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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Dutch Wonderland Opens the Castle Doors for the 2017 Season: April 29 & 30**

*Duke and his Royal Friends Invite Families to join them for Grand Opening Weekend*

**LANCASTER, PA, April 21, 2017** –Join Duke the Dragon, Dutch Wonderland’s mascot, and his royal friends for Grand Opening Weekend at Dutch Wonderland, April 29th and 30th! The season kicks off with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10am on Saturday near the park entrance. The first 1,000 guests Saturday & Sunday morning will receive a commemorative Grand Opening pin. Opening Weekend will also feature a children’s craft held at the front of the park.

Dutch Wonderland will open Merlin’s Mayhem this summer! This will be the park’s first suspended roller coaster. Guests will take this enchanted flying coaster on a journey to find Merlin’s beloved dragon friend, Mayhem. For more information, please visit [dutchwonderland.com/MerlinsMayhem](http://dutchwonderland.com/MerlinsMayhem).

Dutch Wonderland is open weekends beginning Saturday, April 29; daily Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day; and weekends in September and October. Admission prices at the gate are \$41.99 for Royalty (ages 3-59), \$36.99 for Senior Royalty (ages 60-69) and \$28.99 for Senior Plus Royalty (ages 70 and over). Royalty-In-Training (ages 2 and under) are free. All admissions are subject to amusement tax.

**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. The theme park features over 35 rides, attractions, & shows, as well as camping accommodations at Old Mill Stream Campground, perfect for out of town guests. Dutch Wonderland is owned and operated by Palace Entertainment, one of the leading leisure park operators in the United States. Palace Entertainment owns and operates eight water parks, six theme parks, two animal parks, and five family entertainment centers across 10 different states. For more information, please visit [dutchwonderland.com](http://dutchwonderland.com), or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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