

Welcome to Erfde,

the largest community in the landscape Stapelholm. The municipal territory includes Barga, which is located at the river Eider, and also Scheppern, Ekel, Erfderfeld and Grevenhorst.

The oldest building in Erfde is the St. Mary-Magdalen church, which was built from local field stones in the 12th century. Inside it you will find a votive ship, a gift from the Tielen Sailors Guild. In the village center there is an alarm bell, which was used in former times to summon the villagers and warn in case of danger.

I wish you a pleasant stay in Erfde. Explore the beauty of the village and the landscape. We are very proud to be your host for the 21st Low German Friendship Conference!



Thomas Klömmer
Mayor



The Low German Friendship Conference

Since 1995 the German-American Low German Conference takes place alternately in the mid-west of the USA and the federal state of Schleswig-Holstein. It was founded by Glenn Sievers. In the year 2012 the venue was on special request Aurich, East Frisia. Since 2013 it is called „ASHHS Low German Friendship Conference“. The name expresses the Low German language as a linking element in the friendship between the USA and Schleswig-Holstein.

ASHHS (American Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society) is the association of the descendants of Schleswig-Holstein emigrants based in Walcott, Iowa.

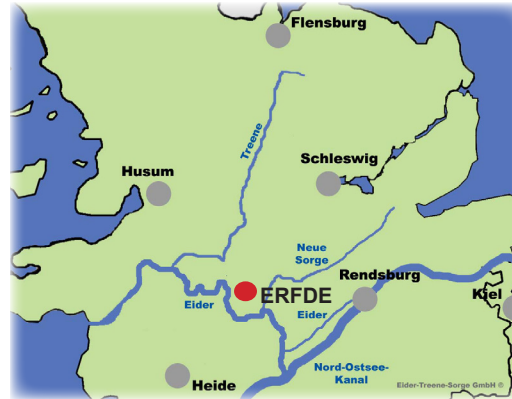
Directions & contact

From Schleswig/Flensburg:
Via Kropp/L 40/B 202

From Rendsburg (A 7):
Via Fockbek/B 202

From Heide (A 23):
Via Pahlen/L172

From Husum
Via Friedrichstadt/B 202



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News: www.erfde.de

Organizer: Gemeinde Erfde, Beekstr. 2, 24803 Erfde



„Sett di daal, laadt
uns klönen!“



21st Low German Friendship Conference



Schleswig-Holsteinischer Heimatbund



Friday, July 8th

- 17:00 **Welcome w/ Erfde Firefighters Band**
Lührs Gasthof, Norderende 3
- 17:30 **Stapelholm folk dance**
- 18:00 **Dinner & Klöönsnack**
- 20:00 **Arfer Speeldeel**
One-act play „Ade, du Jungesellentiet“

Saturday, July 9th

- 10:00 **Grand opening**
Stapelholm-Halle, Am Sportplatz 4
Host: Plattsn uut Ines Barber
- 10:45 **Lectures in Low German**
- „Low German in Schleswig-Holstein“
- Marianne Ehlers/Heiko Gauert
- „2000 Americans with roots in Erfde“
- Dr. Hans-Peter Stamp
- „Klaus Groth in Germany and the USA“
- Robert Langhanke
- 12:30 **Snack & Klöönsnack**
- 14:00 **Excursions (s. application form)**
Bergenhusen, Heide or Friedrichstadt
- 18:00 **American-German Barbecue**
w/ Peter Harry Carstensen, former governor
Music: Pianist Jens Petersen

Sunday, Jul 10th

- 10:00 **Guided church tour**
Kirchengemeinde Erfde, Süderende 1
- 11:00 **Church service in Low German**
- 12:00 **Meal & Klöönsnack**
Rahns Gasthof, Beekstraße 9
- 15:00 **Open end/departure**



Please send the application form until **June 29th** to:

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Eiderstr. 5
24803 Erfde-Bargen
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E-Mail: info@eider-treene-sorge.de

Please transfer the participation fee to:

Name: Gemeinde Erfde
IBAN: DE 82 2175 0000 0060 0022 66
BIC: NOLADE21NOS
Bank : Nord-Ostsee-Sparkasse
Subject: Plattdüütsche Fründshop

Registration form

Name: _____
Zip code: _____
City: _____
Adress: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

I would like to take part in the 21. Low German Friendship Conference in Erfde with _____ persons. The participation fee is 60,- € per person incl. 1 dinner and 2 meals. Beverages excl. The registration is binding from receipt of the participation fee.

The following Excursions include a bus trip and a guide in Low German, upon request with English translation.

I would like to take part in the following excursion:

Friedrichstadt: Canal cruise and City tour
Costs: 15 €/Person

Heide: Klaus-Groth-Museum
Costs: 10 €/Person

Meggerdorf/Bergenhusen: The first potato in Schleswig-Holstein/Stork village
Costs: 15 €/Person



I would like to take part in the US-german Barbecue
Costs: 19,50 €/Person

To get more information about the conference and accomodation (hotel or home stays) please contact the Eider-Treene-Sorge GmbH.