

Summertime activities abound in Michigan

Travel

Pow Wow, June 17-18.

Michigan's "good neighbor" festival with Canada—the International Freedom Festival—takes place June 30-July 4 in Detroit.

ONE OF MICHIGAN'S favorites, and most energetic ethnic offerings, the Bavarian Festival at Frankenmuth comes up June 11-17. Polkas, oompah bands and old world crafts flavored with bratwurst, beer and hot pretzels

Festivals, sporting events, music, art and antique shows live up to the scene as summer gets into the swing of Michigan's arrival, according to the Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce.

Entertainment, customs, costumes and cuisine of Michigan's variegated ethnic heritage sparkle the weekends of June at the Michigan at Third Street Festival site in Detroit and Y&K arena, Wyandotte.

Detroit's program begins with the Irish, June 2-4; followed by the German Festival, June 9-11; Slovak, June 16-18; and the Far East Festival, June 23-25. In Wyandotte, it's the German Festival; June 2-4; Hungarian, June 9-11; and the American Indian Center's

"Wilkommen" visitors with Bavarian charm and hospitality.

The boom of canons, crack of muskets and coonskin-capped sharpshooters recall America's frontier days at the Muzzle Loader's Festival, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, June 17-18. The village's Old Time Summer Festival (which continues throughout the summer) opens June 10.

A rose is a rose is the Rose Festival at Jackson, June 3-11. In addition to tours of public and private gardens, festival activities will include entertainment at the Cascades, tennis and horseshoe tournaments, arts and craft show, carnival and parade.

The Lilac Festival blossoms June 11-12 on Mackinac Island with a horse-

drawn parade, the queen's dance and concerts in the park.

If you've never tried asparagus fowlie, asparagus cake or cookies, try those of the National Asparagus Festival, June 9-10, Hart/Sheley. In addition to adventures in taste, there will be farm tours, an antique show, art fair and many more fun things to see and do.

In the area of breathtaking adventure, it's up, up and away and hold on tight at the National Soaring and Hang Gliding Festival, June 30-July 4, Frankfort. Make like a bird yourself and take a silent soaring ride in a motorless aircraft or stay on the ground and watch the raft race or demolition derby. For nourishment, have a fish bake on the beach.

IF YOU HAVE never won a contest, your opportunity may be at hand, June 24-July 2, at the Seaway Festival, Muskegon. Awards will go to winners of competitive events such as bubble gum blowing, frog leaping, bed racing and having the most freckles.

June is the month when the stars begin to shine at Star Theatre of Flint. John Raitt opens the season in the musical "Shenandoah," the week of June 20. Next, Kathryn Crosby will light up the stage with her "Same Time Next Year," the week of June 27.

For art and antique lovers, there's a big helping of shows and festivals throughout the state, almost every day of the month. More than 25 are listed in the Michigan Calendar of Travel Events.

An odd 'n ends list of other noteworthy events includes the World's Largest Breakfast Table, June 16, Battle Creek; Beachcomber Festival, Grand Marais, June 10-11; Red Cedar Jubilee, June 18-25, Williamston; Folk Music Festival, June 25; Charlton Park, Hastings; and the U.S. Marine Band, June 27, Center for the Arts, Interlochen.

On the sports scene is the Michigan Summer Special Olympics, June 1-4, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant.

Other events include Timberstown Raft Race, June 3, Saginaw; Au Train Canoe Race, June 17, Au Train; NAS-CAR 400, Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, June 18; Michigan Amateur Golf Tournament, June 20-24, Belvedere Golf Course, Charlotte; and lots of Tiger baseball.

To be up on all the events for June and warm-weather months ahead, write for a free copy of the Michigan Calendar of Travel Events available from: Travel Bureau, Michigan Department of Commerce, Box 30226, Lansing 48909.

Bavarian Festival welcomes visitors

The Bavarian Festival at Frankenmuth, one of America's top festivals as selected by the U.S. Travel Service, will be held June 11-17.

Folk music, a bountiful supply of food, dancing, singing, and residents clad in lederhosen and dirndls are featured during the annual attraction.

More than two million travelers visited Frankenmuth in 1977. A new regional visitors information center will extend the hand of friendship to more guests in 1978.

Fine food and Christmas decorations are the leading tourist attractions in Frankenmuth. Visitors can be part of Bavaria for a day or two by walking along tree-lined streets, taking in the old-fashioned atmosphere.

Many of the buildings are styled in Bavarian architecture complemented with old world decor interiors.

While quaint dining centers are the focal point, there is much more up and down Main Street. Visitors may browse in cheese and sausage and

candy stores, woodworking and candle and wicker shops, a country store, an old-time tavern.

Antique stores and a historical museum offer a trip down memory lane. There are art galleries, craft shops,

displays of cuckoo clocks and music boxes.

The larger of its two breweries offers tours. Tours of the community and historic St. Lorenz Lutheran Church also are available.

Dayride appearing

The musical stylings of Dayride will be featured Tuesday through July 1 at the Top of the Postcard in Detroit.

Led by Jay Palmer on guitar, the quartet consists of Rose Rizzo on keyboard, Dan Smith on drums and Mark Zuzanek on bass. The group accentuates its contemporary and disco musical arrangements with three- and four-part vocals.

Palmer and Rizzo have appeared locally with Phil Marcus Esser. Smith appeared and recorded with Tom Powers, and Zuzanek performed with

Tony and Carolyn before Dayride was formed three years ago.

The group has performed at the Trio in Southfield, the Plymouth and Northfield Hiltons and Francesco's, among other top nightspots.

They will appear Tuesdays-Saturdays 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Top of the Postcard, on the 25th floor of the Hotel Pontchartrain.

In addition to danceable music, TOP offers Chuck Muer dining from 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and from 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Horror film shown

As the final Friday movie until August, Detroit Film Theatre will present "Onibaba," directed by Kaneto Shindo, on June 16, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium.

Tickets are available in advance at the museum ticket office or at the door.

Rarely seen in the United States, the 1963 "Onibaba" is now widely recognized as a horror movie cult classic. Called "sensuous and forceful" by critic Georges Sadoul, the film tells the story of two women in feudal Japan who live in a reed field and prey upon unsuspecting samurai.

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