

# Protocol for State Royalty at Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant during Wilber Czech Days

The Wilber Czech Festival and the Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant welcomes all visiting state royalty to join the weekend festivities. The goal of this document is to provide a guideline, realistic expectations and contacts for all visiting state royalty.

Hotels: There are no hotels in Wilber; the closest hotels are located in Crete, Beatrice and Lincoln.

While there are many wonderful heritage events for visiting royalty can visit and see during the pageant weekend. The following schedule is the most popular events: Events in italics are events where Miss Czech-Slovak US Contestants are present.

- *The weekend starts on Friday night with a Children's Parade at 7:00 pm. If you would like participate in this please call Mary Homolka at 402-826-7194 or Kay Sukovaty at 402-821-2429.*
- The Wilber Czech Dancers perform multiple times during the weekend, check the brochure for all the times and locations.
- A Tales of the Czechs play is performed at the outdoor theater on Friday and Saturday evening at 9pm.
- *Saturday and Sunday at 12:00 pm (directly following dancers) at the main street bandstand, all visiting state royalty are introduced. Visiting state royalty will be invited to join the National Queen Contestants and Nebraska Chapter Queens on stage. Dress code is Kroj, crown and sash. It is acceptable to attend one or both of each days. No reservation is required. Please wait in crowd and join onstage when invited. Please note, only visiting state royalty will be welcome to participate. If part of a regional or town royalty, unassociated with a state festival or state pageant please contact the National Pageant Director prior to the pageant weekend for approval.*
- *After the bandstand introductions there is a dignitary luncheon at the High School. Each visiting state royalty must provide their own transportation from the bandstand to the high school located at 9<sup>th</sup> & Franklin St. If you would like information on the luncheon please contact Lou Hajek at 402-989-6175.*
- *Following the luncheon each day is a parade at 2pm. If you would like to participate in the parade please contact Trevor Watson at 402-239-4396 by July 31st.*
- On Saturday there is a talent show at 3:30pm. To participate please contact Judy Vrbka at 402-821-2667.

- *Each night the Miss Czech-Slovak US pageant is conducted at the Wilber Outdoor Theatre at 7pm.* There is not reserve seating for visiting state royalty. Seating is first come/first choice.
  - On Sunday evening all visiting state royalty will be invited onstage at the pageant to introduce themselves, in addition to the Nebraska Chapter Queens and the past US Royal Court contestants. If part of a regional or town royalty, unassociated with a state festival or state pageant please contact the National Pageant Director prior to the pageant weekend for approval.
  - Dresscode is kroj, crown and sash. This traditionally occurs after all competition is complete but before crowning.
  
- Other items of interest:
  - Saturday and Sunday at 9-1 am & 4-7 pm is a Costume Exhibit at the Kuncil Funeral Home
  - Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am and 12:00 pm is a Czech Heritage Demonstration at the Czech Cultural Center
  - Saturday at 4:00 pm is the Bohemian Tractor Pull at 3<sup>rd</sup> & School St
  - Saturday at 5:00 pm the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band Concert is at Sokol Hall
  - Saturday at 5:00 pm the Wilber Czech Royalty introductions and talent at the Outdoor Theater
  - Sunday at 5:00 pm is the kolace eating contest at the Bandstand
  - Sunday at 6:30pm is the Dance Contest at the Outdoor Theater
  - Throughout the weekend there are polka bands playing in Sokol Hall for entertainment and dancing.

For more information about the Wilber Czech Festival Schedule please visit

<http://www.nebraskaczechsofwilber.com/czech-days/>

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