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## What is SAGA Fest?

SAGA Fest is an **all-school (adults only) party**, aimed at **celebrating SAGA**, **strengthening community connections**, **raising funds**, and **HAVING FUN together**.

Our focus is to enable everyone to **mix** and **mingle**; we'll keep things free-flowing (i.e., no seated tables) while we munch and "prost." Aside from a short program, the idea is for us all to **spend time with friends**, **celebrate SAGA**, and come together to **support the school**.

As part of SAGA Fest, we'll also be opening an **online-only auction**, chock full of exciting items and experiences, in the weeks leading up to the May 10th event.

## When and where is SAGA Fest?

The SAGA Fest in-person celebration will take place on **May 10th, 2025**, from **5:30-9:00pm**. It will be held at beautiful **WithinSodo**, which is generously donating its space for this occasion, and which is located at **2915 1st Ave South, Seattle, WA 98134**.

## Why should I go?

**To come celebrate and have fun** with fellow SAGA fans! This is **a unique chance to connect "grown-up" style**, and clink a glass with parents/guardians, teachers, staff, alumni, and friends in the area who care about what we do.

**Catch up** with friends, **browse/bid** in the online auction, and **graze on ample and scrumptious small plates and dessert**. **Enjoy** complimentary **aperitifs and beverages** (beer/wine/non-alcoholic) from 5:30-8pm (a cash bar will be available thereafter). Best of all, you can do all of the above, knowing that just by being there and enjoying yourself, you're **strengthening SAGA's school community**.

## What is the SAGA Fest schedule of events on May 10th?

- 5:00pm** Earliest childcare drop-off @ SAGA (reservation required)
- 5:30pm** WithinSodo doors open! Mingling, small plates/refreshments
- 7:00pm** Online auction concludes
- 7:15pm** Program and digital Fund-a-Need
- 8:00pm** More mingling!
- 9:00pm** Event concludes
- 9:30pm** Latest childcare pickup @ SAGA

## Who's invited?

**All adult fans of SAGA, including current or alumni SAGA program parents/guardians, friends, and friends-of-friends. We welcome you all!** SAGA Fest is for the adults in our rich SAGA community and for those in the region who care about SAGA's role as a point of German linguistic and cultural connection. Bring your friends (share [Facebook event](#)).

## How can I purchase SAGA Fest tickets?

You can [purchase event tickets \(and childcare, if needed\) HERE](#). Upon purchase, you'll receive a confirmation including a QR code, which you'll bring to the event for check-in.

*Note: because we're using free ticketing software (GiveButter), we're required to display a "tip jar" during the online purchase process and it defaults to the buyer covering payment fees. **You're NOT required to tip OR cover fees in order to purchase tickets.** [See how to change these settings.](#)*

## Is SAGA Fest a "party?" Or a "fundraiser?"

**"Ja" to both.** We will **enjoy a good party** with the adults in our special community. Even better if we can do so **while also supporting the school!** Unlike most schools in German-speaking countries, and as an independent school, we don't receive public funds. **Our community's support makes a world of difference** in funding the richness of a SAGA education. Hosting a spring fundraising event offers a different avenue through which our diverse community can support SAGA's financial needs.

**Our goal is to bring together as many as possible** at SAGA Fest. All of the **fundraising is optional**—we hope you'll come to celebrate, whether you intend to participate in the fundraising or not.

## Is there a cost to attend SAGA Fest?

Yes. Sales of SAGA Fest tickets (\$90)—together with generous sponsors—fund the SAGA Fest event and make it possible. We also welcome offers and donations to [sponsor the attendance of SAGA teachers/staff](#).

**We want as many of you to come as possible!** If ticket price presents a hardship, or if you have questions, please reach out to [Kathrin Jackson](#) (SAGA Development) for confidential assistance.

## What does my SAGA Fest ticket include?

Your SAGA Fest ticket includes small plates/heavy hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, as well as complimentary aperitifs/beer/wine, and non-alcoholic beverages until 8pm (a cash bar will be available thereafter). Childcare is not included and requires a reservation (which you can make when purchasing your SAGA Fest tickets).

## How do proceeds from SAGA Fest benefit SAGA?

Proceeds from various SAGA Fest activities benefit SAGA in the following ways:

**SAGA Fest ticket sales**, along with generous **sponsorships**, fund and make SAGA Fest possible. We're working hard to create a memorable evening while also keeping costs and ticket prices down.

**Online auction proceeds** bolster the SAGA operating budget, ensuring that we can fund enhancements to curriculum, programs, and physical space (beyond what tuition can provide).

**Donations to the Fund-a-Need** (held at the May 10th event) will be allocated to its specific purpose, which will be announced at the event.

## Hmmm...no kids? What about childcare?

We hear you. And to make sure as many of you can join as possible, we will host **Movie Night at SAGA** for **any SAGA students or siblings ages 2.5+** (capacity limited; reservation required). We'll also have a special appearance by [Kong Academy](#), who will run a short and fun optional parkour session with the kids. WithinSodo is a ~20-25-minute drive from SAGA (down Rte. 99), and the evening will include **pizza, games**, and a **movie**. Bring them by for a fun night with their friends and trusted SAGA caregivers. We'll also have opportunities for the littlest ones to rest if they need to.

### Schedule

Earliest drop-off: 5:00pm

Dinner: 6:00pm

Movie: 6:30pm

Latest pickup: 9:30pm

Cost: the cost below is a flat fee charged for the entire evening of care (no proration possible).

First child: \$20

Siblings: \$15 each

Signup: **Capacity is limited**. While capacity remains, you'll be able to sign up your child(ren) when you purchase your SAGA Fest tickets.

If you have **children younger than 2.5** years old, and need assistance finding childcare for the evening, [please reach out](#)! We're more than happy to help make connections!

## How can I support or get involved with SAGA Fest?

There are many ways in which you can support SAGA Fest and the school!

- [Join us on May 10th](#), first and foremost. Our community grows stronger when we connect.
- **Support the online (silent) auction**, either by [bidding online](#) once it opens, [donating an auction item](#), or [sponsoring a community buy-in party](#).
- **Make a Fund-a-Need donation** at SAGA Fest. During SAGA Fest, we'll host a short program, sharing reflections and scenes from SAGA. We'll also **join together, live, in support of a specific SAGA cause** (to be announced at the event). Fund-a-Need donations are completely optional and online-only (no live paddle raising).
- **Become an individual or corporate sponsor**. Join generous sponsors such as [WithinSodo](#), Torsten Heider and Stefan Riedl, [Cardoon Bakery](#), and [Kong Academy](#) to underwrite event costs, keep ticket prices low, and enable as many in our community as possible to attend. We'll be promoting our sponsors in upcoming SAGA Fest promotional materials (if they wish). Interested? [See details here](#) and reach out at [development@sagaschool.org](mailto:development@sagaschool.org).

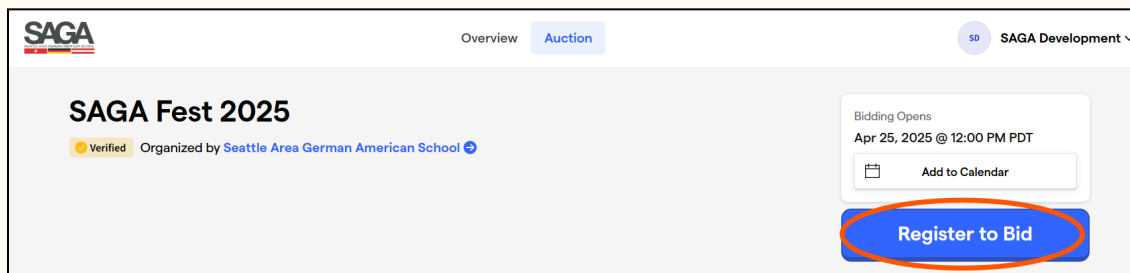
- **Volunteer.** We welcome all help across our wide array of planning needs. [Sign up to volunteer.](#)

## How can I bid in the online auction?

The [online auction](#) will open for bidding on **April 25th at 12pm** and continue through the early portion of the SAGA Fest evening event on May 10th.

✨**IMPORTANT: Register now so you're ready to bid when the auction opens on April 25th!**

Registration is quick, easy, and required to bid, and happens on our auction website (GiveButter).



Once you've registered, you're off to the races, ready to bid on beautiful **SAGA Class auction art**, one week of **Kong Academy Summer Camp**, **Museum of Flight passes**, **scenic flights over Seattle**, trips to **Seabrook, WA**, gift cards to **Prost Tavern**, **Third Place Books**, and **more!**

## How can I donate an auction item/experience?

We'd love your help in broadening our selection! [Donate an auction item or experience](#) to be won by the highest-bidder, or [sponsor a community buy-in party](#) ([learn more about buy-ins](#)).

## What is a buy-in?

A buy-in is **a unique (and often themed) ticketed event or party, sponsored and organized by 1+ members of the SAGA community**. During the auction, **you'll be able to purchase fixed price tickets** to these events. These are not raffles or auction items and there is no bidding—simply buy a ticket if you'd like one! Buy-ins offer fabulous opportunities to get together with a group of people—big or small, across grades, parents/guardians, SAGA friends, and faculty—to take part in the fun.

Buy-ins can be for kids/families, or for adults-only. Examples: *A Night in Spain* (Spanish-themed parent/guardian evening), a "Macarons & Munchies" class event; a kids' bike tour and lunch; we've even heard of one Seattle school that offered an axe-throwing party (we were told that all survived). Do you have a creative idea for a buy-in you'd like to host? [Sponsor a SAGA Fest buy-in party!](#)

## Will you be serving dinner?

Yes. There will be a plentiful and delicious variety of **small plates, appetizers, and desserts!** Enjoy complimentary aperitifs/wine/beer and non-alcoholic **beverages** from 5:30-8pm (a cash bar will be available thereafter).

## If I cannot attend SAGA Fest or participate in the auction, can I still make a donation?

**Yes**, and thank you! [You can donate HERE](#) by clicking the "Tickets or Sponsor" button (you do not need to purchase a ticket). If you prefer to pay by cash, check, or donor advised fund, please contact us at [development@sagaschool.org](mailto:development@sagaschool.org).

## Do you still need volunteers?

**Yes please!** Volunteering is a great way to meet others in our community and to build lasting relationships. [Sign up to volunteer](#) in a way that fits your schedule and interests.

## Are you seeking sponsorships for SAGA Fest?

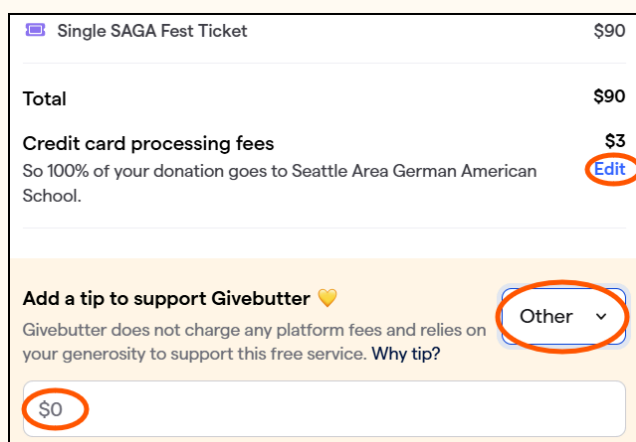
**Yes!** Individual or corporate sponsorships, including corporate matched donations, that help underwrite event costs are greatly appreciated, and we'd love to promote you in SAGA Fest materials. Please [reach out](#) if you would [consider becoming a SAGA Fest sponsor](#).

## What about our amazing teachers and staff? Can I sponsor their attendance?

Absolutely, and DANKE! Simply click "[Tickets or Sponsor](#);" this will allow you to purchase your own SAGA Fest tickets AND/OR make a donation in support of SAGA teacher/staff attendance (you can sponsor teachers/staff even without purchasing tickets for yourself by clicking, "No thanks, I'd just like to donate" on the screen where tickets are listed).

## Do I have to "tip" or cover the credit card fees in GiveButter?

NO! Because we're using free software (GiveButter), we're required to display a "tip jar" during the online ticket purchase process and it defaults to having the buyer covering payment fees. **You're NOT required to tip OR cover fees in order to purchase tickets. Click "edit" and uncheck the "yes, cover the fees" box to remove the fees. To avoid tipping, set the tip dropdown to "Other" and "0."**



Single SAGA Fest Ticket	\$90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Credit card processing fees</b>	<b>\$3</b>
So 100% of your donation goes to Seattle Area German American School.	
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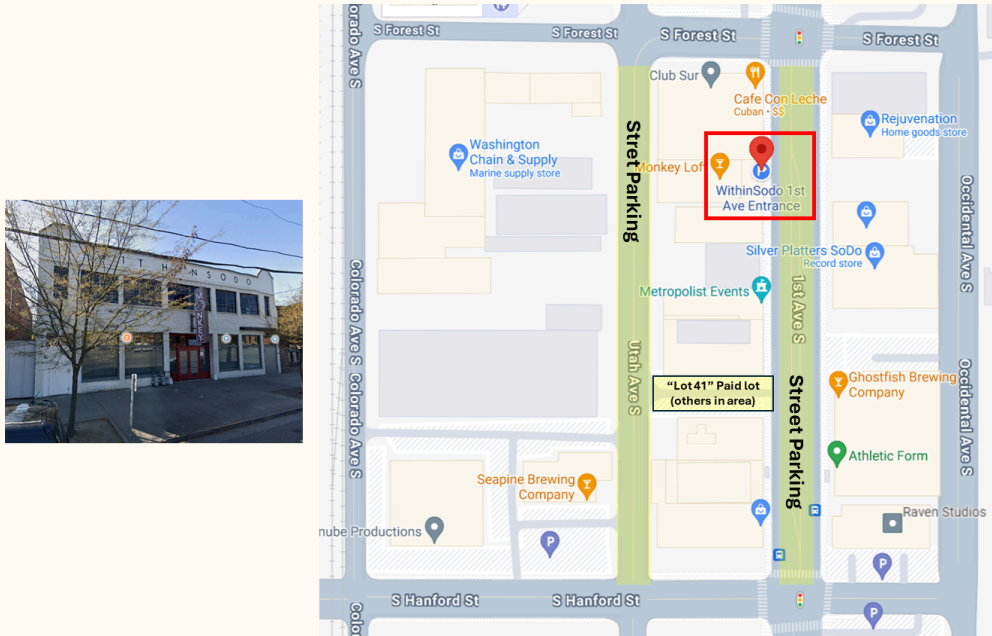
## What is the best method of transport to SAGA Fest? Is there parking available?

Street parking and paid parking lots are available around WithinSodo. Guests will use WithinSodo's 1st Ave S entrance, located at **2915 1st Ave. S, Seattle, WA 98134**. **IMPORTANT: Please use exactly this**



**address** (Google Mapping "WithinSodo" would instead navigate you to the entrance on Utah, which will be closed).

There is additional parking behind WithinSodo, along Utah Ave. S. You are free to park anywhere along Utah except in front of a garage door (No Parking signs are NOT enforced on weekends).



### Is there a dress code? Can I wear my sequin-bedazzled, tailcoat tux? My REI fleece?

While there's no official dress code and we want you to be comfortable, you can generally look to **cocktail party attire** to guide your dress for the evening.

### I have more questions...

Please don't hesitate to [reach out to SAGA Development](#) with any additional questions.