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THE STAFF OF WISCONSIN'S OSTHOFF RESORT LOVES THE HOLIDAYS MORE THAN MOST

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (September 24, 2013) – For most the holidays are all about tradition and in Wisconsin there's a resort that lives, eats and breathes Old World holiday tradition every December. It's The Osthoff Resort (www.Osthoff.com) in the charming burg of Elkhart Lake. The holiday celebrations are not only Old World they're also world-class, thanks to an enthusiastic staff who clearly loves the season more than most.

As has been the tradition for the past 15 years, the holiday season kicks off with the Old World Christmas Market, a tented market fashioned after the centuries-old German Christkindlesmarkets. Artisans from around the county and the world travel to Elkhart Lake year after year to be part of this event. Take time to chat with the wood carver from Germany, the glass ornament artist from the Czech Republic, the jewelry bazaar owner from Turkey, and the head of the knitters' cooperative from Estonia to learn the history and workmanship of their incredibly fine wares. The food court offers ethnic foods and treats to keep you energized for shopping the more than 70 timber booths that line the heated tent the size of a football field, with dozens of fresh fragrant pine trees and twinkling white lights further setting a festive mood. The 16th annual Old World Christmas Market runs December 6 through 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 per adult, children 14 and under are complimentary with an adult ticketholder. For more, log on to www.ChristmasMarketAtOsthoff.com or call 877.517.4596.

Yet the Christmas Market is just the beginning of holiday merriment at the resort. On December 7, 14 and 21, there's Breakfast with Santa Clause complete with a "knee high" buffet, followed by holiday hayrides and hot chocolate, and cookie decorating and ornament making workshops. On December 8 and 15, there's Brunch with St. Nicholas and His Reindeer. The Christmas Day Buffet is a favorite of the culinary team and guests alike. The month comes to a close with the resort's New Year's Eve Celebration. Times, prices and reservation information can all be found at www.Osthoff.com.

For home chefs who love preparing specialty treats at holiday time, perhaps one of the December classes at the resort's cooking school, L'ecole de la Maison, would be a nice gift to

oneself. On December 6 there is a Christmas cookie workshop and on December 7 a full-day French Christmas course. The schedule can be found at www.CookingSchoolAtOsthoff.com.

About The Osthoff Resort

The Osthoff is a AAA Four Diamond property featuring all-suite accommodations, a stunning lakefront setting, two restaurants, Aspira Spa, L'ecole de la Maison cooking school, year-round recreation, spa and gift boutiques, and grand conference rooms and meeting spaces.

The resort was voted the #35 Top Resort in the Continental U.S. in 2013 by *Travel + Leisure* magazine. Its Aspira Spa was ranked #3 in the 2013 *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine national spa poll.

For reservations, call 800.876.3399 or book online at www.Osthoff.com.

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