



## GERMAN AMERICAN EVENTS, LLC

### **Christkindlmarket Celebrates Opening Day in Chicago; Markets in Milwaukee and Naperville Opening Soon**

**CHICAGO – November 16, 2018** – Christkindlmarket, an outdoor holiday market and beloved winter tradition since 1996, opens to the public on Friday, Nov. 16, followed by the opening in Milwaukee on Saturday, Nov. 17, and Naperville on Saturday, Nov. 24.

Rooted in German tradition, Christkindlmarket is well known for its traditional candy cane striped wooden huts. Visitors create their own holiday memories as they enjoy festive shopping, delicious international delicacies, hot spiced wine (Glühwein), fine beers, hand-crafted ornaments, entertainment, family fun, and much more.

“From the day construction gets underway, anticipation for opening day begins to build,” says Maren Biester Priebe, CEO of German American Events, LLC. “This year is especially exciting with expansion of the market to Milwaukee, and with the debut of the limited-edition three-pack of souvenir mugs inspired by gingerbread hearts and featuring our theme, ‘Ich liebe Christkindlmarket’.”

Visitors can enjoy various entertainment groups, special events, and educational activities slated for the season at each Christkindlmarket location. For family friendly events like Christkind visits, Kinder Tag, and Christkindlmarket Passport activities, [click here](#).

If you are looking to take the hassle out of the holidays, look no further! The Christkindlmarket Chicago and Naperville guests have the ability to make a table reservation and enjoy unique German Food and beverage packages. This style of gathering is a very typical German tradition called Stammtisch. Guests may reserve their tables [online](#) now!

Admission to the Christkindlmarket is always FREE. 2018 hours include:

#### **Christkindlmarket Chicago**

When: Nov. 16 - Dec. 24, 2018

Where: Daley Plaza in the Chicago Loop

50 W. Washington St. / Chicago, IL 60602

Hours: Open Daily Sun - Thu 11am - 8pm, Fri - Sat 11am - 9pm

Special Hours: Thanksgiving Day: 11am - 4pm, Christmas Eve: 11am - 4pm

**Christkindlmarket Milwaukee**

When: Nov. 17 - Dec. 31, 2018

Where: Entertainment Plaza outside Fiserv Forum

1111 Vel R. Phillips Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Sunday – Thursday 11am – 8pm

Friday – Saturday 11am – 9pm

Thanksgiving (Nov. 23), Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) 11am – 4pm

Christmas Day (Dec. 25) Closed

**Christkindlmarket Naperville**

When: Select days from Nov. 23 – Dec. 24, 2018

Where: Naper Settlement (near Downtown Naperville and Riverwalk Park)

523 S Webster St. / Naperville, IL 60540

Hours: Open Thursday - Sunday only

Thursday – 11am - 7pm

Friday – Saturday 11am - 9pm

Sunday – 11am - 6pm

Special Hours: Also, open daily December 17 - 21: 11am - 8pm and December 24: 11am - 4pm

To learn more about Christkindlmarket, [click here](#).

**About Christkindlmarket and German American Events, LLC**

German American Events (GAE, LLC), a subsidiary of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, is a non-profit organization that creates and produces the Christkindlmarket Chicago, Naperville, and Milwaukee. All Christkindlmarket locations are modeled after the classic German holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany, with traditional candy-cane striped huts. These free annual outdoor holiday markets host vendors from Germany, Europe and around the world who display hand-crafted ornaments, toys and unique holiday gifts as well as traditional German foods, sweets and beverages. The markets are rich in cultural tradition and include special events, entertainment and activities that are fun for the whole family.

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