

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Minden, Louisiana USA sparkles during the Louisiana's Holiday Trail of Lights Saturday, November 19 through January 2, 2017.**

**Minden, La.** - Celebrate Christmas with the folks from the "Friendliest City in the South," in



Minden. Minden will be all dressed up for Christmas and ready to receive visitors as a part of the Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights. Thousands of Christmas lights sparkle throughout downtown and **hundreds of life-size nutcrackers** are featured in this year's Christmas displays during **Minden's Fasching Fifth Season Lights Fantastic** beginning November 19 through January 2!

Do not miss **Minden's Fasching Fifth Season Celebration** on Saturday, November 19 and celebrate Minden's German heritage. In 1835, Charles Veeder built an inn on a hilltop a few miles from Bayou Dorcheat. By 1837, he had laid out a town and named the settlement Minden, after the home of his ancestors in Germany. A year before Veeder arrived, a group of German Utopians, who had followed the mystic "Count Leon" to North America, established a settlement seven miles northeast of Minden, The Germantown Colony. And from that German heritage springs Minden's annual Fasching Fifth Season Celebration.

"Fasching" or the "Fifth Season" is the German holiday season. On Saturday, November 19 this year, the original brick paved streets of historic downtown Minden will be filled with German food, beer gardens, and all things German! Of course, there will be live music throughout the day. You can't have a German festival without "Oom Pah Pah", but the festival soundtrack will feature a broad range of other kinds of music as well, ranging from local acoustic performers a little bit Rock and Roll.

History buffs will enjoy free tours of the Germantown Colony Museum and the Dorcheat Historical Museum. *Weihnachtsmann*, whom many of us know as Santa Claus, will be on hand for fun and photos throughout the day. And at the end of the day, the celebration concludes with a grand fireworks finale. It all begins at 10 AM. More details at [www.mindenfashing.com](http://www.mindenfashing.com)

**Minden is located just 28 miles east of Shreveport on I-20, exit 47.**

For holiday images of Minden, please visit

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/holidaytrailoflights/sets/72157627393151276/>

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