

# Frequently Asked Questions & Rally Information

## 2022 GDRV National Owners Rally

*This is a living, breathing document, and is changed and updated as we receive new information. Most of your common questions can be found here, along with other useful information.*

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# How To Purchase Your Tickets

**When does registration begin?** Registration will begin on April 12, 6pm EST. Be sure to have your VIN# when you begin the process and answer all the required questions (red asterisks). After purchasing the rally ticket (which includes camping location & fees for up to 6 nights, beginning Sunday night, August 30 - Friday night, September 2), golf carts and tours can be purchased on the same page. *While golf carts and tours can be purchased at a different time, there are limited numbers of each. It is highly recommended that you purchase these at the same time as you purchase your original ticket.*

**What does it cost to attend?** The cost to attend the rally is \$425.00 for each rig. This includes up to 2 adults and any minor children under the age of 18. Each additional adult staying in the rig is an additional \$100. The fee includes up to 6 nights of camping(Sun-Fri), and helps to cover four dinners and four breakfasts, Tuesday through Friday.

**What payment methods are allowed to purchase my ticket?** When you have completed filling in all the required information, you will have to the choice to pay by credit card or use Paypal. Please have that information handy when you begin your registration process.

**What is the “E-ticket”?** The E-ticket is the receipt from Eventbrite and proof of registration for admission upon arrival at fairgrounds. Please print or have it on your phone screen for presentation to the parking greeters when you arrive.

**What happens if I have to cancel?** We understand that people’s schedules change for a variety of reasons, many out of their control. As a result, we have instituted the following cancellation policy:

Before July 1, the cancellation fee is 10% of registration, tour and golf cart fees.

From July 1 through July 31, cancellation fee is 20% of registration, tour and golf cart fees.

On or after August 1, there are no refunds.

If the rally is cancelled because of local health restrictions on gathering sizes, you’ll receive a full refund.

**How do I know what kind of site I’m signing up for?** When you register you will purchase a ticket for the area where you would like to camp. The specific site in the area is assigned when you arrive at the fairgrounds. Each area has a description of what is offered, i.e., electrical (50-amp, 30-amp, or both), water, sewer availability (either at rig or via the [Honey Wagon](#)) AND the size limitation for each area. Much like a concert there are a limited number of tickets for each area, and when they are gone, they're gone, and you have to pick a different area. See [Addendum A](#) for the fairground map and the descriptions of each area.

**Can all areas accommodate rigs of all sizes?** No. Certain areas (B, D, and E) can only accommodate rigs that are 35’ or smaller. Please do not sign up for these areas if you rig is over 35’ in length.

**How can I get Full-Hook Ups (FHU)?** If you Google, “FHU” you will find that it is defined as “camping at an RV park or campground with hookups to fresh water, electric, and sewer (for gray and black water disposal)”. All of the sites at the fairgrounds provide you with fresh water and electric.

**Is there a waiting list for the sites that have 50-amp electric?** No. Once registration begins and the 50-amp sites are gone, they are gone. There is not a waitlist. However, you can still continue to check Eventbrite to see if any 50-amp sites have re-opened, i.e., someone has cancelled their reservation. Note: Switching sites comes with a 10% Eventbrite service charge.

**Am I able to rent a golf cart?** Yes, there are a limited number of golf carts available for rent. The cost is \$200 for the week and must be reserved and paid for through Eventbrite.

**Will there be a waiting list if the rally gets totally booked?** A waiting list will be started once ALL of the sites for the rally are booked, BUT it will not be area specific.

**How do we register for optional tours at the Rally?** You can register for the optional tours when you register for the Rally itself. You can also come back and register for tours later IF THEY'RE STILL AVAILABLE. There is an additional charge for the optional tours. All optional tours include bus transportation, all admission fees and tips, and any meals as shown in the tour description. There will be a standby process for the optional tours, see the [next](#) question. We will not be maintaining any waitlists for the tours. See [Addendum B](#) for tour details.

**If I have tickets for an optional tour and decide not to go, can I get a refund or sell my tickets?** We are not able to refund your tickets on optional tours at the event. Near the Rally Host Table there will be a bulletin board where you may post that you are trying to sell or buy tickets for a tour. The transaction is strictly between the seller and the buyer. If you cancel prior to the event, the cancellation policy will apply.

**How do we register for factory tours? Is there a charge?** Tickets for factory tours will be available during on-site check-in at the fairgrounds. There is no charge for factory tours. Bus transportation is provided, and you must take the bus transportation provided – no self-driving. At the time of bus boarding those with tickets have boarding preference. Walk-ons welcome if seats remain five minutes before scheduled departure. Please remember to wear closed-toe shoes. You will not be allowed to get onto the bus without closed-toe shoes. No sandals.

**How many meals are included in the rally fee?** The Rally fee includes four dinners and four breakfasts, Tuesday through Friday.

**How do we register for seminars?** Sign-up for seminars will be available during on-site check-in at the fairgrounds. There is no charge for seminars. Seminars are open to all attendees but may be limited to available seating. The seminar schedule will be published and distributed to all attendees on our about the first week of August.

**Do you have meals for special diets – allergies, gluten-free, etc.?** There will be Gluten Free and Vegetarian options for those with special dietary needs. If you require either of these choices, you must pre-register for these when you purchase your rally ticket. We will not be able to accommodate “on the spot” requests for special meals.

**Do you have reduced-price reservations if we don't want to have the meals?** No, the volume of people and the need to create meal tickets and monitor who does and does not have them is simply not practical. We require that you wear your Rally name badge, which is your ticket to all meals and activities. Tours and excursions require a separate ticket that you will receive at on-site check-in. Sometimes other public events are being held at the fair grounds and we need to monitor that only GDRV attendees go through the food line.

**May I attend the Rally in an RV that wasn't built by Grand Design?** No. Rally attendees MUST be in an RV built by Grand Design.

**Is it true Grand Design will work on my rig at the rally?** Yes. GDRV service technicians are on-site during the rally but they DO NOT DROP UNDERBELLIES and they DO NOT DO MAJOR repairs (as in pull slides or change front caps, etc.) Additionally, there are a number of OEM vendors also attending the rally, however, they only take requests for units that are still within their specific warranty parameters. This can be located in the owner's manual, the vendor black bag, and/or the vendor's web site. During registration, you will have an opportunity to request THREE repairs. Changes to your requests are not allowed after July 15<sup>th</sup>. The only exception of course are emergency repairs and recalls. ***Due to supply chain issues throughout the Industry, there are service parts availability constraints. We will do our best based on available stock, however we cannot guarantee that we will have the repair parts required to complete all repairs.***

**Is there a rally agenda available?** See **Addendum C** for the rally agenda. Please remember, the agenda is subject to change up until the time of the rally.

**Do I have to sign up for crafts before the rally?** During on-site check-in, you will have the opportunity to sign up for crafts. Some of the crafts may have a small fee to cover supplies.

## **Before You Arrive At The Rally**

**When does rally parking begin?** Rally parking is Sunday and Monday, August 28 and August 29 from 9am-5pm. The rally's opening ceremony is on Tuesday, August 31 at 9am.

**Can we arrive before Sunday 8/28 and how do we make reservations?** The fairgrounds are in use before our rally begins. To make a reservation for arrival before the rally starts, please call the fairgrounds at (574) 533-3247. You will make payment directly to the fairgrounds for these early nights. When you arrive, please check-in at the fairground's office and they will call the parking crew who will direct you to the appropriate area. ***Arriving early DOES NOT change the area that you have selected for rally parking.***

**Can we stay following the Rally?** Yes, you may pay the fairgrounds directly to stay in your rally spot until NOON on Labor Day, based on availability. Payment for any night after Friday, September 2 is to be paid directly to the fairgrounds and this can be done when you arrive for the rally. If you wish to stay past Labor Day you will need to arrange this with the fairgrounds.

**Are power adapters needed?** Depending upon your rig and the ticket purchased, you may need a 50-amp to 30-amp power adapter. Please read the area descriptions carefully as some sites only have 50-amp and in this case you may need a 30-amp to 50-amp adapter, if you have a 30-amp rig.

*If you have a 50-amp rig and are can only get a 30-amp site at the rally, take time to view the educational video at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBk\\_L7eyRuU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBk_L7eyRuU&feature=youtu.be) . The video explains the ins and outs of living on 30-amp power in a 50-amp rig.*

Some of the sites will only have 30-amp electric and water available. These sites come with free tags for a "[Honey Wagon](#)".

**How much electric cord, sewer hose and water hose is necessary to reach the services at the fairgrounds?** Electric, water and sewer hook ups are located at the rear of the camper. In the water & electric only sites,

some of the water and electric hook ups are on the curb side and some are on the street side. Some are 10'-15' behind the bumper and some are 20'-25' behind the bumper. How much you need of electrical cord, and water will be dependent upon where your connections are on your camper.

**What is the "Parking Designator"?** The Parking Designator is a tag given to you by a Parking Team member once you are parked at the fairground. It will have your name, camping area, and your site # on it.

**How are sites assigned in each area?** Parking and assigning of sites (within the purchased area) is done "rally style" (also known as "hobo style"). "Rally style" parking means that the parking crew assigns each rig a site as they arrive. There will be a large number of rigs arriving in a short amount of time, and rally style parking allows us to get everyone in a site as quickly as possible.

**What is a Honey Wagon?** A Honey Wagon is a portable septic company that comes and empties your tanks for you during the rally at the fairgrounds. You access this service by placing your Honey Wagon pass in a specific location (we'll get that location clarified), as the Honey Wagon passes your sites and sees your pass they remove your black and gray tank caps, pull the handles, emptying your tanks, and away they go. It's like the Santa Clause of the RV industry. You can save those rubber gloves for your next trip!

**Is "Group Parking" available?** Parking together as a group is available, but will be on a first-come, first-served basis:

- All members of your group MUST have tickets in the same area.
- All members of your group MUST arrive at the same time.
- All members of your group MUST be lined up one behind the other in the same lane at the registration checkpoint.

It is important to note that there will two lanes of entry, so end to end is important to ensure your group stays together.

**Is there a handicap parking area?** Yes, there is handicap RV parking available to registrants possessing and displaying a valid state-issued handicap permit, on a first-come, first-served basis. There is limited amount of handicap parking available. Please purchase a ticket for a handicap area and provide your handicap permit number during registration for handicap parking. The only way to guarantee a handicap site is to pre-purchase a handicap ticket.

**What is the pet policy?** All buildings at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds are pet-free (with the exception of certified service animals in working mode). If your pet is outside, it must be restrained in an appropriate manner and on a leash if being exercised. Please remember to pick up after your pet(s) and dispose of waste properly. Expect the pet policy to be enforced. If you are having GDRV service done inside of your RV, the pet must be crated or removed for the safety of the technicians, as well as to prevent your pet from accidentally escaping from the unit. Only certified service animals are allowed in seminars or where food is being served.

**How can I volunteer to help at the Rally?** Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Rally. We have lots of tasks that need to be done during the event. Attendees may sign-up on the website at [www.gdrvnationalrally.com](http://www.gdrvnationalrally.com), at the Check-In station during arrival, or at the Rally Operations Center (located in the Cooling Center building).

**Are there t-shirts for this rally?** No, t-shirts are not being offered prior to the event this year.

**Is alcohol allowed at the Rally?** Alcohol is not sold or provided at any of the events. However, if you are of legal age and are behaving responsibly and courteously, you may have alcohol to consume at your site, or to take to another campsite for consumption. You may also bring wine or another beverage to dinner, and evening programs.

**May I bring my scooter, bike, golf cart or Segway?** Yes, this is highly recommended as vehicle parking is very limited and not available near event buildings. ATV/UTVs may NOT be operated on fairground property.

**Are children and grandchildren welcome?** Absolutely, children are always welcome at GDRV events. Because of the success of the Camp GDRV program in 2021, we will be hosting it again in 2022. Each day children will be able to participate in planned activities. Please register your children during the registration process (you can also do this after the fact). There is no fee for Camp GDRV, but the registration process allows us to determine how many to expect, so we can plan appropriate activities. Watch for the *Camp GDRV* kids' newsletter in pre-rally communications.

## **Once You Arrive At The Rally**

*\*\*\* The arrival process has changed for 2022 – Please read carefully! \*\*\**

**Which Gate should I go to?** When you arrive at the fairgrounds, you will enter at GATE 7 – this is the opposite side of the fairgrounds from previous years. Once you pass through the gate, the road will split into two lanes. You will follow these to the Check-In Station.

**Where and how do we receive our name badges, agenda and welcome bag?** At the Check-In Station, you will be given your event paperwork – nametags, communications, and welcome bag. From there, the parking team will guide you to your section.

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**Will there be COVID protocols & restrictions?** Yes. As the State of Indiana and the Elkhart County Health Department mandates are updated, there may be different and/or additional guidelines you will follow. Updates will be published if needed. **Come Prepared!** Please bring your own masks and hand sanitizers. Do not rely on the facility having masks and/or sanitizer available at all times in all locations.

In an effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure, and to help prevent the spread of the virus, you may not attend the National Rally if you are experiencing, or have experienced in the 14 days prior to the National Rally, fever, cough, shortness of breath or have been diagnosed with COVID-19; or you have had close contact within the 14 days prior to the National Rally with an individual suspected of being infected with COVID-19, including individuals exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

**What is Craft Row?** Craft row is an opportunity for owners to sell their crafts from their rig. If you want the opportunity for more exposure than the 3-4 hours offered during “Show & Sell”, then you might consider parking in this area. This Area is called Craft Row on the [MAP](#). Here, you can sell items outdoors from your rig at your convenience.

**Will there be courtesy transportation available between the buildings and campground?** Yes, transportation will be available from Monday to Friday evening. Monday through Friday hours: 7AM to 7PM – Watch for the 6 six seater golf shuttles (we call them “Gubers”) running throughout the grounds.

**Is there a dump station available?** Yes. The fairgrounds has a dump station. The location will be noted on the map. Please notify the parking crew if you need to dump prior to being parked. ***It is highly recommended you arrive with empty holding tanks so as not to delay having your rig parked.***

**Are there showers on site?** Yes, there are showers and restrooms at the facility for attendee use.

**Is there a laundry facility on site?** No.

**Is there propane filling station on site?** No

**Can I receive packages while at the rally?** Yes, the fairgrounds does accept packages. The mailing address is: Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds - 17746 D County Rd. 34 - Goshen, IN 46528. Packages not picked up within 30 days are RETURNED TO SENDER.

**What do we do in case of inclement weather?** The fairgrounds are equipped with a siren warning system in case of inclement weather. There are three designated storm shelters on the grounds:

- the basement restrooms on the west end of the Community Center, next to the Main Gate on Locust Street
- the Home and Family Arts Building on Maple Street
- the dining room

Please make a point of locating these sites in advance of the unlikely chance of needing them.

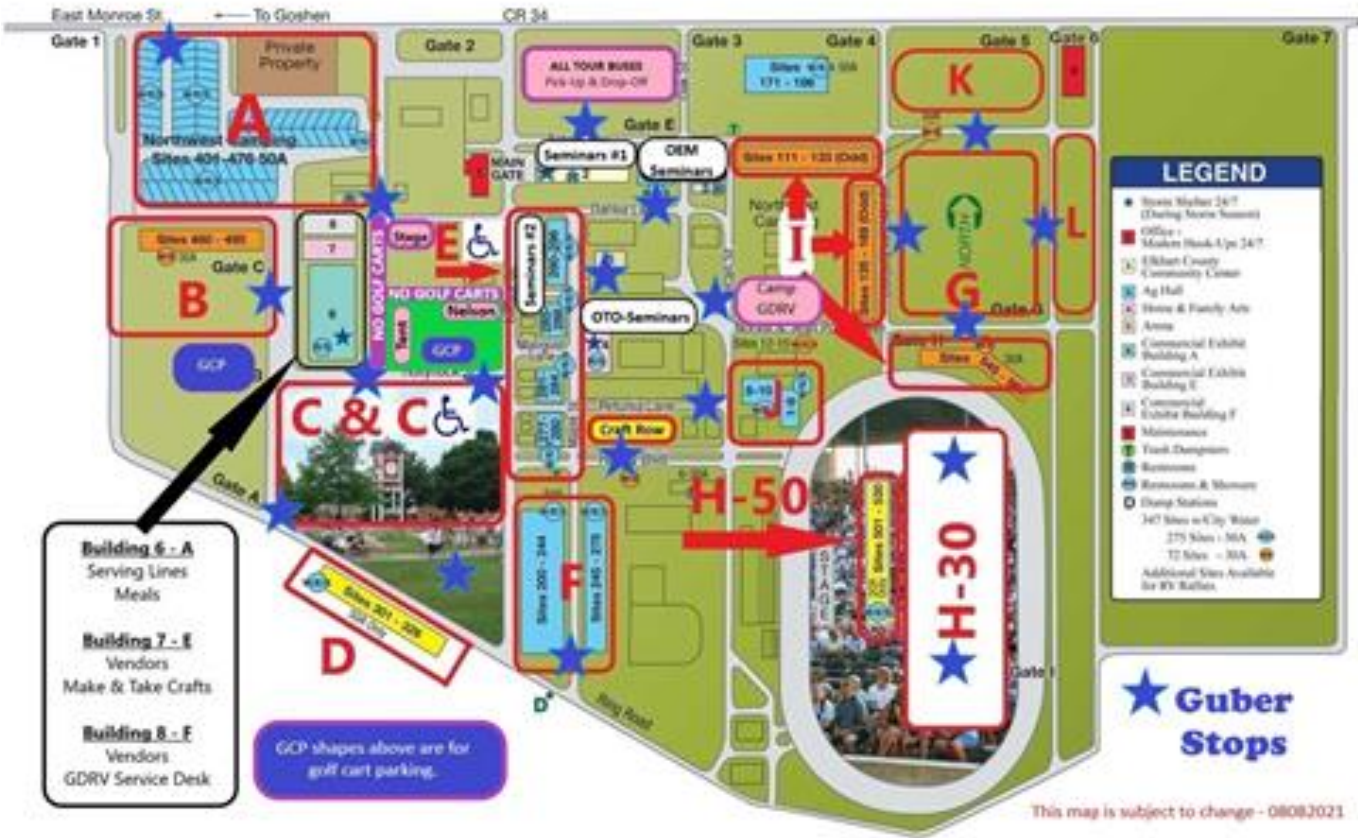


# Site Map and Information

## Area Descriptions

Area A	"Area A" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. Sites are Full-Hookup (FHU) which include 50-amp & 30-amp, water, and sewer.
Area B	"Area B" is suitable for rigs 35' and under. It is open field parking. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets.
Area C	"Area C" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. It is open field parking. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets.
Area C (Handicap)	"Area C (Handicap)" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. It is open field parking. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets. <b>Registrants MUST possess and display a valid state-issued handicap permit.</b>
Craft Row	"Craft Row" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets. This area is open to attendees wishing to sell items/crafts outdoors from their rig at their convenience.
Area D	"Area D" is suitable for rigs 35' and under. Sites are FHU which include 50-amp ONLY, water, and sewer.
Area E (Handicap)	"Area E (Handicap)" is suitable for rigs 35' and under. Sites are FHU which include 50 & 30-amp, water, and sewer. <b>Registrants MUST possess and display a valid state-issued handicap permit.</b>
Area F	"Area F" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. Sites are FHU which include 50 & 30-amp, water, and sewer.
Area G	"Area G" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. It is open field parking. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets.
Area H - 30	"Area H - 30" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. It is open field parking. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets.
Area H - 50	"Area H - 50" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. Sites are FHU which include 50-amp ONLY, water, and sewer.
Area I	"Area I" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets.
Area J	"Area J" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. Sites are FHU which include 50 & 30-amp, water, and sewer.
Area K	"Area K" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. It is open field parking. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets.
Area L	"Area L" can accommodate rigs of all sizes. It is open field parking. Hook-ups include 30-amp ONLY, water, and Honey Wagon tickets.

Site Map (if the map does not display correctly, click [here](#))



# **2022 Factory Tours and Off-Site Excursions at the Grand Design National Owners Rally (Additional Costs Apply)**

**(TBD)**

***ALL Tours: Facemasks MAY BE required on the bus and in most locations visited, dependent upon location restrictions.***

## **Pre-Rally**

### **Monday, August 29, 2022**

#### **Golf at Meadow Valley Golf Club, Middlebury, IN \$42.00 per person/88 Tickets Max**

- 7:30A Load buses at Fairgrounds
  - 7:45A Depart Fairgrounds via Motorcoach with Grand Design Guide
  - 8:00-8:15A Arrive at Meadow Valley Golf Club
  - 9:00A Tee off ... Scramble Format
  - 12:30P Enjoy a sit-down lunch after golf.
  - 1:30P Load buses for return to the Fairgrounds
  - 2:30P Arrival at the Fairgrounds
- Teams will be matched as evenly as possible, by the average score that you provide in Eventbrite at the time of registration. You may also request to golf with friends.
  - In the event of rain, the scramble will be cancelled and fee refunded.

### **Wednesday, August 31, 2022**

#### **Amish Country Brown Bag Tour \$80 per person/54 Tickets Max**

- 8:45A Board the Bus at the Fairgrounds.
- 9:00A – 4:30P You will spend your day enjoying the following:
  - Visit Custom Carriage for a buggy shop tour and informative talk (gift)
  
  - Visit Rise ‘N Roll Bakery (gift)

Welcome to the “out of this world” bakery famous in Amish Country for melt-in-your-mouth cinnamon caramel donuts. These soft and tender treats are covered with mounds of powdery cinnamon sugar, that literally melt in your mouth. You won’t be able to stop with just the free sample! Stroll through the maze of goodies including their renowned cashew crunch, cheesy sausage loaf, fresh baked breads, pies and cakes plus jars of jams, jellies and condiments.

- Visit to Teaberry Wood Products—Shop tour & demo (gift)

Makers of handcrafted vertical puzzles and beautiful wooden Monroe Dutcher baskets that must be seen to be believed. This year they have added charcuterie and customized cutting boards made of the finest native and exotic woods. This devoted Amish Mennonite family shares their craftsmanship and faith as they welcome you into their shop.

➤ Thresher's Dinner at Yoder's Homestyle Cooking

Enjoy the view of beautiful Cass Lake in the middle of Amish Country. Amish Country has a corner on tasty. Known for a family-style Threshers dinner complete with two meats, salad, noodles, mashed potatoes, homemade bread, spreads and pie for dessert, of course.

➤ Visit Lambright Country Chimes

Discover the tranquility of this Amish chime shop as you experience this family's genuine warmth and knowledge while they demonstrate their chime making process. The sounds of the season come alive as you wander throughout their showroom and hear everything from deep mellow tones to light tinkling sounds from these striking melodic creations.

➤ Visit E & S Bulk Foods, The Amish Trader Joes (gift)

Trader Joe's has nothing on the Amish when it comes to deals! This is a cash only store. At the same location is Eash Sales, a supplier of Amish kitchen and laundry appliances, home goods and décor; credit cards are accepted here.

➤ Visit an Amish Home for an Amish rug weaving demo & Cookie break (whoppie pie & lemonade as gift)

Leo & Lorene Miller welcome you to their Old Order Amish home where Leo has been handweaving rag rugs for years. Taught by his family, Leo will demonstrate how he weaves and creates his beautiful and functional rugs. Meanwhile Lorene, his wife, will serve you her fresh from the oven cookies and cold lemonade as both the Miller's welcome your group and answer questions about their personal Amish lifestyle.

### **Gilmore Car Museum Tour** **\$35 per person/54 Tickets Max**

8:15A Board the Bus at the Fairgrounds

8:30A – 4:30P

- Enjoy your day exploring the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan. See the exhibits, theatre, library, museum store and more. Browse historic barns filled with incredible collections. Visit the vintage dealerships and the 1930's Shell Gas Station. Have lunch on your own and George and Sally's Blue Moon Diner (trickle in on your own time!)

**Thursday, September 1, 2022**

## Mill, Wine & WOW Tour \$65 per person/54 Tickets Max

12:15P Board the Bus at the Fairgrounds

12:30P-4:45P

- Private Lunch at West On Warren Gallery & Grill aka “THE WOW” —menu TBD

Welcome to downtown Middlebury! West On Warren Gallery + Grill graciously features clean urban design with original artwork, being in perfect harmony with the cuisine. Family owned and operated, West on Warren is about more than just food and art -- every part of our restaurant is designed to build community. We are dedicated to providing a space where friends and family gather to enjoy the best food and drink in the most inspiring environment possible. Your group will dine in the new patio room on the first floor by yourself at your reserved time.

Menu:

**Appetizer:** veggies and grilled naan bread with house made hummus

**Salad ---**House Salad (Tomato, Cucumber, Red Onion, and Carrot) with Choices of Dressings

**Entrees:** bruschetta chicken or ginger pork loin, mashed potatoes, and green beans with a garlic butter sauce

**Desserts:** assorted cheesecake bites

- Stone Ground Flour at Bonneyville Mill, Bristol

Feel the floor shake as giant millstones rumble into action grinding grain into flour at Indiana’s oldest continuously operating gristmill. A friendly miller tells all about the process and types of grain. Explore the 150 plus year-old mill where there’s a story on every floor. The mill is picture perfect and the surrounding county park is ideal for a nature-filled walk along well marked paths

- Fruit Hills Winery Wine Tasting-- 5 sample tastings (1/2 oz)

David & Michelle Muir invite you to join their family inside their brand new wine tasting room in the scenic fruit hills of Bristol. Featuring several varieties such as Riesling, Cabernet and Traminette (Indiana’s signature wine). Your group will be seated under the new open air pavilion sampling 5 different wines (1/2 ounce each) while hearing direct from David, the Vintner, as he shares the history, tones, and notes of each wine. Assorted Cheese, cracker and meat trays will be offered to compete the experience. Buckets will be on each table for those who wish to discard any wine they wish not to taste or finish. After your tasting, shop for a bottle to take home, buy a glass of your favorite, or simple enjoy the view and the conversation

**GRAND Motorcycle Adventure!**  
***This is a free excursion, but you DO HAVE TO SIGN UP!!!***  
**40 Riders Max**

10:30A – 4:00P (times are approximate!)

Meet on the north side of the ECCC Building on your motorcycle.

- Ride your own Motorcycle alongside GDRV Staff as you cruise through the beautiful countryside. We will make a stop at Hamilton Harley Davidson in Sturgis MI for a lunch break and time to browse their store. (Rain Date for this ride is Friday)

### **Meet the Amish Makers Bag Tour \$80 per person/54 Tickets Max**

8:30A Board the Bus at the Fairgrounds and travel to Nappanee

9:10A-5:00P:

- The warmth of a hometown welcome awaits your group in beautiful Nappanee. Your Amish guide will share her faith, culture, and knowledge of this very close-knit community. Hear the steady clip-clop of horses on peaceful country roads connecting groups to a simpler time. Your day will be filled with authentic experiences as you visit businesses necessary to Amish settlements. Loads of group friendly options, tasty treats, and a hearty two meat Thresher meal will round out your experience. Together with your guide you will come to see why their town motto is “Embrace the Pace.”
- See a Quilt Garden & explore the Nappanee Heritage Center collection. We are sure that you have heard of Grandma Moses, but have you heard of the “Grandma Moses of Elkhart County”? Not only does Nappanee serve as home to six nationally known cartoonists, an Air Force One pilot and a NASA aeronautical engineer but it also serves as home for the naïve folk artist, Emma Schrock, who was of Old Order Mennonite faith. Growing up with physical challenges, Emma Schrock used painting as a way to work outside of her home. Quoted as saying “I live what I paint, and I paint what I see”, Emma Schrock truly captured the Old Order Mennonite way of life and it is an excellent example of what makes our area so unique. The Nappanee Center is now home to fifty-seven Emma Schrock paintings and has a dedicated gallery for her works of art. Not only does the Nappanee Center tell the story of Emma Schrock but also the well-crafted storied past of Nappanee including its cartoonists, kitchen cabinets and so much more.
- Visit a Camel Dairy Farm, Selfie & Shopping  
Pet the camels and get a selfie with these friendly four-legged celebrities. Shop their unique gift shop for luxury soaps & lotions, camel t-shirts and more.
- Meet an Old Order Mennonite Buggy Maker  
Many do not realize that there are horse & buggy Mennonite churches as well as Amish. While similar there are many differences including the design of their buggies and churches that set them apart. You’ll enjoy an informative seated presentation of their customs and a peek at this

private collection of toy buggies and wagons, followed by a walking tour of his impressive inventory of the real thing. A workshop tour winds up this exclusive experience.

➤ Mullet's Dining Family Style "Threshers" Dinner

Dine on the farm of Merlin & Mary Lou Mullet on their fresh baked and handmade delicious entrees, bread, pies with beverages all included. It's a feast that won't leave you hungry and is traditional among the Amish people. (no gift)

➤ Meet an Amish Clock Maker--no fee (no gift)

Where the old world craftsmanship is the hallmarks of every clock they build. This family owned and operated manufacturing facility specializes in building one kind of product: beautiful heirloom timepieces. They craft clocks out of locally grown, milled and kiln-dried wood. Triple Chime Grandfather clocks, Mantle clocks, and exclusive Precious Melodies Clocks are produced on site. The Precious Melodies line of clocks has become a favorite in Amish communities. Precious Clocks for Precious People.

➤ Coppes Commons Hoosier Cabinet display & shopping. Ice Cream Treat at Rocket Science – it's out of this world!

At the turn of the century, the Nappanee Furniture Co., owned in part by the Coppes Bros., was the largest employer in Nappanee, producing fine furniture and various styles of the famous "Hoosier Cabinet." The company is still in operation today and holds the distinction of being the longest continuously operating cabinet maker in the U.S. Step back in time and visit the original 1876 building where a collection of specialty shops offers locally made, handcrafted and fresh-baked goods. Several counter-service restaurants, an antique mall, and a kitchen cabinet museum also occupy the rambling 10,000 sq. ft. renovated spaces. Visit the historic Hoosier Cabinet "museum/exhibit" with Coppes Commons' resident historian. Groups are given a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse into the Coppes Kitchens, once ordered by Frank Sinatra and President John F. Kennedy. Visitors will also take part in a video presentation and Q&A on the history of the Coppes companies and their iconic products that changed the footprint of the American kitchen.

## **Iconic South Bend & Notre Dame \$75 per person/54 Tickets Max**

8:15A Board the Bus at the Fairgrounds

9:30A – 5:00P:

➤ University of Notre Dame Walking – Self Guided Tour-mobile link available

Experience the magic of the University of Notre Dame with a self-guided walking tour of the beautiful historic campus. Visitors will meet at the Eck Visitors Center for a 20-minute movie (Covid restrictions may apply) before touring the campus on your own with the aid of the new mobile app. Or they can relax with a coffee and shopping time in the 30,000 sq ft bookstore, complete with crystal, fine china, and a grand piano.

- Fiddler’s Hearth Irish “Craic” Party complete with authentic Irish meal with Kennedy’s Kitchen Irish Band/Dance—price ranges by meal choice PLUS fee for Irish music

Irish storytelling, jokes and fabulous food are all combined for an authentic Irish experience! It’s a sing-along, a cultural experience, and an exceptional event. Kennedy’s Kitchen is a family who has been making Irish music together since 1998, averaging about 80 shows per year playing everything from backyard parties and weddings to pubs, concert halls, and national festivals. Based at home in South Bend, Indiana, they love to gather for dinner, laughter, and music rooted in traditional Irish Music, jigs, reels, hornpipes, aires, recitations, stories, and songs . . . adding their own compositions along the way. It’s a mix of all things Irish from traditional to pub songs, from toe-tapping to deeply moving . . . and it’s always fun. They play fiddle, flutes, whistles, mandolin, bouzouki, guitar, tenor banjo, harmonica, bodhran, and bass. And they love to sing! Your host dining location is Fiddler’s Hearth...a public house. Fiddler’s Hearth provides guests with a place to gather and share good homemade food, drink, music, dance, and opinions. You’ll enjoy a warm, friendly, atmosphere in the true spirit of a public house. “Craic” is a Gaelic term for an atmosphere charged with excitement and fun. It cannot be forced but must occur naturally. Fiddler’s has been blessed with such an atmosphere.

- Studebaker National Museum & Northern Indiana Center for History & Copshaholm, the Oliver Mansion

Located on the same museum campus as the Studebaker Museum, enjoy the impressive Oliver Mansion (makers of the famous Oliver plow) along with artifacts from northern Indiana on a guided tour of Copshaholm. Time permitting revisit the early years of the Studebaker and witness Studebaker’s successful transition from horse-drawn to gasoline-powered vehicles. View the family’s 1835 Conestoga Wagon, Presidential coupes from the 1930s and a 1916 Six fifty Touring Car.

## **Friday, September 2, 2022**

### **Amish Country Brown Bag Tour \$80 per person/54 Tickets Max**

8:45A Board the Bus at the Fairgrounds.

9:00A – 4:30P You will spend your day enjoying the following:

- Visit Custom Carriage for a buggy shop tour and informative talk (gift)
- Visit Rise ‘N Roll Bakery (gift)

Welcome to the “out of this world” bakery famous in Amish Country for melt-in-your-mouth cinnamon caramel donuts. These soft and tender treats are covered with mounds of powdery cinnamon sugar, that literally melt in your mouth. You won’t be able to stop with just the free sample! Stroll through the maze of goodies including their renowned cashew crunch, cheesy sausage loaf, fresh baked breads, pies and cakes plus jars of jams, jellies and condiments.

- Visit to Teaberry Wood Products—Shop tour & demo (gift)



Makers of handcrafted vertical puzzles and beautiful wooden Monroe Dutcher baskets that must be seen to be believed. This year they have added charcuterie and customized cutting boards made of the finest native and exotic woods. This devoted Amish Mennonite family shares their craftsmanship and faith as they welcome you into their shop.

➤ Thresher's Dinner at Yoder's Homestyle Cooking

Enjoy the view of beautiful Cass Lake in the middle of Amish Country. Amish Country has a corner on tasty. Known for a family-style Threshers dinner complete with two meats, salad, noodles, mashed potatoes, homemade bread, spreads and pie for dessert, of course.

➤ Visit Lambright Country Chimes

Discover the tranquility of this Amish chime shop as you experience this family's genuine warmth and knowledge while they demonstrate their chime making process. The sounds of the season come alive as you wander throughout their showroom and hear everything from deep mellow tones to light tinkling sounds from these striking melodic creations.

➤ Visit E & S Bulk Foods, The Amish Trader Joes (gift)

Trader Joe's has nothing on the Amish when it comes to deals! This is a cash only store. At the same location is Eash Sales, a supplier of Amish kitchen and laundry appliances, home goods and décor; credit cards are accepted here.

➤ Visit an Amish Home for an Amish rug weaving demo & Cookie break (whopie pie & lemonade as gift)

Leo & Lorene Miller welcome you to their Old Order Amish home where Leo has been handweaving rag rugs for years. Taught by his family, Leo will demonstrate how he weaves and creates his beautiful and functional rugs. Meanwhile Lorene, his wife, will serve you her fresh from the oven cookies and cold lemonade as both the Miller's welcome your group and answer questions about their personal Amish lifestyle.

### **Cook's Bison Ranch & Lake Cruise** **\$60 per person/54 Tickets Max**

9:15A Board the Bus at the Fairgrounds

9:30A – 4:00P

➤ Visit Cooks Bison Ranch in Wolcottville and experience a tour including a video introduction, 30-minute wagon ride with treats for the animals.

➤ Then enjoy a Chuckwagon lunch: bison roast, pork, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert & drink) Browse the Buffalo Treasures Gift Shop. Restrooms available

- Enjoy a short drive to Syracuse where you will Climb aboard the SS Lillypad and enjoy your lake cruise! A cash bar & snack foods will be available for purchase on board during the cruise.

## **2022 Rally Agenda (TBD)**

Bldg. 6 - Commercial Bldg > Meals  
Tent – Sitting in Hollyhock Park > Meals  
Bldg. 7 - Commercial Bldg > Vendors, Crafts  
Bldg. 8 – Commercial Bldg > GDRV and OEM Service  
Bldg. 2, 3, & 5 Seminars > Check seminar schedule  
Nelson Pavilion > TBD

## **2022 \*\*Preliminary\*\* Rally Agenda**

**More details will follow and this agenda is subject to change!**

### **Sunday August 28:**

9:00 – 5:00 Rally Parking & Check-in  
7:00 – 10:00 Area Bonfires

### **Monday August 29:**

7:30 – 7:45 Load Buses for Golf Scramble at Meadow Valley Golf Course  
9:00 – 5:00 Rally Parking & Check-in  
8:00 – 2:30 Pre-Rally Golf Outing  
3:00 First Timers Orientation (Bldg. 6)  
3:00 Volunteer Orientation (Tent)  
4:00 Ice Cream Social – for all attendees (Bldg. 6 and Tent)  
7:00 – 10:00 Area Bonfires

### **Tuesday, August 30 – Rally Start Date:**

7:30 – 8:45 Complimentary Breakfast (Bldg. 6 and Tent)  
9:00 – 9:30 Wagon Master Welcome & Opening Flag Ceremony (Park Stage. Seating in Bldg. 6, Tent, and Lawn  
in front of Park Stage – bring your own chair!)  
9:30 – 11:00 Welcome and Introductions from Don Clark, President, CEO, & Co-Founder of Grand Design RV  
Q & A session with Don Clark and GDRV Team  
11:00 – 4:00 GDRV & Lippert Customer Service Desks, & OEM Vendors Open (Bldg. 8 – East Door)  
Non-OEM Vendor Open (Bldg. 7 – East Door)  
GDRV Display Units Open  
12:00 Lunch on your own  
12:30 Load Buses for GDRV Plant Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)  
12:45 Bus Departs for GDRV Plant Tour

1:15 – 3:30 GDRV Plant Tours. Bus Transportation Provided  
 1:00 – 4:30 Afternoon Seminars (Seminars are held in Bldg. 2, 3 & 5- check your seminar schedule)  
 5:30 – 6:30 Dinner  
 7:00 – 8:30 Bingo & Beer (BYO) (Bldg. 6)  
 8:30 Movie in the Park

**Wednesday, August 31:**

7:30 – 8:45 Complimentary Breakfast (Bldg. 6 and Tent)  
 8:00 – 4:00 GDRV & Lippert Customer Service Desks, & OEM Vendors Open (Bldg. 8 – East Door )  
 8:15 Load Buses for Gilmore Car Museum Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)  
 8:30 Bus Departs for Gilmore Car Museum Tour  
 8:45 – 4:30 Gilmore Car Museum Tour  
 8:45 Load Buses for Amish Brown Bag Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)  
 9:00 – 4:00 Non-OEM Vendor Open (Bldg. 7 – East Door)  
 9:00 – 4:00 GDRV Display Units Open  
 9:00 – 5:00 Amish Brown Bag Tour  
 9:00 – 12:00 Morning Seminars (Seminars are held in Bldg. 2, 3 & 5 - check your seminar schedule)  
 12:00 Lunch on your own  
 12:30 Load Buses for GDRV Plant Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)  
 12:45 Bus departs for GDRV Plant Tour  
 1:15 – 3:30 GDRV Plant Tours. Bus Transportation Provided  
 1:00 – 4:30 Afternoon Seminars (Seminars are held in Bldg. 2, 3, & 5 - check your seminar schedule)  
 5:30 – 7:00 Dinner  
 6:30 – 9:30 Casino Night (Bldg. 6)

**Thursday, September 1:**

7:30 – 8:45 Complimentary Breakfast (Bldg. 6 and Tent)  
 8:00 – 4:00 GDRV & Lippert Customer Service Desks, & OEM Vendors Open (Bldg. 8 – East Door)  
 8:15 Load Bus for Meet the Amish Maker Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)  
 8:15 Load Bus for Iconic South Bend & Notre Dame Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)  
 8:30 – 5:00 Meet the Amish Maker Tour, Nappanee area  
 8:30 – 5:00 Iconic South Bend & Notre Dame Tour  
 9:00 – 4:00 Non-OEM Vendors Open (Bldg. 7 – East Door)  
 9:00 – 4:00 GDRV Display Units Open  
 9:00 – 12:00 Morning Seminars (Seminars are held in Bldg. 2, 3 & 5 - check your seminar schedule)  
 10:00 – 2:00 Show & Sell – Rally participants display and sell their handiwork. (Tent)  
 10:00 – 2:00 AMISH BAKE SALE (Tent)  
 10:30 – 4:00 Motorcycle Ride with Jerry McCarthy – ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Meet on north side of Bldg. 2)  
 12:00 Lunch on your own  
 12:15 Load Bus for Mill, Wine & WOW Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)  
 12:30 – 4:45 Mill, Wine WOW Tour  
 12:30 Load Buses for GDRV Plant Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)

12:45	Bus departs for GDRV Plant Tour
1:15– 3:30	GDRV Plant Tours. Bus Transportation Provided
1:00 – 4:30	Afternoon Seminars (Seminars are held in Bldg. 2, 3 & 5 - check your seminar schedule)
3:00 – 4:00	The U.S. Honor Flag story and Q&A (Nelson Pavilion)
4:00 – 5:30	Games in the Park
	Happy Hour in the Park – BYOB. Munchies will be provided by GDRV
4:00 – 5:30	Live Music with the McGuires (Weather permitting outdoors near Tent or Nelson Pavilion)
5:30	Family Picture at the Display Units
6:00 – 7:30	Picnic in the Park w/Hog Roast
730P - ??	Fireside Chat with Don Clark, President & CEO of Grand Design RV

### **Friday, September 2:**

7:00	PJ and Mimosa Party (Stage in Area A/Horse Track)
7:30 – 8:45	Complimentary Breakfast (Bldg. 6 and Tent)
8:00 – 12:00	GDRV & Lippert Customer Service Desks, & OEM Vendors Open (Bldg. 8 – East Door)
9:00 – 12:00	Non-OEM Vendor Open (Bldg. 7 – East Door)
8:45	Load Bus for Amish Brown Bag Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)
9:00 – 5:00	Amish Brown Bag Tour
9:00 – 1:00	GDRV Display Units Open
9:00 – 12:00	Morning Seminars (Seminars are held in Bldg. 2, 3 & 5 - check your seminar schedule)
9:15	Load Bus for Cook’s Bison Ranch & Lake Cruise Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)
9:30 – 4:00	Cook’s Bison Ranch & Lake Cruise Tour
12:00	Lunch on your own
12:30	Load Buses for GDRV Plant Tour (Load on north side of Bldg. 2)
12:45	Bus departs for GDRV Plant Tour
1:15 – 3:30	GDRV Plant Tours. Bus Transportation Provided
1:00 – 3:15	Afternoon Seminars (Seminars are held in Bldg. 2, 3 & 5 - check your seminar schedule)
5:30 – 8:00	Farewell Dinner, Door Prizes, Closing Remarks & Recognitions (Bldg. 6 and Tent)
8:00 – 8:30	Break down tables and Chairs (Bldg. 6 and Tent)
8:30 – ??	Live Band & Dancing at the Park Stage

### **Saturday, September 3:**

Safe travels till we meet again!