



## Hits for Kids: Fairground-Fun for Kids at the Oktoberfest

(September 8, 2023) Which child-friendly rides and what offers at the Oktoberfest are aimed at families with children? How can you afford a visit to the Oktoberfest with the whole family? When is Family Day? What special tips and programme activities for the whole family are there at the Oktoberfest?

### **Child-finder wristbands**

When you enter the *Wiesn* grounds, our stewards provide child-finder wristbands. Simply write your phone number on the wristband, and you can rest assured that your little ones won't get lost. These complimentary wristbands are not only practical for parents and attendants, but are also popular keepsakes for kids.

### **Familien-Platzl – the family spot**

The Familien-Platzl on Strasse 3 East is a family-friendly spot that invites you to linger away from the hustle and bustle and has its own beer garden with a barrier-free wooden floor suitable for prams and a pram garage.

In keeping with Bavarian tradition, guests are welcome to bring their own snacks. The spot's other





amenities include a baby-changing table, a kiddies' toilet, and a microwave.

Don't miss the original Orchestrion from the 1950s, providing a special sound sensation for both young and old *Wiesn* guests. In the immediate vicinity, the little ones can enjoy a baby-friendly merry-go-round, the "Musik-Express," and let off steam at various throwing and game booths. The spectacular, virtual-reality adventure roller coaster "Dr. Archibald" is another famous family attraction at *Familien-Platzl*.

### **Tuesday is Family Day**

On Tuesdays, September 19 and 26, there are reduced rides, admission and sales rates until 7 pm. For example, kids get a free ride on the Teufelsrad ("Devil's Wheel"), while adults only pay 3 euros.

Special offers from fairground operators, market traders and Oktoberfest innkeepers

On the occasion of the two-day extension of the Oktoberfest, fairground operators, market traders, and the big and small *Wiesn* innkeepers have come up with a special offer:

### **Guided tours for school classes**

In keeping with their educational and cultural mission, guided tours for school classes are fully funded this year. Two tours are offered on weekdays from 10 to 11.15 am, from September 16 to 29. The meeting point is at the "*Universum Oktoberfest*" stand, where school classes can register directly for a guided tour.



### **Free *Wiesn* stroll, food & drink**

On September 19, 1,000 children who would otherwise not be able to afford it are invited to an all-inclusive *Wiesn* experience. This package includes free food and drink, carousel rides and admission to the entertainment stalls. Of course, the experience is rounded off with age-appropriate sweets for the kids.


The selection of children is handled by our social department.

### **Oide *Wiesn***

The *Oide Wiesn* opens on the southern part of the *Theresienwiese* (*Oktoberfest fairground*). Here, guests can enjoy **nostalgic fairground attractions**, from classic children's carousels to chair-swing rides and boat swings, all available for just 1.50 euros.

The **museum marquee** brings Oktoberfest history to life. There is plenty to explore, from the nostalgic Munich Show Jumping Carousel dating back to 1945 to a replica of the Velodrome with brand new kids' bicycles and the collection of Oktoberfest tapping mallets. The special exhibition titled "*Neue Geister eingetroffen*" (New Ghosts Have Arrived) promises an eerie, spine-chilling experience.

The barrel-organ players are back this year and at the stand of the Association for the Promotion of the Bavarian Language and Dialects (*Förderverein Bairische Sprache und Dialekte e.V.*), visitors can test their Bavarian language skills. This year, for the first time, child-friendly questionnaires are introduced along with a "Zwergelzeitung" kids' magazine.



In the Museum marquee's "Humorous Velodrome," children and young visitors have the chance to try out new penny-farthings. A barker comments on the action on the track as guests test funny bicycles with e.g., offset axles or arm drives. The velodrome was present at the *Wiesn* between 1901 and 1962 and stands as one of the oldest attractions. As part of the free children's programme, the Museum marquee offers face painting sessions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 6 pm. In addition, balloon art workshops are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays during the same hours.

And of course, everyone can have a good laugh: **Kiddies' clown Luitpold Klassen**, decked out in a tailcoat and top hat and with his antique pram, will grace *Oide Wiesn* on September 19, 21, 26, and 28.

Want to earn the **Wiesn diploma**? Simply answer all the questions in the quiz about the *Oide Wiesn* correctly, and you will receive the diploma along with a small prize.

The **Herzkasperl marquee** on the *Oidn Wiesn*, a popular destination for visitors of all ages, is once again offering enticing family-friendly attractions this year, such as the puppet show "*Wiesnräuber*" by the children's theatre at the Fraunhofer and a performance by the music group "Café Unterzucker".

For more details and the complete programme visit:  
[www.herzkasperlzelt.de](http://www.herzkasperlzelt.de)



Not milk and honey, but lemonade flows at the **Tradition** marquee:

Guests can relax and enjoy a casual snack at the *Kinderlimogarten* soda fountain in the beer garden. What sets this area apart is its convenient amenities, including covered parking for prams, children's toilets, baby changing facilities, and the chance to take a souvenir photo with the *Münchner Kindl* figurine. The real *Münchner Kindl* and pays a visit to the *Kinderlimogarten* in the *Tradition* marquee every Wednesday from 10 am – 12 noon.

A special tip: The **Münchner Marionettentheater** puppet show offers free admission.

At the *Wiesn*, puppeteer Siegfried Böhmke and his ensemble present an hourly-changing programme from 11 am – 6 pm. The plays performed include “Der Münchner im Himmel”, “Der Brander Kaspar schaut ins Paradies”, “Las Vegas Show” and a special treat for children, “Zirkus Kunterbunt”. Advance bookings are not possible. The programme and further information are available at: [www.muema-theater.de](http://www.muema-theater.de)

The **Zirkuswagencafé** (circus wagon café) features captivating stories told by a skilled storyteller.

*Oide Wiesn* is open daily from 10 am – midnight. Children up to 14 years of age enjoy free admission, while adults pay 4 euros, with fee entry from 9 pm.



### **Here are a few tips for a relaxed visit to the *Wiesn***

If you prefer a more tranquil *Wiesn* experience, you should choose the quieter days of the week. For a visit with children, the mornings and early afternoons are ideal. You can even bring your kids to a beer tent for a snack. However, it is important to note that children under the age of six, even when accompanied by adults, are not allowed in beer tents after 8 pm. Children and young people under the age of 16 are permitted on the fairground after 8 pm only if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Prams are allowed on the *Wiesn* from Sunday to Friday until 6 pm. On Saturdays and October 3 (German Unity Day), as well as the day before (October 2), prams are generally prohibited on the *Wiesn* grounds.

- **Pram parking**

Convenient pram parking is available for a fee of 3 euros per pram at designated storage stations around the *Wiesn* grounds, near the entrances. If you are already at the *Wiesn* with your pram and would like to park it for a while, there are pram parking spaces at the *Familienplatzl* (Strasse 3 East), the Museum marquee and the Tradition marquee on the *Oidn Wiesn*, as well as at numerous rides and *Wiesn* marquees.

- **Rest areas**

For those who want to escape the hustle and bustle of the *Wiesn* for a short while, or would just like to recharge for more fun, there are numerous fairground rides with their own tents that offer rest areas with seating.

- **Baby changing and nursing facilities**

A baby-changing and nursing room is available at the



*Theresienwiese* Service Centre, located near the entrance to the *Festleitung* administration area, just behind the *Schottenhamel* marquee. In cases of urgency and when the administration area feels too far away, you'll find changing tables within tents and near various fairground rides.

- **Kids' toilets**

There are separate kids' toilets for our youngest *Wiesn* guests, at the Ferris wheel, at several children's carousels, in the *Marstall* marquee and in Poschner's chicken and duck grill.

- **Children's rates (for rides)**

Beyond the Family Day, many rides offer bonus cards, frequent rider discounts and reduced children's prices.

- **Food and drink**

Our smallest guests are not forgotten at the *Wiesn* this year either and are offered Bavarian delicacies in the marquees. In addition to standard tickets, many small and big marquees offer children's tickets with reduced prices or even colour-in tickets.

During lunchtime, most *Wiesn* marquees offer a discounted menu until 3 pm.

### **Guided *Wiesn* tours for kids**

For those eager to delve into background stories, the rich history and anecdotes about the *Wiesn*, München Tourismus offers guided *Wiesn* tours with trained municipal guides, on Monday – Friday at 11.45 am, and on Sunday at 11 am. Tours can be booked for 18 euros (adults) and 10 euros (kids) at

<https://www.muenchen.travel/angebote/buchen/wiesnfuehrung#/>



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