



2010

38th Annual

# Oktoberfest

at tempe town lake

BENEFITS  
TEMPE SISTER CITY




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Sister City  
Corporation

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Each year, over 2000 volunteers come together to host the annual Oktoberfest celebration to raise funds to support award-winning Tempe Sister City programs, including student exchanges, educator exchanges and humanitarian efforts. These programs, some in place for over 33 years, have benefited over 600 school students and 160 teachers by introducing them to other cultures in exchanges with Tempe's eight sister cities.

## Tempe's Sister Cities

- Skopje, Macedonia
- Regensburg, Germany
- Zhenjiang, China
- Lower Hutt, New Zealand
- Timbuktu, Mali
- Beaulieu sur Mer, France
- Carlow, Ireland
- Cuenca, Ecuador



# Oktoberfest—connecting us to the world's cultures

## Parade of Nations

Oktoberfest starts with the Parade of Nations. Tempe Middle School students carry 188 colorful flags representing the nations of the World. The parade ends at the Main Stage for the official opening ceremonies - crowning of the Oktoberfest King & Queen and tapping the "ceremonial" keg.

## International Guests

Each year Oktoberfest hosts a number of international guests. In 2003, Carlow City Manager Joe Walters was honored to be "King" of Oktoberfest and their Irish Dancers performed on stage. The Das Aubactal Sextett, a fixture at Oktoberfest's Polka Stage since 1997, were joined in 2003 by the Spatzen-Quartett – four former members of the Regensburger Domspatzen, the oldest boy's choir in the world founded in 975.

## Cultural Showcase

The international flavor persists throughout the Oktoberfest event with entertainment, food, Tempe Sister City informational displays, silent auction items and the Kinderfest Passport to the world.



An Irish dance troupe performing at Oktoberfest

## Student Exchanges

Funds raised at Oktoberfest send a group of high school students and educators abroad each year. The selected students spend 5 weeks living with a family overseas, then bring their new sibling back to Tempe. Home hosting teaches the culture and customs in ways not available to a casual



Tempe's Queen Kay Gianopulis and Oktoberfest King Joe Walters from Carlow, Ireland share a laugh.

visitor, and results in better cultural understanding and life-long friendships.

## Humanitarian Projects

In addition to exchange trips, Oktoberfest funds a number of humanitarian projects.

## Timbuktu

Sister city Timbuktu, Mali is not yet at the stage of development



A group of Tempe Students celebrates their selection as exchange students.

to support student exchanges. Located on the edge of the Sahara Desert, some residents must walk miles for drinking water. Tempe Sister City pledged to help by building water wells, and has built 7 to date.

In addition to water, the need for education, diminishing herds and medical needs have dominated Tempe's ten year relationship with Timbuktu.

## Wheelchairs for Peace

Sister Cities International has pledged to send 60,000 wheelchairs to communities throughout the world over the next five years. To date, Tempe has raised the funds to send 240 wheelchairs to Timbuktu and 240 to Skopje, making a real difference in people's lives.

## For More Information:

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