

Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News

January 25, 2025

A District Weekly Newsletter to Keep Us Up to Date!

Updates from our call last week

- On the Lodge Achievement form, if you live in a state that doesn't allow for insurance product sales, you can write that in the comments in that section and it won't count against your application.
- Use the comment sections to explain items that need more clarification!



"Barnebirke is only a month away!"

We need volunteers to make cookies to be picked up by me and the others that are going to the event and volunteers to be at the event at the registration tent and giving out cookies at the cookie tent. To sign up to volunteer at the tent follow this link to the website

- <https://birkie.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=92865> . Heading up to Hayward to help? Volunteers should make their reservations now.

Sports Director Clara Solak also needs to have our Sons of Norway volunteers contact her with their contact information (name, lodge, email, phone, and address) and where you can help (Thursday-cookie tent; Thursday- high school booth; Friday- high school booth). Please email her at Clara.Solak23@gmail.com with this information.

If your lodge has cookies and needs to find a way for them to get to Hayward, please contact Clara and we will also start listing volunteers in the FFFN so you can connect with them.

If you have any questions about signing up please contact the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation at 715-634-5025. If you have any questions about the cookie pick up please email me at clara.solak23@gmail.com.

Thank you! Clara Solak- District 5 Sports Director

The Sons of Norway Fifth District Nordic Legacy Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) and donations given are tax deductible (minus any costs/services received) for the donation.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ to the "Sons of Norway Fifth District Nordic Legacy Foundation, Inc." Send to D5 Treasurer Corey Olson, W5907 Sweet William Drive, Appleton, WI 54915.

Please direct this donation to (check one): If unchecked, it will go to General

_____ General - allows District Board to use it for District 5 NLF activities and expenses

_____ Barnbirkie _____ Masse Moro _____ District Scholarships _____ Adult Heritage Camp

My/our name: _____ Lodge _____

Address _____ City _____, St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Kicking off the Bicentennial of Norwegian Migration

On July 4, 1825, a group of 52 Norwegians set sail on the ship Restauration to make the first organized migration from Norway to North America. Since that first voyage, about 900,000 others have followed, leaving their homes in search of opportunities and a better life. While many returned to Norway, most stayed and built a new home in the New World. Today nearly five million people in North America claim Norwegian ancestry.

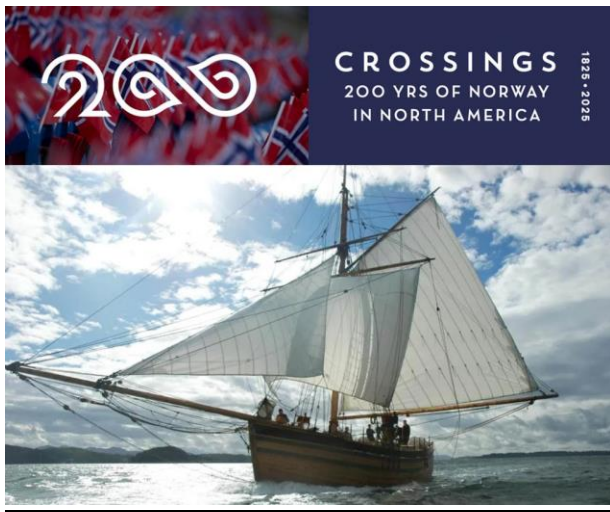
This year, Sons of Norway and [Crossings](#) commemorate 200 years of organized Norwegian migration to North America. It's a year to celebrate the strong ties between Norway, the United States, and Canada. It's an opportunity to remember what it means to take great risks and trade one home for another. And it's a chance to better understand the movement of peoples that continues worldwide today.

On July 4, 2025, a replica of the sloop Restauration will set sail for New York, retracing the route 200 years after the first organized group of Norwegians departed. We are reminded of struggles for

religious freedom and better living conditions that inspired so many to risk the journey. Aboard the replica ship, the Randaberg Yngre Mannskor recorded the Thomas Kingo hymn Sorgen og Gleden (Sorrow and Joy) that may have been sung on board, with the mixed emotions that the migrants must have felt:

*Sorrow and joy go hand in hand together
Fortune, misfortune as neighbors do dwell
Luck and adversity call to each other
Sunshine and clouds are companions as well
Earth's brightest gold is but fine mold
Heaven alone is where bliss can unfold*

Crossings – 200th Anniversary of Norwegian Migration



2025 marks the 200th Anniversary of the first organized emigration of Norwegians to the United States. The single mast sloop, Restauration, left Stavanger on July 4, 1825, with 52 people on board. Often referred to as the “Sloopers,” they arrived in New York City harbor on October 9, 1825. The coordinated undertaking for the 200th anniversary has been identified as Crossings, Norway & North America, 1825 – 2025. The Crossings Bicentennial in North America is managed by a group of dedicated professionals representing numerous organizations that include the Norwegian American Historical Association (NAHA), Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, Norway House, *The Norwegian American* newspaper, with representation from Sons of Norway and the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Sons of Norway Involvement

Sons of Norway lodges and other cultural organizations and educational institutions have an opportunity to partner to create exceptional, entertaining and memorable programming in recognition of this anniversary. It should be noted that 2025 is being referred to as a commemoration, not a celebration: immigration brought opportunities to new arrivals, but also negatively affected existing nations.

Sons of Norway Foundation

The Sons of Norway Foundation has made a financial contribution to assist in the communication efforts for Crossings as this milestone is likely beneficial to many of our lodges. Now is the time for Sons of Norway lodges to consider their options, potential partners, and begin planning for 2025.

The Sons of Norway Foundation grants and scholarships program is a funding resource for lodge projects and programs. Grants reach grassroots communities across the country and Norway, and scholarships bolster education and cultural exploration domestically and internationally. 2025 projects related to the 200th anniversary will be given preference for grants. There are also grants available to non-Sons of Norway groups. Find out more at sofn.com/foundation/grants.

Crossings Website

The Crossings website crossings.norwegianamerican.com is continually being updated. Recent additions include a **Planning Guide** (<https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/planning-guide/>) and **Style Guide** (https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Crossings_Styleguide_4.28.24.pdf). The **Resources** (<https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/resources/>) tab has a growing number of resources. The **Calendar** (<https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/events/>) tab has a button to Register an Event and lodges are encouraged to add their events.

Enduring Value

The Crossings Executive Committee encourages projects and initiatives that will have enduring value and long-term use. Can our 200th Anniversary in 2025 become part of the discussion that will unfold in 2026 as part of America's 250th anniversary? The 250th has been in the planning stages for several years and will engage communities across the country and historical organizations in every state. These are potential partnerships that could yield visibility and credibility to external audiences for Sons of Norway lodges.

References: [America250.org](https://america250.org) and aaslh.org/programs/250th

Cultural Weekend Update- October 3-5, 2025

It's 2025 and our Culture Weekend Committee is happy to announce that we have completed the plans for the District 5 Culture Weekend in October. Attached are the registration forms and schedule of activities.

Thanks- Barb Johnson, Culture Director, Polar Star Lodge 5-472

October 3-5, 2025

“Celebrating Norwegian Immigration – The Sloopier 200th Anniversary”

A three-day weekend of Norwegian Culture fun featuring Sloopier and Fox Valley Settlement pioneer history, traditional Norwegian culture and craft programs and classes, Norwegian games and movie night, “Sluppen” fun walk, Norwegian barn dance with Norwegian folk music and food, traditional Norwegian worship service, and a chance to meet descendants of the first Norwegian-American immigrants at their Sloopier Society annual meeting. This is a Sons of Norway District 5 Adult Norwegian Cultural Weekend event in Norway, Illinois, sponsored by Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Sons of Norway lodges, the Norsk Museum, and the Sloopier Society of America. *Weekend pre-registration is required.*

Download these PDF files for the full weekend schedule information and registration forms:

- Schedule – Information
- Weekend Registration Form
- Fun Walk Registration Form for “Sluppen” Around Norway, Illinois

Sons of Norway District 5 Adult Culture Weekend October 3-5, 2025
“Celebrating Norwegian Immigration - The Sloopers 200th Anniversary”

Schedule – Information

2025 is the 200th anniversary of the first organized emigration of Norwegians to the United States. The single mast sloop, “Restauration,” sailed from Stavanger, Norway on July 4, 1825 with 52 passengers on board. This group, often referred to as the “Sloopers,” left Norway for religious freedom and new opportunities. They arrived in New York City harbor on October 9, 1825.

The New York Quakers set aside land in upstate New York, near Rochester. After nine hard years of clearing heavily forested land to farm, they sent Cleng Peerson out west in search for better farmland. He and his group of Norwegian settlers traveled to Illinois and followed the Fox River down to LaSalle County Illinois.

Polar Star and Cleng Peerson lodges are planning to celebrate Norwegian immigration and the 200th anniversary of the Sloopers arrival in America, by presenting a 3-day culture weekend October 3-5, 2025. We will honor the history and culture of the early Norwegian-American pioneers who settled and established farms and communities on the Prairie of LaSalle County, Illinois.

Join us for a weekend of Norwegian fun featuring Sloopers and Fox Valley Settlement Pioneer history, Norwegian culture and craft presentations, Norwegian games, a fun Sloopers walk, a Norwegian barn dance with Norwegian folk music, a traditional Norwegian worship service, and a chance to meet descendants of those Norwegian-American immigrants at their Sloopers Society Annual Meeting.

The Culture Weekend begins at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3 at the Community Center in Norway, Illinois, 3667 E. 2603rd Road, Sheridan (Norway), Illinois. The schedule below provides information about:

- Pages 1 and 2: **On your way driving** to the Culture Weekend in Norway, Illinois, some **extra** activities you might want to check out on Thursday, October 2 or the morning of Friday, October 3.
- Page 3: Weekend activities on Friday afternoon, October 3
- Pages 4 and 5: Weekend activities on Saturday morning and afternoon, October 4
- Page 5: Weekend activities on Sunday, October 5
- Information about Lodging and Food/Restaurant Ideas

Details on all events and activities will be updated as appropriate on:

- Polar Star Lodge website: www.polarstarlodge.com
- Norsk Museum website: <https://norskmuseum.org>

Questions: Contact Barb Johnson at barbjjohnson@aol.com or 630-632-2329.

If you decide to travel on *Thursday October 2, the DAY BEFORE* the weekend events, you may wish to check out one of these interesting experiences on Thursday, October 2, on your way to Norway, Illinois:

- Spend the day in Geneva, Illinois. First, see the amazing Viking ship replica at the “Friends of the Viking Ship” Museum at Good Templar Park, 529 E. Side Drive in Geneva. <https://vikingship.us>. Tours on Thursday from 11-12 a.m. and again 2-3 p.m. Donation \$7 at the door but **pre-registration is required on Weekend Registration Form**. “Viking,” an exact replica of the Gokstad Viking ship discovered in the 1880s, was built in Norway, then sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, up the Hudson River, through the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to Chicago for the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition (Chicago World’s Fair). Don’t miss the ship’s splendidly-restored dragon head and tail on display in the Geneva Public Library, 227 S. 7th Street, Geneva. Then maybe have lunch at Stockholm’s Restaurant and Brewery at 306 W. State Street <https://stockholmsbrewpub.com>, and perhaps go shopping for Scandinavian gifts next door at The Gift Box www.genevagiftbox.com at 310 W. State Street.

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- Visit beautiful Starved Rock State Park in Utica, Illinois. <https://www.starvedrocklodge.com> In the Visitors Center, see the movie on history of Starved Rock, take a scenic hike up to the top of Starved Rock or to the waterfalls, take a tram ride, have lunch in the Starved Rock Lodge.
- Visit the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild, 115 W. Glover Street, Ottawa, Illinois. <https://www.lscgg.org>. Information about descendants in the area (newspapers, probate, obituaries, marriages, and more, on computer records, books, microfiche, etc.) Visit their website first to see what resources are available online. Donation at the door, but **pre-registration is required on the Weekend Registration Form**. Open Thursday from 9 to 4, and Friday morning from 9 to noon.
- Visit LaSalle County Historical Society, 101 Canal Street, Utica Illinois. Call 815-667-4861 for hours. Donation at the door.

If you decide to travel on *Friday October 3, the first DAY* of the weekend event

you may wish to experience one of these adventures during the morning on your way to Norway, Illinois.
(But be sure you get to the Norway Community Center in time for opening remarks at 1:30 p.m.)

- Pre-register for the “Immigration Textile Workshop - Sheep, Spinning and Småkaker” and sheep farm, from 9:00-11:30 at Esther’s Place at 201 Galena Street (Route 30) in Big Rock, Illinois. www.esthersplacefibers.com Learn about the pioneer art of turning wool into yarn at Esther’s Place! Starting with visiting the farm and meeting the sheep, you’ll walk through the steps of dyeing, carding and spinning the fibers. Then create your very own felted “småkaker”- using yarn as “icing”, you’ll draw a design on the cookie with needle felting, and then create a sachet ornament that is scented with glögg mulling spice and hung with a ribbon. <http://www.esthersplacefibers.com>. **Pre-paid, pre-registration is required on Weekend Registration Form. Fee is \$35.**
- Stop in Geneva, Illinois and see the Viking ship replica at the “Friends of the Viking Ship” Museum at Good Templar Park, 529 E. Side Drive in Geneva. <https://vikingship.us>. Join a tour from 10-11 a.m. Donation \$7 at the door but **pre-registration is required on Weekend Registration Form**. “Viking,” an exact replica of the Gokstad Viking ship discovered in the 1880s, was built in Norway, then sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, up the Hudson River, through the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to Chicago for the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition (Chicago World’s Fair. Then, maybe have an early lunch at Stockholm’s Restaurant and Brewery <https://stockholmsbrewpub.com> at 306 W. State Street, or find lunch somewhere else on your own.
- Visit the Norsk Museum at 3656 E. 2631 Road, Sheridan (Norway), Illinois. <http://www.norskmuseum.org> Open 9:00 to 1:00 Friday morning. Housed in the historic Hauge Lutheran Church, the museum was recognized in the Illinois register of historic places in 2015. Donation at the door.

Be sure to get lunch on your own, on your way to Norway, Illinois.

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The Culture Weekend begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois, 3667 E. 2603rd Road, Sheridan (Norway), Illinois.

In addition to the scheduled weekend activities, there will be several Norwegian cultural displays along the walls of the Community Center Main Room, all day Friday and Saturday.

- Bunad/Norwegian Folk Costumes
- Norwegian American Genealogy Center and Naeseth Library
- Animal Breeds Originated in Norway
- Stave Churches
- Trolls
- Sons of Norway Book Club

Friday, October 3 – Afternoon

<p>Community Center, Main Room</p> <p>1:30: Opening Remarks: "Welcome to the Fox River Settlement" (Ken Johnson, Polar Star Lodge President)</p> <p>1:45 – 2:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwegian American Women and their influence on Illinois Communities. (Ken Johnson, Connie Kross, Barb Johnson) <p>3:00 – 4:00:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at Norway Culture, History and Beauty Through Its Postage Stamps. (Arthur Andersen) <p>4:15 - 5:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ship called "Viking". Origin, History and Voyages of the "Viking", the 1892 exact replica of the circa 900 A.D. Gokstad viking ship. (Karen Oswald) 	<p>Community Center, Back Room</p> <p>1:45 – 2:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwegian Rosemaling. Demonstration and Display. (Kathy/Kass Mufich) <p>3:00 – 4:00:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needle Felting. Make a needle felted Juletrepynter (Christmas tree ornament). Materials are free to registered participants. Starter kits also available for purchase on-site. (Connie Kross, Barb Johnson) • Demonstrations of traditional Norwegian hand crafts by local artists. • Demonstration: Norwegian Waffles With Lingonberries 	<p>Norway United Methodist Church 2642 N. 3650th Road Norway Sheridan (Norway), Illinois</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stamping Norwegian Christmas Cards. Make 2 Christmas cards and 2 gift tags. Class kit includes one set of stamps, pre-cut paper, and instructions. Pre-paid, pre-registration required on Weekend Registration Form. Fee is \$40. (Connie Aiello)
<p>6:00 - 7:00: Dinner – Traditional Norwegian boiled codfish dinner with boiled red potatoes, polse, cole slaw, peas/carrots, bread, lingonberry bars. Pre-paid, registration required on Weekend Registration Form. Fee is \$20.</p>		
<p>7:00 - 9:00: Norwegian Game night and movie; free popcorn; bottled water/snacks available for purchase.</p>		

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Saturday, October 4 – Morning

Breakfast on your own.

<p>Community Center, Main Room</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Ørkenen Sur” (The Bitter Desert). Norwegian documentary film about a 1930’s Brooklyn shanty town of destitute Norwegian seamen and craftsmen during the Great Depression. (Arthur Andersen - his grandfather Karl Holm was important in helping them and documenting their plight.) <p>10:15 – 10:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Norwegian Rosemaling. (Lynn Sove Maxson) <p>11:00 – 11:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reindeer in Illinois. Learn about raising reindeer on a ranch in Illinois; meet and take pictures of a live reindeer. (Randy Espe; Whispering Pines Reindeer Ranch, Shabbona, Illinois) 	<p>Community Center, Back Room</p> <p>10:15 – 11:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needle Felting. Make a needle felted Juletrepynter (Christmas tree ornament). Materials are free to registered participants. Starter kits also available for purchase on-site. (Connie Kross, Barb Johnson) • Demonstration: Norwegian Waffles With Lingonberries <p>11:00 – 11:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwegian Rosemaling. Demonstration and Display. Some items available for purchase. (Lynn Sove Maxson) • Nordic Walking, Running, and Cross Country Skiing. Norway’s year-round activities. Learn basic skill techniques, equipment, and seasonal clothing. Opportunity to try it yourself. (Coach Tom Sisulak) 	<p>Norsk Museum</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Sluppen” Around Norway, Illinois. An educational, approximately 1 mile, fun walk around the village of Norway, Illinois. Pre-paid, pre-registration on the separate “Sluppen” Registration Form is required by June 30, 2025. Fee is \$15. (Covers bib numbers, medals, and snacks.) <p>9:00 – 11:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norsk Museum open. <p>9:00 – 11:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardanger Embroidery. Demonstration and Display (Linda Floyd) • Krumkake Demonstration. (Myrtle Duvick) <p>Norway Methodist Church 2642 N. 3650th Street, Norway (Sheridan), Illinois</p> <p>9:00 – 11:45: Making Sami Bracelets. Pre-paid, pre-registration required on Weekend Registration Form. \$45 Fee covers both morning and afternoon sessions. (Dawn Gunderson)</p>
<p>12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - American lunch: pulled pork, coleslaw, chips, bottled water. Pre-paid, pre-registration required on Weekend Registration Form. Fee is \$15.</p>		

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Saturday, October 4 – Afternoon

Norsk Museum - Open 1:15 – 4:00. Donation at the door.

<p>Community Center, Main Room</p> <p>1:15 – 2:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of the Sloopers and the Fox Valley Settlement. (Dave Johnson, Steve Tanda) <p>3:00 – 3:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music and True Stories of Norway Illinois. (Rob Borchsenius) <p>4:00 – 4:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vikings. Discussion of Vikings in historical fiction; a global overview of Viking Age trading, raiding, and settlement; Viking artifacts display and commentary. Book signing opportunity. (David Mullaly) <p>5:00 – 5:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The Fox Valley Settlement: April 1840” A short original play. 	<p>Community Center, Back Room</p> <p>1:15 – 3:45:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norwegian Rosemaling. Demonstration and Display. Some items available for purchase. (Lynn Sove Maxson) Demonstration -Norwegian Waffles With Lingonberries 	<p>Norway United Methodist Church 2642 N. 3650th Street, Norway (Sheridan), Illinois</p> <p>1:15 – 4:00: Continue Making Sami Bracelets. Pre-paid, pre-registration covers both morning and afternoon sessions. (Dawn Gunderson)</p>
<p>6:00 - 7:00: Dinner - chicken/pork chop, coleslaw, bun, baked beans, vegetable, potato, dessert. Pre-paid, pre-registration required on Weekend Registration Form. Fee is \$20.</p>		
<p>7:00 - 9:00: Norwegian Barn Dance with folk dancing and authentic Norwegian music.</p>		

Sunday, October 5

Breakfast on your own.

<p>Stavanger Lutheran Church, 2904 N. 32nd Road, Seneca, Illinois</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 – 11:30: - Norwegian church service, followed by Norsk Kaffe og Bakverk (coffee and pastries)
<p>Community Center, Main Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30 Noon – Annual Meeting of the Sloopers Society of America. Anyone with an interest in Norwegian American history, culture, and delicious food is welcome to attend. 1:00 - Sloopers Luncheon. Includes kumla, ham, meatballs, cabbage casserole, lutefisk and cod, red potatoes, butter, pickled and creamed herring, cheeses, Gomme (Norwegian caramelized, sweet cheese), water, coffee, and kringla. (Pre-paid, pre-registration required on Weekend Registration Form. Fee is \$20.) <p>Program: Vesterheim Museum photos of the upcoming 2025 reenactment of the Sloopers ship replica leaving Stavanger Norway in July 2025. (Polar Star and Cleng Peerson lodge members)</p>
<p>Norsk Museum: Open immediately following the Sloopers Program. Donation at the door.</p>

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Lodging:

Make reservations on your own. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at these two hotels:

- **Holiday Inn Fox River Resort** in Sheridan, Illinois. Block of 15 two-bedroom/two-bathroom suites with full kitchen (no breakfast provided.) Rate is \$169 plus tax and fees per night. Two night stay required. One night deposit will be immediately charged to your credit card. Only 1 mile southwest of our Norway, Illinois event location. Use Group Reservation Code “SON” when making reservation by phone at 866-545-5112. Cut-off date is September 1, 2025.
- **Holiday Inn in Yorkville, Illinois.** Block of 10 rooms with two beds/one bathroom. Rate is \$165 plus tax and fees per night, with two night stay required. Breakfast provided. Located 18 miles northeast of Norway Illinois (20 minute drive). Use Group Reservation Code “BJW” code when making reservation by phone at 866-545-5112. Cut-off date is August 15, 2025.

Food / Restaurant Ideas: *(includes distance to the Norway, Illinois venue)*

Geneva, Illinois (if traveling through Geneva on Thursday or Friday) (38 miles): Stockholm’s Restaurant and Brewery, 306 W. State Street; also other restaurants in downtown Geneva or main roads entering downtown.

Big Rock, Illinois (if going to Esther’s Place Friday morning) (26 miles): Big Rock Café, 103 Galena Street.

Yorkville, Illinois, near the Holiday Inn (17 miles):

- Station One Smokehouse (BBQ café serving), 524 E. Kendall Crossing, Yorkville
- Grace – Café and Wine Bar, 42 W. Countryside Parkway, Yorkville
- Burnt Barrel Social, 508 Central Parkway, Suite A, Yorkville
- Hacienda Real, 585 E. Kendall Drive, Yorkville
- Several fast food restaurants are on nearby Route 47
- <https://www.yorkvillechamber.org/yorkville-area-dining-guide/>

Newark, Illinois (6.7 miles):

- Newark’s Country Kitchen, 307 IL Route 71, Newark (closes 8:00 p.m.)
- Geo’s Pizza, 1 Main Street, Newark
- Subway, IL Route 71, Newark

Norway, Illinois (0 miles):

- Norway Store, 3654 IL Route 71, Norway/Sheridan (café breakfast and lunch only)
- Francesca Pizza, 3653 E. 2631st Road, Norway/Sheridan

Sheridan, Illinois (6 miles):

- Calico Café, 215 N. Robinson Street, Sheridan
- Old Mill Tavern, 4194 E. 2603rd Street, Sheridan

Between Norway and Ottawa (6 miles):

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- New Oasis Family Restaurant, 3074 IL Route 71, Ottawa
- Hank’s Farm Restaurant, 2973 IL Route 71, Ottawa

Millington (8.6 miles):

- Jimbo’s Place, 310 S. Church Street, Millington
- Last Chance Saloon, 102 S. Church Street, Millington

Wedron (9.8 miles):

- Wedron Office Bar & Grill, 2005 N. 35th Road A, Ottawa

Marseilles (11 miles):

- Marseilles Family Restaurant, 550 East Bluff Street, Marseilles
- Ziggy’s Bar & Grill, 278 Main Street, Marseilles
- The Family Taco, 329 Main Street, Marseilles
- Bobaluk’s Beef & Pizza, 458 Main Street, Marseilles
- Ryan’s Eatery, 442 Main Street, Marseilles
- Sam’s Pizza, 240 Washington Street, Marseilles
- Subway, 237 Commercial Street, Marseilles
- El Patron Mexican Restaurant, 485 Main Street, Marseilles

Ottawa (13.7 miles):

- Cracker Barrel, 4119 Columbus Street, Ottawa
- Culver’s, 3001 Fairfield Lane, Ottawa
- Sunfield Restaurant, 2754 Columbus Street, Ottawa
- New Brite Spot Family Restaurant, 801 E. Norris Drive, Ottawa,
- HiWay Restaurant, 210 W. Norris Drive, Ottawa
- B.A.S.H. Burger & Sushi House, 1012 N. LaSalle Street, Ottawa
- The New Chalet Restaurant, 514 State Street, Ottawa
- R Grotto Ristorante, 710 LaSalle Street, Ottawa
- Bianchi’s Pizza Downtown, 607 LaSalle Street, Ottawa
- The Beach House Seafood, 700 LaSalle Street, Ottawa
- Lone Buffalo by Tangled Roots, 812 LaSalle Street, Ottawa

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Weekend Registration Form

Please complete one form per person. Forms and fees are due by September 1, 2025.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Lodge Name and Location: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make check out to: Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Mail with form to: Ken Johnson, Polar Star President, 501 West Ridge Street, Yorkville, IL 60560

Questions: Contact Barb Johnson at barbijohnson@aol.com or 630-632-2329

The Weekend Registration Fee includes coffee and treats at the Norway community center, all on-site speakers, and Sons of Norway lodge expenses for hosting the event. Additional costs are listed below:

Activity	Cost	Amount Enclosed
Weekend Registration Fee	\$50 /person	
Friday Night Torsk (Cod) Dinner	\$20 /person	
Saturday American Pulled Pork Lunch	\$20 /person	
Saturday Night Chicken/Pork Chop Dinner	\$20 /person	
Sunday Sloop Norwegian Luncheon	\$20 /person	
Sami Bracelet Class	\$45 /person	
Stamping Norwegian Christmas Cards	\$40 /person	
Immigration Textile Workshop at Esther's Place. (offsite activity: only available Friday morning 9-11:30)	\$35 /person	
Total Amount:		

NOTE: Saturday Morning Fun Walk:

- Please use the separate "Sluppen" Registration form.
- We must receive the completed Sluppen form and Sluppen \$15 registration fee by June 30th to be eligible for medals.

The following off-site activities have a donation at the door, and are not part of this order form. However, we do need to know if and when you plan to visit so that adequate staffing can be arranged.

Off-Site Activity	Day	Planning to visit? (yes or no)
Friends of the Viking Ship Museum Tour	Thursday, 11 to 12	
	Thursday, 2 to 3	
	Friday 10 to 11	
LaSalle County Genealogy Guild	Thursday, 9 to 4	
	Friday, 10 to 12	

Office Use:

Received on: _____ Amount enclosed: _____ *check? cash?* Confirmed on: _____

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**"Sluppen" Around Norway, Illinois
Fun Walk
Saturday, October 4, 2025**

9:30 a.m. Start



This is an easy, approximately one mile, fun walk around the village of Norway, Illinois to learn about the Sloop immigrants and the Fox Valley settlement community.

Registration for "Sluppen" event must be submitted by June 30, 2025 to be eligible for medals.

The \$15 Sluppen registration fee covers bib numbers, medals, and snacks.

"Sluppen" Registration Form

Please complete one form per person.

Note: Sluppen Registration Form and \$15 fee is due by June 30, 2025 to be eligible for medals.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Lodge Name and Location: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

To participate in the Fun Walk, you agree to not hold Sons of Norway or its agents at any fault for any injury you may incur.

Waiver Signature: _____ Date _____

Make check out to: Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Mail with signed form to: Ken Johnson, Polar Star President, 501 West Ridge Street, Yorkville, IL 60560

Questions: Contact Barb Johnson at barbjohnson@aol.com or 630-632-2329

2025 Calendar

February 15- District 5 Information Event – 9 AM CST

February 15

Deadline — Domestic scholarship applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:

- Astrid G. Cates Scholarship
- Bernt Anker Scholarship
- Dan and Betty Rude Scholarship
- King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship
- Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship
- Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship
- Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship
- Elaine Nelson Scholarship
- District 4 Scholarship
- Nordkap Lodge 3-215 Scholarship
- Sissel and Roger Espeland Memorial Scholarship Fund

February 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

February 20- Barnebirkie Race in Hayward, WI

March 15

- D17 electronic financial form is due from the lodges and districts to Sons of Norway headquarters.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due using Survey Monkey.
- American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) reporting due using Survey Monkey.
- D64 Lodge Property Officer updates are due.

March 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

April 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

May 15

- D18 property association financial form is due from the lodges to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.

May 17- Masse Moro Lodge Supporting Grants Due

May 17- Masse Moro Registrations Due

May 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

June 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

July 13-26- Masse Moro- Youth Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI

July 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

August 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

September 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

October 3-5- Adult Camp Heritage Weekend in Norway, IL

October 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

November 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

December 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- **Foundation, Scholarships & Grants-** Amy Tuchenhagen
foundation@sofn.com, atuchenhagen@sofn.com, (612) 821-4655
- **Fraternal & Membership-** Connie O'Brien and Kirsten Lehman
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- **Culture, Viking & Language:** Jana Velo
jvelo@sofn.com
- **Insurance Sales:** Lori Gubash
sonsofnorwaysales@sofn.com, (833) 707-0012 – option 2
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851

Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

FFFN Basics

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by 4 am on Thursday morning. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.