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## **ROCK CITY'S ANNUAL GERMAN FESTIVAL CELEBRATES FALL FUN, FLAVORS & FOLIAGE**

**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Ga.** Get ready to Oompah at the area's premier Oktoberfest celebration beginning Saturday, Oct. 5 through Sunday, Oct. 27 at Rock City Gardens! The 14<sup>th</sup> annual German-themed harvest festival, Rocktoberfest, offers delicious new German food and a variety of themed entertainment from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

Try new pumpkin spice Rice Krispy treats from the Fudge Kitchen, grab an oversized pretzel, or taste foods in the pavilion like a slow roasted pork loin seasoned with traditional German spices, topped with German-style kraut on a Kaiser roll. Café 7 is also open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the event with special themed food, such as Weinerschnitzel and plant-based bratwursts!

Experience Rock City's German heritage firsthand with a guided tour of the gardens at 9 a.m., 12 p.m. or 3 p.m. to learn about the attraction's co-founder, Frieda Utermoehlen Carter and her love of German folklore and fairytales.

Rocktoberfest hosts one-of-a-kind characters to meet along the way including scarecrows, the Fall Fairy, Jerry the Mime, Ik the Troll King and Rocky the Elf! And of course, the event would not be the same without music from The Musik Meisters, The Wurstbrats and The Best Wurst Band, as well as dance performances and polka lessons for guests!

Birds of Prey Shows also return at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Other special offerings include pumpkin painting, interactive caricatures and geode digs! Kids also receive an adventure passport upon entering the park! The passport features activities, coupons and pages for children to collect stamps during their visits throughout the year.

This event has been selected as a Top 20 Event for 2019 by Southeast Tourism Society! Visit [www.seerockcity.com/rocktoberfest](http://www.seerockcity.com/rocktoberfest) for the entertainment schedule.

Rock City has an ongoing partnership with the [MaryEllen Locher Scholarship Foundation](#) honoring breast cancer awareness month during October. Several pink "[survivor](#)" [products are sold](#), with a portion of proceeds benefitting the organization's scholarship program for students whose parents have been impacted by breast cancer, and Mel's Club, an awareness program in

local schools. This year's MELSF scholarship winner is Sam McDonald, a rising sophomore at the University of the South.

Rock City is one of the South's most popular natural attractions. Known for its unique geological and botanical wonders, the enchanted 4,100-foot walking trail is a true marvel of nature featuring massive ancient rock formations, a 140-foot waterfall that cascades down Lookout Mountain and the Swing-A-Long Bridge that spans nearly 200 feet.

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