

Nordkap Celebrates Norwegian Constitution Day on May 18th

Norway's biggest holiday will be celebrated by the Sons of Norway's Nordkap Lodge on Saturday, May 18, in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The holiday recognizes the signing of the constitution in 1814 establishing Norway as an independent sovereign state.

As they do in Norway, we will fly the Norwegian flag, sing the Norwegian national anthem, turn out in "bunads"—Norway's national dress—and enjoy Scandinavian music, picnic foods, and desserts. Bring your kids, grandkids, noisemakers, and Norwegian flags for the parade around the beautiful Swedish Club grounds. For lunch, there will be pølse (hot dogs), Norwegian waffles, soft drinks, and other treats available for purchase.



Please consider bringing a favorite Norwegian dessert to share at the coffee and dessert buffet. You can also shop at our general store stocked with imported cheeses, lefse, herring, candy, books, and Norwegian flags for the parade.

Nordkap's own Cod Toss Tournament will again challenge contestants to throw frozen fish for distance. Winners will take home prizes--all with a "fishy" theme (see some of the prizes below). There will also be special games and activities for the children.

Events begin at 11 a.m. at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills, and continue until 3 p.m. Here's the timeline:

- 11 a.m: Swedish Club opens with Norwegian food imports and gift items for sale
- 11:30 a.m: Parade begins
- 11:45 a.m: Greetings from Norway's honorary consul to Michigan, Dennis Flessland
- 12 noon: Picnic-style foods and Norwegian waffles available for purchase
- 12:45 p.m: Games for boys and girls, plus the Cod Toss Tournament for all
- 1:45 p.m: Norwegian dessert buffet opens

