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19th-Century Independence Day Celebration at Old World Wisconsin!

Eagle, Wis. – On July 4th, celebrate the spirit of Independence Day through living history presentations and fun hands-on activities for the entire family at Old World Wisconsin.

"The special event allows guests to celebrate Independence Day much like it was in the 19th century," says Dan Freas, site director at Old World Wisconsin. "Guests will be able to participate in many family-friendly activities including ice cream making, period sports, and games, and try their luck at the greased-pole contest or the pie-eating contest." Food and beverages will be available for purchase to enjoy a picnic in the Crossroads Village.

The interactive time travel experience will culminate with an old-fashioned parade through the village. Guests of all ages will enjoy watching, or even participating in, have a grand ol' time watching the 1880s-style Independence Day parade! Come and see why *Travel + Leisure Magazine* calls Old World Wisconsin's Independence Day Parade "One of the best in the country".

Date: Wednesday, July 4

Time: 10AM-5PM

Location: Old World Wisconsin (W372 S9727 Hwy 67, Eagle, WI)

All Veterans will receive free admission to Old World Wisconsin on July 4th. The price of admission for this event is: adults (18-64) \$19; children (5-17) \$10; seniors (65 & older) \$16. Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free admission to Old World Wisconsin and all 12 sites. For more information about this event and a full list of the day's activities, visit oldworldwisconsin.org.

About Old World Wisconsin

Old World Wisconsin is a 600-acre regional history attraction that features interactive environments and immersive stories of 19th-and early 20th-century Midwestern immigrant farm and rural life. It is one of twelve Wisconsin Historical Society sites and museums around the state. The site operates weekends in May, then daily Memorial Day through Labor Day, then Thursdays through Sundays September 10 through October 31. The museum offers guests hands-on activities, led by period-clad staff members, as they visit 10 working farmsteads, explore 12 heirloom gardens, meet heritage animal breeds and try historic crafts and skills. Old World Wisconsin is located on Highway 67 just south of Eagle, Wisconsin in the Milwaukee/Chicago/Madison triangle. For more information visit www.oldworldwisconsin.org or call 262-594-6301.

About Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing

stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

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