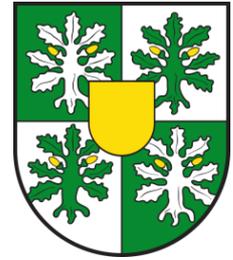


**Visit of Our American Friends  
in the Context of the  
Verl-Delphos Friendship Link  
from June 29 until July 4, 2018  
with the Traditional "Schützenfest"**



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**FRI, June 29: Reception of Our Guests**

- 08:50 a.m. Delta Flight No. 90 from the USA lands at Düsseldorf Airport.
- 09:30 a.m. A delegation from Verl welcomes the guests at the airport, loading the guests' luggage into the coach and departure in the direction of Verl.
- 12:00 p.m. Stop at the Henrichenburg ship lift with a one-and-a-half-hour guided tour of the LWL Industrial Museum. After a refreshment at the "Gastrobus" (built in 1959) we continue to East-Westphalia.
- 04:00 p.m. Arrival at the city hall in Verl, where our mayor or his deputy welcomes the American guests. They will then be matched with their host families that have come to the city hall. Free evening in the host families.

**SAT, June 30: Sightseeing Tour in Verl and "Great Tattoo" at the War Memorial**

- 09:00 a.m. Meeting at the "Heimathaus" (Historical Society building). The day begins with a short tour of the building.
- 10:00 a.m. Sightseeing tour through the city center of Verl.
- 11:00 a.m. "Surprise ceremony" for the guests in Verl.
- 01:00 p.m. Traditional lunch with pea stew and sausages in the restaurant of the Saint Ann's House.
- 02:00 p.m. Visit of "Schroeder's Liqueur Manufacturing" with tasting. In addition, we have the special luck that Christel Schroeder will lead us through their beautiful Art Nouveau house and garden.
- 03:30 p.m. A short break in the host families.
- 06:00 p.m. We meet at the War Memorial in the center of Verl. Hosts and guests attend the tribute to the soldiers KIA with a big tattoo by the Verl Rifle Club and the Verl Brass Band.
- Afterwards free time, among other things there is the possibility to go to the festival area and take part in the festivities and activities there, but the host families decide this together with their guests according to their individual preferences.

**SUN, July 1: Visit of a Farm and Participation in the Big Parade**

- 09:30 a.m. We meet at the farm of Helmut and Anneliese Tönsfeuerborn in Sürenheide and visit the modern dairy farm and the biogas plant.
- Afterwards lunch in the host families.

- 01:15 p.m. The host families take their American guests to the festival area in Verl, where the guests board a horse-drawn, all around "American decorated" covered wagon that takes them to the King's home. The host families and other interested parties go there by car.
- 01:30 p.m. Arrival at the King's home.
- 02:00 p.m. Departure from the King's house and participation in the Big Parade, which ends at the festival area in Verl.
- 05:30 p.m. Meeting in front of the big beer hall at the festival area. The American guests, their host families and all other friends of the Verl-Delphos partnership pay their respects to the royal couple and present them with a throne gift. Afterwards there will be a lot of partying...

**MON, July 2: Traditional Rifle Club's Mass, Official Breakfast and Bird Shooting**

- 08:30 a.m. The American guests and their host families take part in the traditional mass of the Rifle Club in St. Ann's Church in Verl.
- 10:00 a.m. By special invitation of the Verl Rifle Club, the visitors from Ohio and their hosts take part in the traditional breakfast in beer hall of the festival area.
- 12:00 p.m. Start of the bird shooting ...another highlight of this shooting festival weekend for our guests!
- 04:00 p.m. Guided tour of the Verl Sport Club's Arena in Post Street.
- In the evening free time, among other things there is of course again the possibility to go to the festival area and take part in the festivities and activities there, but this is decided by the host families together with their guests according to their individual preferences.

**TUE, July 3: Combine Harvester Plant CLAAS and Tour of Wiedenbrück**

- 08:30 a.m. Meeting of the hosts and their guests at the Verl city hall and trip to the "Combine Harvester City" of Harsewinkel, using the private cars of the host families.
- 10:00 a.m. Start of the tour at CLAAS with an "image film" of about 45 minutes. Afterwards a visit of the technology park, where you can experience the tractors, combine harvesters and the other agricultural equipment that the company produces at first hand.
- 12:00 p.m. After the visit there is the possibility to have a refreshment in the visitors' cafeteria. Afterwards we drive on to Wiedenbrück.
- 01:30 p.m. After arriving in Wiedenbrück, we park our cars in the car park "An der Schanze", walk along river Ems to the lake and stop at "Seecafé", where we introduce our American friends to coffee and cake as a typical German treat.
- 03:30 p.m. On the way back to the parking lot we make a detour through the venerable city center of Wiedenbrück with the St. Aegidius Church, which unfortunately currently carries a scaffolding, and the many beautiful half-timbered houses, most of which already stood when the first settlers

came to America... ...something that will astonish the American guests, but also the German participants of the tour will certainly learn something new about the cultural history of the city on river Ems.

05:00 p.m. Back in Verl with a short break in the families and preparation for today's big farewell evening.

07:00 p.m. Farewell party at Haus Ohlmeyer in Brummelweg 125 in Verl-Sürenheide with an official dinner, typical Westphalian drinks and of course some speeches...

### **WED, July 4: Starting the "North German Tour"**

On July 4, there is not only the American National Holiday but also the beginning of our "North German Tour". The host families take their guests to the following starting points:

06:00 a.m. Depot of the Apelmeier Coach Company in Kaunitz

06:10 a.m. Bus Stop "Bornholte Bahnhof" in Paderborn Street

06:15 a.m. Market Square in Verl

06:25 a.m. "Blue Grotto" in Gütersloh Street

06:30 a.m. Bus stop in Gütersloh Street near Strothweg

We will then be on the highway in about five minutes and drive off to Magdeburg and Berlin.