

Swiss Club of Washington, DC

June 2025 Postillion



Message from the President

Gruezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Hello,

Happy summer! I wish all of you a great and fun start to the season of travel, exploration, and outdoor events. We on the Board have been very busy planning several events for this year, including a hike, a trip to Pittsburgh, and the much anticipated Swiss National Day celebration on Saturday July 26th. See more information about these events below and don't forget to register early! Our new children's activity coordinator is looking to start a swiss kids group to explore the DMV together while bonding with other kid with swiss roots and their families. Please reach out if you are interested. We have a special club, and building and maintaining connections is what its all about!

As many of you know, there are many opportunities to volunteer for the Swiss National Day event. If you are interested, please email by June 30th at kevin.sprenger@swissclubdc.org with "2025 SND Volunteer" in the subject line. If you are selected as a volunteer, you will be notified by July 1st.

I'd like to notify our German speaking members of a special request from the German Executive Roundtable. See their message below in this month's Postillion.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Kevin H. Sprenger

Family Friendly Hike, Saturday, June 7, 2025

Happy Spring!

The Club has planned a family friendly hike for the first weekend in June. Please join us in a fun social hike/walk around the lake at Seneca Creek State Park. We look forward to spending time with you in this beautiful setting.

Saturday, June 7, 2025

[Seneca Creek State Park](#)

Meet in the Pines Picnic Area Parking lot at 09:45

Hike starts at 10:00 am

Clopper Lake Loop Trail, about 3.3 miles

This event is free and open to Members and non Members

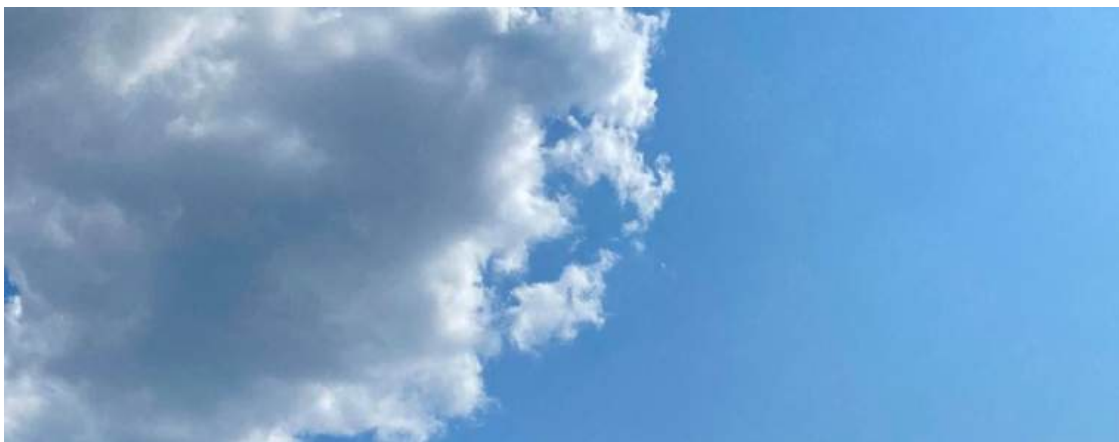
Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Don't forget to pack your sunscreen insect repellent, a hat/sun protection, water, and snacks.



**Swiss National Day at the Embassy of
Switzerland
Saturday, July 26, 2025
Early Bird Specials! Register Early and Save**





Registration Now Open

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, DC
2900 Cathedral Ave NW

Admission includes entertainment, Swiss sausages, salad, desert and water;.

New for 2025!!

There will be an exciting new homemade lampion contest this year! Make your own at home and bring it to the event, or make one in the children's area on the day of the celebration!

See more information in the June and July Postillion!

Cash bar is available for soda, beer and wine.
Ticket prices increase July 1 so get yur tickets early!

REGISTER HERE

Don't forget, you'll need to be a 2025 member to enjoy special member pricing; you can [renew your membership here](#).

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, please contact Kevin.Sprenger@swissclubdc.org
Volunteers make our event possible and are a special part of the Swiss Club family!

Create your own Lampion for Swiss National Day 2025!



We are trying something new!!

We won't be handing out lampions at the Swiss National Day celebration this year

Instead, we're inviting all kids ages 2 to 14 to create their own lampion and bring it to the event for a chance to win a prize!

Prizes will be awarded in different age groups, and while adult help is welcome when needed, we want each child's creativity to shine through.

Forgot your lampion? No worries! There will be a lampion-making station at the event for anyone who wants to join in the fun.

Let's celebrate with light, color, and imagination!

Stay tuned for more information, including inspirational ideas and tutorials in the July Postillion

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the lampion-making station on the day of the event, please contact Gabriela Meier at gabriela.meier@swissclubdc.org

September 20 to 21, 2025

Pittsburgh Trip Registration and Deposit

Interested in joining the Swiss Club of Washington DC on a special overnight trip to Pittsburgh, PA? Please register here to reserve your spot

Date: Saturday, September 20 and Sunday September 21, 2025

Activities include

- A private tour of the U. of Pittsburgh Swiss Nationality Room
- A reception with the The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
- Lunch at Teutonia *Männerchor*
- Tour Albert Gallatin's historic home, Friendship Hill National Historic Site in Point Marion, PA

The "travel pack package" will include

- Round Trip tour bus transportation
- Saturday night hotel accommodations
- Lunch at Teutonia *Männerchor*
- Breakfast at the hotel Sunday morning.

Registration and Deposit

Your deposit will go towards the cost of the trip
Final pricing will depend on the number of people joining the trip
A block of rooms have been reserved at the





New Kids' Activities with the Swiss Club of Washington DC!

We're excited to launch a new initiative for families with kids! We'll be organizing monthly playdates to local playgrounds, museums and other interesting locations within the DMV. These outings will provide a great opportunity for young club members to have fun while speaking Swiss German with other kids.

How to Join:

To stay in the loop about upcoming playdates, join our WhatsApp group! Simply email our Children's Activity Coordinator at gabriela.meier@swissclubdc.org with your phone number, name, name of the kids that will regularly take part in our outings and their ages. That way we can add you to the list.

We can't wait to see you and your little ones at our next adventure!



**Mitglieder gesucht für den German Executive
Roundtable in Washington, D.C.**

Der German Executive Roundtable (GER) ist eine exklusive Gruppe von deutschsprachigen Unternehmern und Führungskräften, die in der Metropolregion Washington, D.C. ansässig sind. Die Mitglieder stammen überwiegend aus Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz.

Die Treffen finden einmal im Monat statt und bieten eine Plattform für Networking, sowie den Austausch zu wirtschaftlichen, unternehmerischen und gesellschaftlichen Themen, die für die Mitglieder relevant sind. Ziel ist es, in einem vertrauensvollen Rahmen voneinander zu lernen, sich gegenseitig zu unterstützen und gemeinsam neue Geschäftschancen zu erschließen.

Das 'Signature' Projekt des GER ist der 'GER Wirtschaftspreis', den wir jährlich seit 2008 in Zusammenarbeit mit der Deutschen Internationalen Schule leiten und vergeben. Mit einem Preisgeld von \$2.000 fördert der Wettbewerb unternehmerisches Denken bei Jugendlichen und prämiert die besten Geschäftsideen der 10. Klassen.

Der GER wurde 2003 gegründet und ist eine nicht eingetragene Gruppe, die von einem gewählten Vorstand geleitet wird. Die Mitgliedschaft ist exklusiv und auf Führungskräfte und Unternehmer beschränkt. Weitere Informationen finden Sie auf unserer Website. [German Executive Roundtable](#)

Bei Interesse an einer Mitgliedschaft kontaktieren Sie bitte admin@washger.org oder nutzen folgenden link: <https://www.washger.org/prospective-members>.



Looking ahead...

Stammtisch also known as Happy Hour
will be back later this summer!
Stay tuned. We look forward to catching up





Swiss Club Events for 2025

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| • Bike Ride | Spring 2025 |
| • Swiss Club Hike | June 7, 2025 |
| • Swiss National Day | July 26, 2025 |
| • Pittsburgh Trip | September 20-21, 2025 |
| • Raclette | Fall 2025 |
| • Grittibänz | Winter 2025 |
| • Samichlaus | Winter 2025 |

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2025 prices are as follows:

\$75.00 for dues paying members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Great exposure to the Swiss community for a small cost.





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