:30 AM
 Shuttle returns	Approximately 12:00 PM, after group photos
 Shuttle pick-up	Aloft Patio, Business Tower Plaza
 Shuttle Procedure	Hop on the next available shuttle
 Walking Option	A comfortable 10-minute walk
 Transportation Minister	Dave Stevens

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A relaxed riverside brunch in a beautiful park
- Group & class photos!
- and... *a few volunteers to help with cleaning up is greatly appreciated.*

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PROST NIGHT OUT HOFBRÄUHAUS

Saturday, August 15, 2026 | 7 PM



A Fest Tradition, Cleveland-Style: We will gather for one final big night out, our Grand Finale, at the Hofbräuhaus Cleveland. The space, the menu, and true bierhalle energy. Bier, schnitzel, standing on the benches, and Musik close out the Fest in true style.

THE DETAILS



Date

Saturday, August 15



Dress

Dirndls and lederhosen (*strongly encouraged!* 😊)



Shuttle departures start

6:45 PM



Shuttle returns to hotel

Approximately 9:30 PM



Shuttle pick-up

Aloft patio, Business Tower Plaza



Shuttle Procedure

Staggered departures



Uber

Your choice (*let us know so we can account for everyone*)



Transportation Minister

Dave Stevens

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Bier, schnitzel, wurst, pretzels and standing on the benches
- One last big night together with great Musik
 - Shot-skis (IYKYK)
 - High school fight song, polkas, Freebird, and more!
 - Conga lines
- The Grand Finale of Fest in the Land... don't miss it, Prost! 🍻

