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## Dutch Wonderland, America's Best Family Park, Celebrates 2021 Grand Opening This Weekend

*Favorite rides, free gifts highlight first days of fresh start to 2021*

**LANCASTER, PA (May 12, 2021)** – The reigning **Best Family Park** in the world swings open the castle gates to begin its 2021 Summer Season this weekend!

Dutch Wonderland starts the Summer Season Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. with a weekend-long Grand Opening gala. Named **Best Family Park** in the 2019 [Golden Ticket Awards](#), Dutch Wonderland will give all visitors on May 15 and 16 a Grand Opening commemorative pin. Plus, a free balloon station will be available for children from noon to 3 p.m. each day at Celebration Theater.

"We've been eagerly planning for this date," says General Manager James Paulding. "We're still prioritizing health and safety, but this year should look a bit more normal and we can't wait to see families playing in the park."

With the Merry Go Round's organ tunes strumming along and coasters roaring back to life after a long winter, Dutch Wonderland will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to begin the new season. Guests can look forward to more than just being back in the Kingdom for Kids: they can celebrate favorite rides being back online this year! Bumper Cars and Fun Slide, both closed in 2020 as a precautionary measure, rejoin the attraction lineup. They'll be joined by a number of **NEW** and delicious treat options, headlined by the **Turkey Hill Ice Cream & Coffee Shoppe**. Featuring a variety of Turkey Hill ice cream flavors and specialty iced coffees, guests can find this local favorite at its new home near the front gates. Elsewhere, guests can enjoy snacking on fried avocado slices, gourmet brownies, and everyone's favorite, Potato Patch fries!

For a meal with even more "character," guests can dine at the Cartoon Kitchen restaurant inside the world's first Cartoon Network Hotel next door to the Park. Platinum Season Passholders receive discounts on all food, merchandise, and overnight stays at the Hotel, as well as free admission to other great Palace Entertainment parks across the U.S. like Idlewild & SoakZone, Kennywood, and Lake Compounce.

Health and safety are always at the forefront and Dutch Wonderland will continue its adherence to local, state and federal recommendations and industry best practices to protect guests and staff. Beginning the season at a reduced capacity, social distancing will be emphasized, facial coverings are required for all entrants, and Park staff will continue to focus on enhanced cleaning measures. Reservations are required for all visitors and can be conveniently made online at [www.dutchwonderland.com/rsvp](http://www.dutchwonderland.com/rsvp).

Dutch Wonderland continues to add to its team as we work towards expanding our schedule toward pre-pandemic levels. New this year, all new and returning team members will receive a free Basic Season Pass for themselves and up to three immediate family members as long as they complete the application process by May 17. Pay rates have also increased, with those positions requiring an adult (at least 18 years old or a graduating high school senior) starting at \$12.50 per hour.

Dutch Wonderland will operate Saturdays and Sundays through May 30 and will be open on Memorial Day, May 31. The Park will add Fridays to the operating calendar beginning June 4 and Mondays beginning June 14. Pre-sale pricing on all

tickets and season passes ends on May 14. Until then, Basic Season Passes are on sale for \$59.99 and pay for themselves in less than two visits.

For the most up-to-date operating calendar, health and safety guidelines, pre-season sales links, and reservation portal, visit [www.dutchwonderland.com](http://www.dutchwonderland.com).

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**About Dutch Wonderland and Palace Entertainment:**

Dutch Wonderland, located in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country, is a kingdom for kids and the perfect place for family fun. Awarded the 2019 Golden Ticket for Best Family Park by Amusement Today, the theme park features over 35 rides, attractions, & shows, as well as overnight accommodations at Old Mill Stream Campground and the Cartoon Network Hotel, perfect for out of town guests.

Palace Entertainment is one of the leading leisure park operators in the United States, with 21 major entertainment and educational venues across 10 different states offering a wide range of family-friendly rides, attractions and educational experiences. Palace Entertainment is part of Parques Reunidos, one of the leading global operators, with more than 60 different assets (theme parks, zoos and marine parks, water parks and other attractions), spread out over various countries across Europe, North America, the Middle East, and Australia.