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Get a taste of Swedish summer
With the American Swedish Historical Museum and SACC Philadelphia's
Summer Crayfish Party
Friday, August 23rd, 2013 at 6:30pm



Experience a Swedish summer tradition at the American Swedish Historical Museum. Join ASHM and the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce-Philadelphia for a Crayfish Party on Friday, August 23rd at 6:30pm, when plates will be piled high with crayfish, cooked Swedish-style in salted water with lots of dill. Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvre in the museum courtyard, followed by dinner. The meal is accompanied by potato salad, green salad, bread, Swedish cheese and dessert. Swedish meatballs with ligonberry jam are available for those who have yet to catch the crayfish craze. Come eat, drink and make merry to mark the close of summer in Swedish style!

Admission to the Crayfish Party is \$50 for members of the ASHM or SACC-Philadelphia and \$60 for non-members. To reserve your space, please call 215-389-1776 or buy tickets online at americanswedish.org/calendar.htm. Reservations are required by August 16, 2013. No refunds after RSVP date.

The Swedish tradition of feasting on crayfish at the end of summer dates back about 100 years. At one time the lakes of central Sweden were filled with crayfish, but overfishing decimated their population. Finally, the government prohibited the catching of crayfish except during a short time in late summer. After going the whole summer without the delicacy, the return of crayfish to the dinner table in August became great cause for celebration. Crayfish parties in Sweden are often held out of doors in the moonlight with big paper lanterns and festive colored lights strung for decoration. Paper napkins, hats, bibs and paper plates all have a crayfish motif. And everyone raises their glass of aquavit to sing traditional Swedish drinking songs.

Call 215-389-1776, email info@americanswedish.org or visit www.americanswedish.org for more information. The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia, five blocks west of the Sports Complex. The Museum is easily accessible from Route 95 or 76 and has free parking. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street subway AT&T station, or SEPTA's Route 17 bus is within walking distance of the Museum.

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