



We Wan To Go WANDERER



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WWTG'ers Dine At The Fletcher In March

Roger Cox played host to the final noon luncheon of the winter season at The Fletcher Kitchen and Bar in Ankeny on March 18.

The We-Wan-To-Gos had 13 units there out of 29 for 45%.

Those attending were:

1. Gary Adams
2. Reggie and Carolyn Andersen, granddaughter Gabby, and grandnephew Bentley
3. Roger Cox
4. Myrna Elliott
5. Dave and Cathy Good
6. Julie Hanel
7. Paul and Shari Harberts
8. Mike and Kathy Isebrand
9. Carrol Munoz
10. Dick and Linda Pawlowski
11. Butch and Val Peters

12. Dick and Sue Rasmussen and grandsons Will and Ian

13. Bill and Jeanette Sheeder
Also present were prospective members Tom Gay of West Des Moines attending his second official WIT function, Dick and Linda Geil of Ames at their second WIT event also, and Randal and Virginia Jensen of Carroll at their very first WIT meeting.

At the luncheon, there was some good news and some bad. On the bad side, our Chapter can no longer lay claim to having one of our members as an actual Winnebago employee. But on the good side, congratulations to Reggie on his recent retirement from Winnebago after five days short of 41 years! No, he couldn't hold a steady job.



Reggie and Carolyn celebrate his retirement

April Birthday Wishes Go Out To:

Dale Barnhill 29th



April Anniversary Wishes Go Out To:

Dave and Cathy Good 12th

Mike and Cathy Isebrand 29th



25 We-Wan-To-Go members dine at The Fletcher



The 2017 We-Wan-To-Go Camping Season Begins

Your April campout Wagonmasters, the Barnhills, Gammons, Munoz, Pages, and Winns, invite you to the first campout of the 2017 season at the Outback Campground and Resort in Tama, IA on April 27-30. The campground is located at 3220 H Avenue, just southwest of Tama, IA (please see the map on this page).

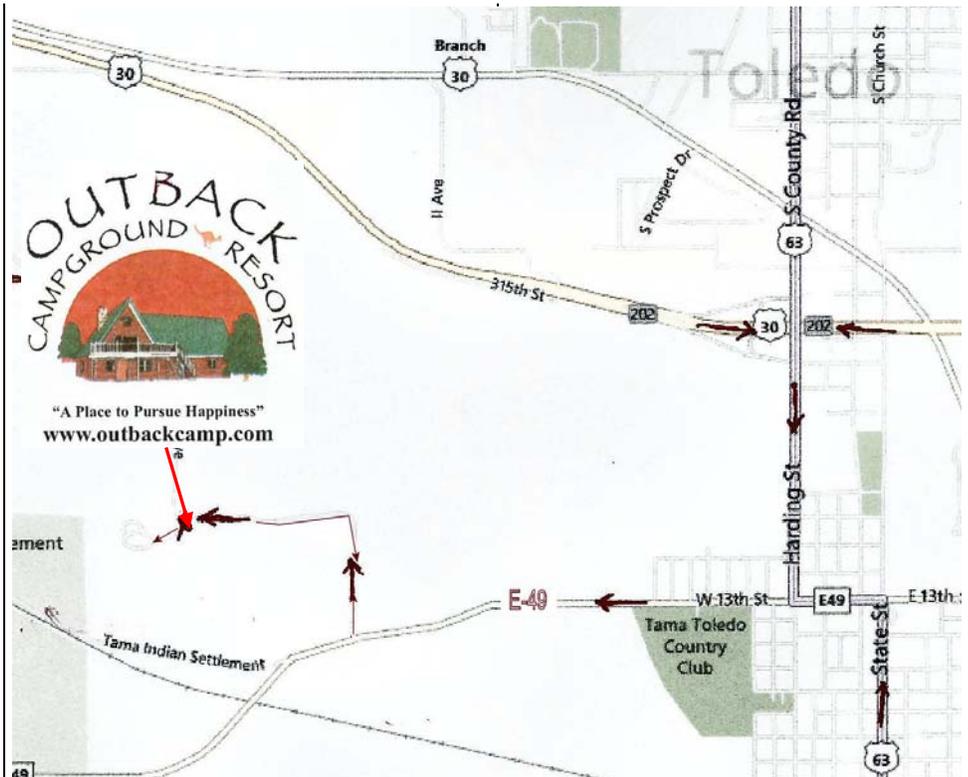
It will be a busy weekend. For early bird arrivals on Thursday, April 27, there will be a potluck supper in the recreation hall at 5:00 p.m.

Then on Friday afternoon, April 28, at 4:30 p.m., we'll have social hour followed by tacos provided by your hosts. Feel free to bring a snack to share during social hour and also don't forget to bring your favorite beverage as well as your own table service. In addition, please bring pictures of your winter travels for show-and-tell. A laptop and projector will be provided if you wish to share your travels via a power-point presentation.

On Saturday morning, April 29, at 8:00 a.m., breakfast will be served by the hosts followed by a We-Wan-To-Go Chapter meeting. You'll be fed pancakes, sausage, fruit cups, coffee and juice. Again, please bring your own table service.

Saturday's noon meal will be on your own.

Then on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. we'll visit the Meskwaki Tribal



The Outback Campground is just southwest of Tama

Museum for a presentation by Tribal Historian, Jonathan Buffalo and Museum Curator, Mariam Youngbear. The museum's address is 349 Meskwaki Road.



Later on Saturday at 5:00 p.m., we'll depart for the historic and famous Rube's Steakhouse at 118 E Elm Street in nearby Montour for the evening meal. You can see Rube's menu at www.rubessteaks.com.



Sunday morning, April 30 at 8:00 a.m., your wagonmasters will serve us a continental breakfast of English muffins, toast, juice, and coffee. Again, please bring your own table service.

Following breakfast, your weekend hosts wish you safe, happy travels wherever you roam!

Please let Sonia Page know if you're planning to attend the campout by April 20. Call her at (515) 360-1031 e-mail her at dspage41@gmail.com.

American RV'ers Will Camp More In 2017

An estimated 13 million U.S. households plan to camp more in 2017 than they did in 2016, and more than 1 million new households have started camping each year since 2014. Millennials are driving this growth as they take to the outdoors in greater numbers, and they have no intention of letting up.

This is according to the results of the 2017 North American



Camping Report, an annual independent study supported by Kampgrounds of America (KOA).

Millennials now account for 38% of the 75 million active camper households in the U.S., up from 34% in 2016, and 51% say they plan to increase their camping this year. Results of the survey indicate that these younger campers are using camping to add more balance to their lives. Their key reasons for camping include spending more time with friends and family, being physically active and improving their overall emotional well-being and health.

Their attitudes about camping are reinforced by their behaviors and this is changing the camping landscape overall. Camping is becoming a more social activity, and outdoor recreation while camping is shifting to more physically active activities. In this year's results, hiking out-ranked fishing as the most popular type of camping recreation for the first time since the first iteration of the report. Kayaking and mountain biking also saw significant increases.

"Camping continues to grow in popularity with more Americans starting to camp and people taking more frequent trips each year," said KOA COO Toby O'Rourke. "Year-over-year people consistently say camping allows them to relax, spend time with family and friends, be active and contributes to their emotional well-being.

In an even more promising outlook for the future of camping and outdoor recreation in America, Generation Z teens

(ages 13-17) are highly enthusiastic about camping and place a great deal of importance on people their age spending time outdoors.

How Much Does It Cost To Live In An RV?

"You can never justify the expense of owning an RV!" It's not the first time you've heard that line. But have you ever stopped to think about what it actually will cost you to live in an RV versus living in a traditional stationary home? These tips and tricks will help you boost your gas mileage and live a happy Good Life knowing you're saving a whole boatload of money.

Ditch anything you can live without while you're on your trip to keep the weight of the vehicle down. The heavier your load is, the more your gas mileage will suffer. Aside from leaving some of your favorite things at home, you can also consider emptying the majority of your freshwater supply and then filling up when you get to your campsite to further lighten your RV weight. This is a simple way to maintain or increase your gas mileage as you're cruising down the road.

Choosing to drive fewer miles obviously helps conserve your gas mileage. Not only are you using less fuel to move around, but putting down some temporary roots at a campground you really like can also bring other monetary benefits your way. The longer you stay at a campground, the deeper your discount (especially if you're traveling off peak season). The decision to stay in one spot also

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gives you the opportunity to thoroughly explore your new home away from home.

Some of the perks of getting older are the sweet discounts you can get! You've weathered through some of life's toughest storms and seen a few of its biggest triumphs. You deserve a break, and so do some of your favorite campgrounds. Check if your AAA card is accepted or if they have military discounts at local campgrounds. You'll never know if you don't ask. What's the worst that will happen?

Consider state parks though they are a little more inexpensive than the RV resorts. As a bonus, they're usually packed full of trails and waterways like lakes, creeks, or rivers.

As an RV owner, you're naturally going to be driving a fair amount. Invest in a gas card that saves you money at the pump or gives you rewards points that you can redeem for cash or things you need. You're going to be paying for gas anyway; you might as well get a little something in return.

So you're still asking, "What's it going to cost to live in my RV?" Using research from a few friendly seasoned RVers, the average cost per year of living in your RV full-time is about \$10,000 for two people. While this sounds like a crazy amount of money, keep in mind that this also factors in utilities and food, which you would already be

paying if you were living in a permanently fixed home.

According to careertrends.com, the average cost of living in the Midwest is \$39,649 annually for a married couple with no children. If you look around, there are a ton of ways you can drive down the cost you're racking up on the go, which is the great thing about RV living!

If you're frugal, intentionally saving money is totally worth the experience of driving and camping on the open road. It's easy to save money if you know where to look for the opportunities. We challenge you to find creative ways you can save as you're rolling down the road living and loving your wandering lifestyle.

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Upcoming We-Wan-To Go Events

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* Indicates a change

April 28-30 Campout

Location: Outback Campground and Resort,
Tama, IA

Wagonmasters: Barnhill, Gammon, Munoz, Page, Winn

May 19-21 Iowa Winnie Hawk Spring Meeting

Location: Antique Acres, Cedar Falls, IA

Assignments: Parking, registration, and greeters

Theme: "Remember When"

June 16-18 Campout

Location: Little Wall Lake State Park,
Jewell, IA

Wagonmasters: Airey, Elliott, Farni, Harberts, Pearce

July 7-9 Iowa Winnie Hawk State Rally

Location: Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hampton, IA

Assignments: Breakfast, meals, and beverages

Theme: "Fabulous Winnebago "

July 17-23 Grand National Rally (GNR)

Location: WIT Rally Grounds, Forest City, IA

Assignments: Row party tables and table covers

Theme: "Welcome to Fabulous Winnebago"

August 25-27 Campout

Location: Diamond Lake Park, Montezuma, IA

Wagonmasters: Cox, Good, Nichols, Rasmussen. Sheeder

September 21-24 Iowa Winnie Hawk Fall Meeting

Location: Southern Iowa Fairgrounds, Oskaloosa, IA

Assignments: Setup. Cleanup, and decorations

Theme: "Autumn Fun"

October 13-15 Campout

Location: Green County Fairground/Milwaukee
Depot, Jefferson IA

Wagonmasters: Adams, Corning, *Mower, Pawlowski,
Peters, Wendt

November 18 Noon Luncheon Hibachi Grille and Supreme Buffet, West Des Moines

Host: Consolver