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Ohio Village Reopens for Summer Season on May 21

Reopening will be celebrated with a two-day Victorian carnival full of family fun

COLUMBUS – The Ohio History Connection will reopen its beloved 19th-century Ohio Village for the summer season with a two-day Victorian-era carnival during Ohio Village Opening Weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 21 and 22. The carnival will feature popular entertainment of the 1890s, exciting performances, fortune tellers, skill games and much more.

The living history Ohio Village allows guests to explore historic homes and businesses. Visitors can get to know the residents of the community and learn all about the era through conversation and historically accurate displays.

“The official reopening of Ohio Village is one of our most celebrated weekends of the year,” said Neil Thompson, media and public relations manager for the Ohio History Connection. “We’re looking forward to welcoming Ohio families to the Village for this unique experience to kick off the summer season.”

The carnival, also set in the 1890s, provides activities and sideshows for the whole family:

- Wynds Entertainment: Includes fire-eating, laying on a bed of nails and similar tricks.
- Professor Wurst’s Amazing Flea Circus: A short and funny showcase of the many and varied talents of fleas. (Sunday only.)
- Sly Huntly the Monster Hunter: A brief lecture from Sly Huntly, a traveling monster hunter who will share stories and evidence from creatures he’s seen all across Ohio, from Lake Erie’s Bessy to the mysterious Skyfoogle.
- The Mysterious Magnetic Lady: A woman with unexplainable powers will showcase feats of physics that need to be seen to be believed.
- Wild West Show: Ohio Village’s Marshal Morgan joins forces with the legendary marksman Annie Oakley in an impressive display of shooting prowess. (Saturday only.)
- Carnival games: Numerous classic games of skill, including a ball toss, ring cane and hoopla.

During the summer season, Ohio Village will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is included with Ohio History Center admission. Admission ranges from \$7 to \$13. Children ages 3 and under are free. Parking is free. For more information, visit ohiohistory.org/visit/ohio-village/.

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About Ohio History Connection:

The Ohio History Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society, is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio’s stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens focused on preserving and sharing the state’s history. This includes housing the state historic preservation office,



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the official state archives, and local history office and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, visit ohiohistory.org. Support for Ohio History Connection programs comes from the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

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