

## "Smoking out the Winter"

Since 1990 on Saturday after Mardi Gras, as every year now for over 20 years, the community of Olsbrücken will "smoke out the winter." For this "**Spring Bonfire**," everyone from near and far - especially families - is invited to meet next to the elementary school on the town square in the center of Olsbrücken at 6 pm. Both the community and the Palatinate Forest Hiking Club (*Pfälzerwaldverein*) are co-hosting the event.

The town mayor will greet the guests, and members of the town council will be offering torches for a small fee. Then the long parade of lights will move slowly through the town, up the *Oberberg* to the old soccer field in front of the *Pfälzerwald* cabin (about 2 km).

**Supervised by the local fire department, the children throw their torches into a huge bonfire, thus "smoking out the winter."**

Food and drink will be provided by the members of the local *Pfälzerwaldverein* in front of and in their cabin (depending on weather conditions).

Parking is available in the town center.

Directions to Olsbrücken using public transportation:

From Kaiserslautern (Hbf) main train station to Olsbrücken (Bhf) train station: departure 17:37, arrival 18:01 – follow signs to the middle of town approx. 500 meters.

Return trip from Olsbrücken train station to Kaiserslautern main station (a 1.5 km walk from the PWV cabin to train station) departure 23:23, arrival 23:49 in Kaiserslautern.

From Lauterecken train station to Olsbrücken train station: departure 17:34, arrival 17:59. The last train to Lauterecken leaves Olsbrücken station at 9 pm.

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