

National Day Celebration on Ellis Island

In conjunction with the opening of the newly designed immigration exhibition, “Small Numbers – Big Impact” – the Swiss community will be celebrating this year’s 715th Birthday on Ellis Island.

Join Swiss Roots and the Swiss community for the traditional National Day celebration following the opening of the Immigration Exhibition. Swiss Roots is very excited to have Federal Councillor, Pascal Couchepin, on hand for this year’s National Day speech.

In Swiss village style, you can enjoy the varied entertainment program while indulging in Swiss wine and food. Many local associations will offer typical Swiss goods. Watch for the Swiss Roots old timer postal bus stationed on the grounds of Ellis Island and participate in its activities: learn how to yodel in 30 minutes, view some twenty three-dimensional pictures from beautiful Switzerland, participate in a sweepstakes to win flights to Switzerland, and pick up travel brochures and information about Switzerland. A tree-planting ceremony will commemorate all Americans with Swiss heritage.

**Swiss Roots on Ellis Island, New York
Saturday, July 29, 2006 (schedule to follow)**

Admission might be applicable.

For more information see www.swissroots.org and www.nps.gov/elis/