

June 14th, 2025

FREE ADMISSION

Midsummer is widely celebrated in Sweden. It is a public holiday associated with nature and the hope for a good harvest in the coming fall/autumn. The holiday always begins on Midsummer Eve. In the beginning, it marked the summer solstice - the longest day of the year and the shortest night.

There are many traditions about Midsummer still alive in Sweden. Family and friends get together to eat pickled herring ('sill'), the first fresh potatoes of the season, sour cream, and crisp bread, and to drink vodka and beer. Fresh Swedish strawberries are also important as a dessert.

Flowers are an important feature at Midsummer. Many girls and women wear wreaths (blomkrans) in their hair. Houses are decorated inside and out with wreaths and flower garlands. In many parts of Sweden, people like to dress up in national costumes, play folk music, and dance old dances.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES (Schedule Subject to Change)

LINDSBORG OLD MILL & SWEDISH HERITAGE MUSEUM

11:00 a.m. Kubb Registration (Play Starts at noon; forms online) Heritage Square 4:00 p.m. Entertainment, Evening performances and Raising of the Midsummer Pole

ACTIVITIES DOWNTOWN

10:00 a.m. Entertainment (schedule on back), Blomkrans-making*, Food, Demonstrators & Barrel train ride

LINDSBORG SENIOR CENTER - Swedish Food Demonstrations:

10 a.m. - Swedish Pancakes by Judy & Ed Pilewski

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FOOD VENDORS: Dala Van, Val's Berry Bowls, The Global Grill, plus all our local restaurants & cafes.

CRAFT DEMONSTRATORS: Inside downtown shops and several near Red Barn Studio.

*Some fees may apply

Program Schedule

DOWNTOWN LINDSBORG

10:00 AM: Lindsborg Folkdanslag at Hemslojd Store
11:00 AM: Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers at Hemslojd Store
12:00 PM: Scandinavian Folk Dancers of KC at USD 400 Parking lot
12:00 PM: Lindsborg Folkdanslag at First Bank Parking lot
1:00 PM: Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers at USD 400 parking lot
2:00 PM: Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Kansas City at Hemslojd Store
3:00 PM: Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers at First Bank parking Lot

HERITAGE SQUARE (South Park, Near Pavilion)

4:00 PM – Front Porch Pickers
4:30 PM – Broadway RFD and Kids Summer Production
5:00 PM – Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Kansas City
5:15 (Concurrent-time approx) Kubb Tournament Championship Match
5:45 PM – Lindsborg Arts Council Jazz Band
7:00 PM - National Anthems & Kansas State Song
7:20 PM - Raising Midsummer Pole (Najstångsresning)
7:30 PM - Swedish Folk Dancing (Performances & Audience

Participation)

Emcee: TBD Song Leaders: TBD

SWIMMING POOL

8:30 - 10:30 PM Free Swim Compliments of the City of Lindsborg

Midsummer's Festival Committee Members

Chase Ellis - President Agnes Ficker - Secretary Denise Peterson - Treasurer Natalie Nelson Karna Peterson Bill Chase

Sarah Zehnder - 2025 LSFD Liaison Ava Toll – 2025 LSFD Liaison Brenton Anderson - 2025 LSFD Director

Please consider joining the fun with us! New members welcome! 😊

2025 SPONSORS PLATINUM (\$500+)

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City of Lindsborg (free swim) Lindsborg Senior Center (food demos)