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Special Events at the Christkindlmarket Chicago, Aurora & Wrigleyville 2023

Opening Night Event, Stammtisch, Fast Entry Pass & Much More

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The Christkindlmarkets have plenty of special events happening in 2023 – and now is the time to purchase tickets for them before they sell out.

One of the visitor favorites is *the 'Twas the Night Before Christkindlmarket Preview Party* that will take place at Daley Plaza on November 16, 2023 – the night before all three markets officially open to the public. It allows visitors to enjoy the market in a more intimate setting, chat with vendors, meet the Christkind, take pictures with Santa and experience special live entertainment like [Ballet 5:8's](#) "Beyond the Nutcracker" as well as other roaming performers. Tickets cost \$85 and include the annual mug as well as one entrée, one dessert, and drink vouchers that are valid at all food and beverage vendor stations. [They are on sale on Eventbrite now.](#)

Back by popular demand is the beloved Stammtisch tradition, also known as reserved tables inside the heated festively decorated Timber Haus. The reservations can be made Thursdays – Sundays during the run of the market. There are 12 tables available that can host up to eight guests. Visitors get to pick from four different packages (starting at \$200) that include German food and drink favorites, served family-style. A highlight is the "Bavarian Brotzeit" option – a sampling of cold cuts, sausages and cheeses with a German twist on charcuterie. [More information about all packages and pricing can be found here.](#) For bigger groups of up to 100 people, it is possible to rent the indoor Timber Haus or Timber Tent for a reception from Monday – Wednesday. This one is ideal for company outings or celebrations. [To book a reception visit our website.](#)

For the first time ever, the Christkindlmarket Chicago is offering a Fast Entry Pass. In recent years, the popularity of the market has increased and led to longer wait times to enter the market on the weekends. For anyone who rather wants to use that time strolling around the holiday village, it is now possible to [purchase Fast Entry Passes on Eventbrite for \\$25](#). Guests can pick 30-minute slots to enter the market through a dedicated entrance, exclusively used for Fast Pass and Stammtisch, on Saturdays and Sundays. The best part? When checking in, visitors will also receive the beloved annual souvenir mug, and don't have to worry about it selling out before they come to the market.

Many specials will take place at the Christkindlmarket Aurora as Twinkly Thursdays will make a comeback in 2023. From glassblowing demonstrations to typewriting poetry, scavenger hunts, and festive face-painting, there's something for everyone! The market at RiverEdge Park will have a more festive atmosphere through the add-on of plenty of new décor and interactive photo ops. The Christkindlmarket Aurora is the only location where the German tradition, the Children's Lantern Parade, will take place this season on November 26th and December 10th. [Tickets are now available for purchase on Eventbrite.](#)



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[Christkindlmarket Chicago at Daley Plaza \(November 17 – December 24\)](#)

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>

[Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville at Gallagher Way \(November 17 – December 31\)](#)

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/>

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

About German American Events, LLC

German American Events LLC, a subsidiary of the [German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest](#), 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.