

“Friendship: The Heartbeat of Global Peace.”

The Sister Cities International program was launched at a 1956 White House conference by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Hundreds of American cities responded to that call and are continuing to carry out meaningful exchanges in 136 nations around the world. In 2022, the City of Foley started the Foley Sister Cities program and is excited to partner with Hennef, Germany as our sister city.

The Foley Sister Cities Commission exists to promote cultural, educational, and commercial relationships through international leadership, friendship and understanding. Ultimately “Building Peace Through People”. This year’s theme highlights the **power of friendship to foster understanding, collaboration, and peace across borders.**

The top priorities of Foley Sister Cities (FSC) Program include:

- educational and enrichment through exchanges,
- programs, projects, and educational cultural experiences for the community
- enables the citizens of both communities to become directly involved in international relations.

In 2024, Foley Sister Cities (FSC) led its first group of Foley High School students to Hennef, Germany, for a cultural and educational exchange. New initiatives include a 2026 student exchange program, an international intergenerational recipe book developed and designed by high school students and senior citizens from both countries, pen pal program with elementary students, as well as art and leadership exchanges.

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to Foley Sister Cities’ newest exciting adventure. Foley Sister Cities and presenting title sponsor Riviera Utilities unveiled their Oktoberfest Golf Jamboree, October 23, 2026. This is not just a golf tournament but a full blown, authentic Oktoberfest. The Little German Band from Huntsville, Alabama will be performing in their authentic German costumes (lederhosen and dirndl) playing traditional German music as well as well-liked American classics. Hotel discounts will be available at the Cobblestone Hotel & Suites. Shuttle, Uber etc. will be available between the hotel and GlenLakes Golf Club. Get your clubs ready, build your arm muscles to compete in the Stein holding contests, and bring your polka dancing shoes. We need golfers and sponsors!

All sponsors will have the opportunity to purchase more Oktoberfest discount tickets (\$25) for their non golfer employees, family and friends. Tickets will go on sale for the Oktoberfest event to non-sponsors after all sponsors have what they want.

We would like to invite you to consider sponsoring this Oktoberfest Golf Jamboree. We all have different levels of sponsorship and participation. **Sponsors, golfers, silent auction and raffle items, and door prizes are needed.** Proceeds from this event will help fund student exchanges and FSC projects. A sponsorship guide is attached. Thank you for your consideration and support! As always, we appreciate everything you do.

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