All Three Christkindlmarkets Open On November 17, 2023

Exciting Updates and Giveaways at Daley Plaza, Gallagher Way, and RiverEdge Park Aurora

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The Christkindlmarket celebrates its 27th season at Daley Plaza, its fifth year at Gallagher Way in Wrigleyville and its second time at RiverEdge Park in Aurora. All locations open on November 17th, 2023 – the days and hours vary:

<u>Christkindlmarket Chicago at Daley Plaza (November 17 – December 24)</u>

Regular Hours:

Sunday – Thursday: 11am – 8pm Friday – Saturday: 11am – 9pm

Special Hours:

Thanksgiving (Nov. 23), Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 11am – 4pm Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/christkindlmarket

<u>Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville at Gallagher Way (November 17 – December 31)</u>

Regular Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 3pm – 9pm Friday – Saturday: 11am – 10pm

Sunday: 11am - 7pm

Special Hours:

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

Christmas Day (Dec. 25): Closed

Tuesday (Dec. 26) - Thursday (Dec. 28): 11am - 9pm

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/christkindlmarket.wrigleyville

More information on this season's Winterland activities will become available at

www.gallagherway.com

Christkindlmarket Aurora at RiverEdge Park (November 17 – December 24)

Regular Hours:

Thursdays: 11am - 7pm

Fridays & Saturdays: 11am - 9pm

Sundays: 11am - 6pm

Special Hours:

Monday (Dec. 18) - Wednesday (Dec. 20): 11am - 7pm

Thanksgiving (Nov. 23) & Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 11am – 4pm Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/christkindlmarket.aurora

More information about RiverEdge Park: https://paramountaurora.com/riveredge/ More information about the Paramount Theatre: https://paramountaurora.com/

To celebrate all three locations three months out, German American Events, LLC (the event planners for all markets) came up with a "Christmas in August" special: Three giveaways with one hotel partner per location. The giveaways will be provided by the <u>Staypineapple</u>, <u>An Iconic Hotel</u> at the Christkindlmarket Chicago at Daley Plaza, <u>Hotel Zachary</u> at the Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville at Gallagher Way and the <u>Holiday Inn Express</u> at the Christkindlmarket Aurora at RiverEdge Park. More information about each hotel can be found on the <u>Christkindlmarket Location Announcement Blog</u> and the upcoming social media posts.

People can <u>participate daily on Instagram</u> for a chance to enter and win on August 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2023.

More details about each location, their vendors, events as well as hotel and parking specials will become available throughout the next couple of weeks on the <u>Christkindlmarket website</u>. Every location page has a "Plan Your Visit" section that will continuously be updated.

"We are excited to have all our staple vendors back at Daley Plaza, and proud to announce that we were able to add many new ones to our two other locations! Visitors get to shop from more than 50 vendors in Aurora and more than 40 in Wrigleyville, including staples like Sweet Castle but also local and international food and merchandise booths that are unique to these markets," says CEO and General Manager Maren Biester Priebe.

The Christkindlmarket Aurora increased its sitemap and will sparkle and shine even more this season with festive, interactive photo ops and scavenger hunts for the whole family.

Special free and ticketed events will take place at all three markets. They will be announced at the end of September. This year's mugs and merchandise will be revealed in October. Visitors will be able to purchase the beloved souvenir items at all locations.

High resolution photos are available upon request (schmidt@GermanAmericanEvents.com).

About German American Events, LLC

German American Events LLC, a subsidiary of the <u>German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest</u>, is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that plans and executes the Christkindlmarket Chicago, Wrigleyville, and Aurora. All locations are modeled after the classic German holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany, with traditional candy cane striped huts.

The free outdoor holiday markets host international and local vendors who display and sell handcrafted ornaments, toys, and special 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.