

The seasons of GAI language learning

Spring Session

Adult winter classes and Samstagsschule are in full swing. Throughout the Haus, you'll hear the sounds of students learning. And our online classes continue to build community as our engaging instructors teach their students virtually. However, now is the time to plan for next session!

Registration for spring classes is open and Spring Session begins the week of April 10. Registering early secures a spot in the classes you need or want. It also helps us avoid canceling classes with low enrollment. We want to make sure we can offer the largest number of classes possible for a wide range of



language proficiencies. Take the next step in your language learning journey and register for Spring Session!

Register at gaimn.org/adults

Summer German Camps



Plan your summer fun now!

Although there's still snow on the ground, many families are busy planning their summer activities. Add a GAI German camp to your child's summer fun! Our half-day week long camps (with optional extended care) immerse students in themes such as rain forests, Minnesota wildlife, building and engineering, fairy tales, and a trip around the world. German beginners to bilingual campers are welcome!

Learn more about ages, levels, and themes at gaimn.org/camps

Preschool for Fall



New family enrollment begins March 1

Families looking for a quality preschool should look no further than the GAI's German Immersion Preschool. With locations in Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Kinderstube program focuses on experiential learning in a play-based, German immersion preschool setting, modeled after a combination of the German Kita and the American licensed preschool program.

Learn more and register at kinderstubepreschool.org

EVENTS

MARCH 4
Spieleabend: CATAN

MARCH 5
Vienna Soiree concert

MARCH 11
Kulturküche: *SOLD OUT*

MARCH 25+26
Pysanky Egg Decorating

LEARN GERMAN

Adults
Spring Session registration open

Kids and Teens
Summer camps registration open

GAI GRUPPEN

MARCH 11
Haus & Grounds

MARCH 18
Modelleisenbahn Gruppe

MARCH 20
GAI Damenklub

MARCH 21
Deutscher Sprachklub



March Stammtisch

Tuesday, March 14 | 11:30—noon

Das Menü: Pork roast stuffed with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, creamed spinach, coleslaw, and carrot cake for dessert.

Pick up your meal between 11:30 and noon. Please call the office at 651.222.7027 or e-mail office@gaimn.org to RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, March 10. \$14 for lunch and dessert.

UPCOMING EVENTS



PARTNER EVENT

Concert: Vienna Soirée
Sunday, March 5 | 4 PM

Vienna, the City of Music, has given the world such rich treasures! Come celebrate the songs of Franz Schubert and Johannes Brahms, the operettas of Johann Strauss, and much more! Join us for this delightful soirée performed by the Minnesänger choir and featured soloists.

Third floor ballroom, not ADA accessible, doors open at 3:30 PM
Free, but seats are limited. Reserve a spot at gaimn.org/vienna-soiree



PARTNER EVENT

World Without Genocide Webinar
Tuesday, March 21 | 7–9 PM

This program examines a personal journey of memorialization and discovery by a daughter whose father, a professional cellist, disclosed only small details of his past during the Holocaust. Speakers will also explore the challenges of memorialization, the nature of both genetic and psychological intergenerational trauma, and how the shadow of the Holocaust reverberates today.

Register at gaimn.org/holocaust-story



Pysanky European Egg Decorating
Saturday and Sunday, March 25+26
2–5 PM

Create vibrantly hued and highly detailed works of art on a simple egg. Participants will apply wax using traditional tools, dye eggs in a succession of colors to create multi-colored eggs, and remove wax to reveal the final colors. Best for ages 12 and older.

All materials are included.

\$45 member/\$55 nonmembers
Register at gaimn.org/pysanky



PARTNER EVENT

German Community Night at the Minnesota Wild
Tuesday, April 11 | 7 PM

We had so much fun last time, we're doing another German hockey night. Be sure to buy tickets through the link below to be part of the pre-game festivities. Admission includes a limited edition Wild-German fan scarf.

Buy tickets at gaimn.org/hockey



State Capitol and Rathskeller Tour
Friday, April 14 | 11 AM–12:30 PM

Marvel at the grand murals, sculptures, lavish decorations, and learn about the elaborate conservation work performed to bring the art back to its original appearance. This special Arts and Artists tour includes the capitol's rathskeller!

\$15 plus optional lunch after the tour
Buy tickets by March 29 at gaimn.org/capitol-tour



Pork & Kraut Curbside
Saturday, April 29 | 1–3 PM

Satisfy your German food cravings with our annual Pork & Kraut dinner, available for curbside pick up. Prepared in-Haus, your meal will include German "soul food" favorites—a smoked pork chop, Helga's secret recipe sauerkraut, Apfelstreuselkuchen, a Warsteiner beer, and more!

\$20 member/\$25 non-member
Buy tickets at gaimn.org/pork



Summer camps

Kids get the run of the Haus during our week-long German camps. Themes for this year include *Kinder in der Küche*, *Märchen*, *Workshop KREATIV*, *All Things Bauen*, *Eine Bunte Woche*, and *Abenteuer Wald*, and more! German beginners to bilingual campers are welcome. Register early to ensure a spot in your preferred camp.

Learn more at gaimn.org/camps

Winter session special classes

German for Lunch for levels B1.2 to B1+

Our final German for Lunch session for levels B1.2 to B1+ run in March. Boost your grammar or conversation skills with these fun short courses. Grammar classes are held on Tuesdays and conversation classes on Wednesdays.

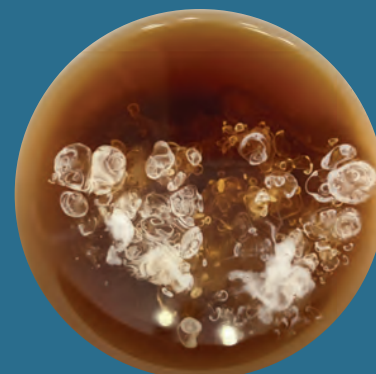
Register at gaimn.org/adults

A weekend of fun, learning, and Gemütlichkeit

On January 27 and 28, a group of twenty language learners at the B1/B2 level joined us for our first ever *Immersionswochenende!* We ate together, played games and made *Brötchen—auf deutsch!* One of the many highlights was the *Ostfriesenteezeremonie* with our guest Lübbert Kruizenga, an East Frisian native and president of the German American Chamber of Commerce MN. Participants also engaged in a (not so serious) newspaper project and practiced their debate skills. We had lots of fun!

“It’s difficult to pick just one [favorite moment], but overall I enjoyed the variety of experiences. I was worried that my German wouldn’t be good enough. I know I wasn’t the most fluent speaker there, but I’m glad that I was able to understand most of what was said to me.”

—Immersion weekend participant



AROUND THE HAUS

Haus & Grounds March work session

Haus & Grounds will hold their regularly scheduled work session on **Saturday, March 11**, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with lunch and beer! Did you know they also have a weekly work session most Thursdays. If you would like to volunteer or to get more information about helping maintain the GAI Haus and grounds, please contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org or call the GAI office at 651.222.7027.



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Spieleabend: CATAN

Saturday, March 4 | 5–8 PM

Since it was published as *Die Siedler von Catan* in 1995, this board game has sold more than 18 million copies worldwide. It's a game of trade and development where players compete and collaborate in a race to build settlements, cities and roads.

CATAN was invented by German Klaus Teuber, who began designing board games in his basement as an escape from his day job. He is now the managing director of Catan GmbH, a multi-million-dollar business he runs with his family.

CATAN is easy to learn—bring a friend, neighbor, or the whole family! Let us know during registration if you would like to be at a German speaking table. Tickets include a drink (2 for members) and bar snacks.

Pre-registration is required | \$10 per player
Register at gaimn.org/spieleabend

GAI Member Deals

The Bach Society presents, *Hallelujah!*
Members get half-price tickets

The Bach Society performs Bach's famous choral motets with music by other members of the Bach family as well as by friends and colleagues.

Three performances:

Mankato—March 1 at 7 PM

St. Paul—March 3 at 7:30 PM

Corcoran—March 4 at 7:30 PM

Use promo code GAI for 50% off tickets

Buy tickets at gaimn.org/membership

Spieleabend: CATAN | Saturday, March 4
Members get a second free beverage!

Tickets include one free beverage, bar snacks and the chance to win fun prizes and CATAN swag.

Pork & Kraut Curbside | Saturday, April 29
Members get Pork & Kraut for only \$20!
Buy tickets at gaimn.org/pork

Language classes

Members get discounts on language classes year-round. Registration is open for Spring Session.

Learn more at gaimn.org/adult