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## Enjoy a Swedish delicacy on a beautiful summer evening. Crayfish Dinner Party Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

Philadelphia, PA- Looking for a fun date night? Like discovering new cultural dishes? Enjoy a summer evening at the American Swedish Historical Museum while indulging in Swedish favorites including a buffet of crayfish, Swedish meatballs, potatoes, cheese pie, salads, dessert, and a glass of *aquavit* outside under our decorated tent.



The Swedish tradition of feasting on crayfish in the last month of summer dates back about 100 years. At one time the lakes of central Sweden were filled with crayfish, but overfishing decimated their population. Finally, the government prohibited the catching of crayfish except during a short time in late summer. After going the whole summer without the delicacy, the return of crayfish to the dinner table in August became great cause for celebration. Crayfish parties in Sweden are often held out of doors in the moonlight with big paper lanterns and festive colored lights strung for decoration. Paper napkins, hats, bibs and paper plates all have a crayfish motif. And everyone raises their glass of aquavit to sing traditional Swedish drinking songs.



This will be a seated dinner that takes place outdoors in our tent on the terrace. Tickets are \$55 for ASHM and SACC Philadelphia members and \$65 for non-members. Preregistration is required by August 12th, space is limited. Register on our website at:

https://www.americanswedish.org/events/crayfish-party-3

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's NRG/Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.