Squaw to channel Bavaria for Oktoberfest

Fresh-baked pretzels from the Truckee Sourdough Company and a disc jockey are two additions to North Lake Tahoe's largest Oktoberfest celebration in the Village at Squaw Valley.

The annual event will transform Squaw's village into a miniature Bavaria on Sept. 27.

Squaw Valley's event is modeled after the original Oktoberfest, a 16-day annual festival in Munich. Guests can enjoy traditional German entertainment including performances by Joe Smiell and his 20-piece Bavarian band with the Almenrauch Schuhplattler Bavarian Folk Dancers on the main stage. Additional music and dancing will take place on the First Street stage with the Alpentanzer Schuhplattler Austrian Dance Troop accompanied by the Alpentanz Kapelle band.

There will be a wide selection of authentic German brews. The first beer, sold in a commemorative festival mug, is $10. Additional beers will be available for $5, with all proceeds from beer sales benefiting the High Sierra Lacrosse Foundation.

In addition to the live music and beer tasting, event attendees can compete for prizes in the Oktoberfest Games, which include stein holding competition, keg-rolling race and the bratwurst toss.