

# AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## CRAYFISH PARTY IS A DELICIOUS TRADITION AT THE AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

As summer wanes in both Philadelphia and in Sweden, crayfish abound at the American Swedish Historical Museum. **Join us for the museum's annual Crayfish Party on Saturday, August 15 at 6:30**, when plates will be piled high with crayfish, cooked Swedish-style in salted water with lots of dill. The crayfish meal is accompanied by potato salad, green salad, bread, cheese and dessert. Roast beef is available for those Americans whom have yet to catch the crayfish craze. Come eat, drink and make merry to mark the close of summer the Swedish way!

Admission to the Crayfish Party is \$40 for members of the museum and \$45 for non-members. Please call 215-389-1776 or email [bdavis@americanswedish.org](mailto:bdavis@americanswedish.org) to reserve your space at the party. **Reservations are required by August 7, 2009. No refund 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.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance, or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.

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