

Destination Stoughton- SN District 5 Adult Camp

October 27-29, 2023

Details on all of the events and activities will be continuously updated on the **Chamber website, District 5 Website and Facebook: Sons of Norway Stoughton WI**

Lodging: Make reservations on your own. There are a number of events happening in our area which prevented us from being able to get room blocks. Check these local listings: <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/category/lodging-52>, <https://www.oregonwi.com/list/category/hotels-motels-49>, <https://www.mcfarlandchamber.com/members/category/lodging-and-travel> or google your own! There are Air Bnb's (<https://www.airbnb.com/> and then put in Stoughton, WI and the dates), Bed and Breakfasts (<https://naesetroe.com/>, Altemus Corners House Bed and Breakfast) and other options around our area.

Friday, October 27- Mt. Horeb, Madison and Stoughton

Out and about options for the morning and afternoon

Madison

- Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library- NAGC will be open from 9-4 exclusively for District 5 Adult Camp participants. The staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist visitors with finding research materials and answer genealogy questions. The daily use fee will be waived for that day. Limited off-street and on-street parking is available at no charge. **To register, contact NAGC directly at 608-255-2224 or genealogy@nagcnl.org**. They are located at 415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

Mt. Horeb area

- **Hauge Log Church**- 10:30 AM- Built in 1852, the Hauge Log Church was the first Norwegian Lutheran Church constructed in western Wisconsin. Adjacent to the church is a small cemetery where members of the first congregation are buried, including Arne Ruste who cut the first log used in building the church. Howard Kietzke will lead our tour. Visit www.haugelogchurch.org to learn more! Address: 1359 County Hwy Z, Blue Mounds, WI 53517. You will have a guided tour and time to explore this fascinating part of Hauge history!
- **Driftless Historium**- open 10-4 on Fridays- <https://www.mthorebhistory.org/>. Regular admission is \$5 for Seniors (60+) and \$7 for Adults, and can be paid that day at the front desk. Driftless Historium
The Driftless Historium is an unexpectedly big-time museum in the heart of small-town Mount Horeb, with something for everyone!
 - Stroll through the award-winning exhibit, "Life and Change at the Edge of the Driftless." You'll experience the stories and see the stuff of generations of Native Americans, migrants, settlers, farmers, innovators and others who have lived, loved and died here.
 - See "History in 3D" in our newest exhibit that invites you to use special glasses to get a three-dimensional view of Wisconsin's past. Available for a limited time only!
 - Soak up some culture via a rotating slate of local art installations.
 - Indulge in retail therapy in our fully-stocked and eclectic gift shop and bookstore.
 - Snap a selfie with Mount Horeb's FIRST troll, the "Chicken Thief." (Teaser: you'll see how nature took back what this mischievous troll swiped.)

The museum store features the Village's largest book selection: local author-signed works and histories, Wisconsin-themed titles, a children's section and a wide variety of other tomes chosen

to entertain and enlighten. You'll also discover a delightful and quirky array of miscellany, from Troll Town souvenirs, locally-produced artistry, vintage-inspired toys and kitchenware, to ethnic gifts, yard art and cast-iron statuary, t-shirts, jewelry and more. And a colony of trolls waiting to join your family! **We specialize in carrying an array of genuine, vintage, crazy-haired trolls, scouted from estate sales, basements and attics—and, of course, our exclusive Mount Horeb trolls!** The three-building facility also serves as the base of operations for the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society. Genealogists, historians and researchers are encouraged to take advantage of the Society's expansive archival and artifact holdings, with free research visits and commissioned research services available by appointment. The Driftless Historium calendar includes special events and programs for all ages.

- **1:30 PM-** A presentation by Brian Bigler on the Norway House (limited to 50 people) at the Historium's Community Room. Brian Bigler, is an expert on the Norway Building that sat on the Little Norway grounds for over 80 years. He recently published an article about it in the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (see here: <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/wmh/id/53863/rec/2>), and has given several lectures on the topic.

The Norway Building of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair: A Well Traveled Building
Constructed in Norway in the winter and spring of 1892 -93 the Norway Pavilion outlived its temporary purpose as a World's Fair showpiece by traveling from Illinois to Wisconsin and landing back in the place it was built 122 years later – Norway. This presentation will follow the building on its journey through 5 constructions and 5 disassembles with several ownership's from wealthy tycoons and estate owners, its tenure at a Wisconsin tourist attraction and back to the mother country and its environs. Attendees will also learn of the making of the World's Fair and its long-lasting influence, the development of a Wisconsin tourist attraction and the efforts by a group of Norway's citizens to save the building from being lost to history.

- Shopping and lunch on your own in Mt. Horeb- <https://www.mounthorebchamber.com/>

Stoughton

- Livsreise- Norwegian Heritage Center- 277 W. Main Street. New hours: Open from 9:30-5:00 but closed from 12-12:30 PM. Free admission. *Innovators and Inventors* is an exciting new exhibit on loan from the Vesterheim Museum that celebrates the creativity and ingenuity of Norwegian immigrants and their descendants in America. This exhibit will also highlight some contemporary women inventors or innovators and others with ties to Wisconsin. Livsreise is also hosting an exhibit of several Norwegian immigrant trunks, all of which belong to someone who settled in the Midwest. If they could talk each one would tell a story of trials and tribulations, hopes and dreams for a better life in America.
- Visit our stores and local businesses! <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/QL/shopping-specialty-retail-23>, <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/ql/restaurants-food-beverages-22>, and <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/QL/arts-culture-entertainment-3>.
- Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge- 317 South Page Street
 - 6 PM- Supper with reservations only- meatball supper- Meatballs, potatoes, hot vegetable, cucumber salad, bread item, milk, coffee or water. Norwegian dessert. \$20/person
 - 7:30 PM – SHS Norwegian Dancer Presentation- Trip to Norway and how the Dancers can help your lodge!
 - 8:15 PM- Gary Nauman and Nathan Peterson, The Authors and Illustrators of *Vidar and Hans*, will share their story of starting an independent comic book right when the pandemic hit. The Vidar and Hans Series is about a Viking and a Troll hanging out in Stoughton,

hiding their secret identities, and aspiring to be superheroes. This comic book is a love letter to Stoughton, Celebrating its heritage, artiness, beauty, charm, and entrepreneurial flare. Hear about the challenges and opportunities of this unique indie endeavor.

- Later evening - *Kaskeland* movie downstairs about the Koshkonong Prairie
- Socializing and idea sharing

Saturday, October 28- Stoughton

- The Wisconsin State Rosemaling Association's Holiday Bazaar: 9 AM – 2 PM. Our community loves to be creative! During our annual Fall Bazaar, see how our members get creative with the rosemaling styles and add so much fun to this amazing heritage art. It's a 'gotta-be-there' event! Finding rosemaled Christmas ornaments is an annual tradition for many rosemaling fans. We will have traditional rosemaled pieces along with nordic holiday handiwork and lots of fun! This is your opportunity to purchase rosemaled items and learn more about this group's activities, classes, competitions, and sales. A wide variety of quality items will be offered – you won't want to miss this shopping opportunity. Location: Stoughton Fire Department's Training Room, 401 East Main Street, Stoughton, WI
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- Stoughton Historical Society Museum Open- 10:00 – 1:00 for tours (self-guided or scheduled) 324 South Page, will be open from 10:00-3:30. For a \$2 donation, visit Stoughton's museum featuring displays including Ever-changing Main Street, bunads, rosemaling, military history, various Norwegian collections, a fire truck, much more! The museum is right across from Mandt Lodge! Make a \$2 donation to visit the museum- you won't be disappointed!
- Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers: Community Building - 320 North Street. One performance at 4:30 PM. Join the dancers at the Community Building after the downtown adventures for their 4:30 performance, more treats with the dancers, and autograph and meet & greet opportunities!
- Lunch on your own- <https://www.stoughtonwi.com/list/ql/restaurants-food-beverages-22>

Events at Sons of Norway-Mandt Lodge- 317 South Page Street, Stoughton

- 11:00 am – 12 noon- Card Kit Class - \$22. Includes: 1 NLF stamp set, grid stamp block, black stamp pad, tape runner, notions, pre-cut cardstock for one card plus envelope. Instruction sheets on how to use stamps and make the card. (NLF Stamp Set order form included). You must pre-register for this class!
- 12:30-1:30 PM- St. Paul's LLC – A Vossa-land Church- Roxy Engelstad- The presentation will focus on the early history of the church, which is the oldest Norwegian Lutheran church in the U.S. that has continuously held worship services in the same sanctuary. Roxy Engelstad will share her research on the Norwegian immigrants (and many of them were Vossings) that built the church and how they constructed one of the largest limestone and mortar structures in this area during the 1850s. Major renovations

to the church were completed in 1914, and now the congregation at St. Paul's has initiated a second renovation to hopefully sustain the church for the next one hundred years. Please join us as Roxy talks about the details of the renovations, both in 1914 and 2019.

- 1:30-2:30 PM- Author Talks- Steve Fortney (Colonel Heg) - Hans, Christian Heg what is the highest union officer to have died in the Civil War. He was a Norwegian immigrant and settled with his family and the wind Lake Wisconsin. He had been elected to the Wisconsin prison commissioner before the war, which was the highest elected office a Norwegian, American have ever been elected to in Wisconsin up until that point. He was the volunteer colonel of the 15th Wisconsin, the all Scandinavian regiment in the union army. It fought many battles led by Heg until his death of Chickamauga in 1863.
- 2:45-4:00 PM District 5 Updates and Masse Moro Presentation
- Adjourn at 4:00 for the 4:30 PM- Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancer Performance at the Community Building.
- 6:00 PM- Supper at Mandt Lodge- Fish chowder, sandwich/wrap, milk, coffee, water and a Norwegian dessert. \$15/person
- 7:00 PM- Yahara Chocolate Presentation- Brook Johnson- Brook Johnson has been collecting chocolate for more than 20 years and started Yahara Chocolate & Tea in 2019 to share his knowledge of chocolate with Stoughton. Come to learn about the history of chocolate, chocolate making, and enjoy samples from all over the world including from Freia and Fjåk from Norway. Brook will start over 4,000 years ago in the jungles of South America and finish in Norway on the opposite side of the world. Your registration covers the cost of this presentation- otherwise a \$5 charge/person.
- 8:15 PM- Bill Amundson - Stoughton's Norwegian Culture: An Outsider's Guide- details to come but be ready for a fun, humorous and educational program to end our day!
- Socializing and visiting afterwards

Sunday, October 29- Cambridge and Deerfield area

- 9:00 AM- Church service at East Koshkonong Church- 454 E. Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523 <http://www.eastkoshkonong.org/Worship.aspx> . East Koshkonong is the first Norwegian American congregation started by a Church of Norway missionary. J.W.C. Dietrichson preached his first sermon in the United States for the people on the eastern part of the Koshkonong Prairie on September 1, 1843. These pioneers made a commitment to start a congregation on October 9, 1843. We have two buildings, what we fondly call the "Upper Church," which is the historic church to the west, and the "Lower Church," the primarily used building to the east. The twin steeples are a prominent landmark in our community.
- 10:00 AM- tour of the historic East Koshkonong Church and cemetery (same address)
- 11:15 AM- tour of Liberty Prairie Church - 3494 Oak Park Road, Deerfield, WI 53531. St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church has a rich and interesting history. Though it has not been officially confirmed, the church may be the oldest Norwegian Lutheran Church in the United States that has been continuously worshiped in, and that has not been moved from its original site. In the late 1840s, faithful Norwegian immigrants settled on Liberty Prairie. A nearby pastor, J.W.G. Dietrichson, began to preach in the neighborhood. When Pastor Dietrichson returned to Norway in 1850, Reverend A.C. Preus – encouraged by the faithfulness of those who gathered in the area – decided to begin a mission congregation on Liberty Prairie. A group of people began worshiping in the home of Sjur Reque, but it soon became clear that their mission required a building.
- Lunch on your own as you head home, or we can find a place to gather as a group in Cambridge or Deerfield!