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CAMPFIRE CHRONICLES

The official Monthly newsletter of Travel Resorts of America



Welcome to Travel Resorts of America

We are so excited to bring you a brand new newsletter filled with stories, pictures, helpful tips, and so much more. Travel Resorts of America wants to put you first, making sure you're up to date on all of the awesome things going on at our resorts. We look forward to sharing some of our favorite parts of our resorts with our amazing members.

This is also a chance for you, one of our incredible members to engage with TRA. We will announce contests, member spotlights, and plenty more. Look out for our newsletter every month in your inbox!



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Updates from Gettysburg Battlefield Resort

RICHARD KELLERMANN
RESORTS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Hello All-RV Having Fun Yet!

Wow, what a crazy year it has been so far and how quick summer flew by and into "Fall" we go. The crisp and refreshing air makes more of us opening our windows and turning our AC units off, whereas one can hear the 'snap', 'crackle' and 'popping' of the campfire to snuggle into warmth. My favorite time of the season and sure for majority of our campers too. Personally, I would like to say 'THANK YOU' to the matter of respect, responsibility, and in some cases solidarity. Yes, there were 'chaos' at the beginning of the season along with much confusion and new changes, (mask in store, pool sanitization every two hours, limited hours of the store and lodge, etc.), yet we made it, well, more like we are still doing it and the exhaustion we endure is becoming less as many of you are cooperating and making the best of the changes and how we perceive those changes to continue with FUN Times.

Many have been asking are we still going to have Halloween? The short simple answer is, YES! Although it will not be as it was last year or even previous; nevertheless, we will still have Halloween, just a little bit different and we will make the BEST of it, not even the great COVID Gremlin could prevent the Spirit of Halloween from coming to GBR.

We THANK YOU for your acceptance and cooperation in the changes to our Halloween as we strive to meet all the guidelines set by the State and CDC to keep everyone healthy. I shall end this newsletter by quoting the great Princess Leia, Carrie Fisher, "Going through challenging things can teach you a lot, and they also make you appreciate the times that are not so challenging."

Until next time,
Happy Camping from Richard



HALLOWEEN CALENDER

10/16: Halloween Parade & Golf Car Decoration Competition

10/17: Great Pumpkin Run

10/23: Halloween Parade & Golf Car Decoration Competition

10/24: Great Pumpkin Run

10/30: Halloween Parade & Golf Car Decoration Competition

10/31: Great Pumpkin Run



Updates from Sycamore Lodge Resort

ROD JONES
RESORTS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Our Lodge and game room are now open following proper distancing.

The Haunted Forest was cancelled this year but we do plan to have some event filled Halloween weekends. We are setting up a haunted walk/golf cart path in the Haunted Forest area. This will include some props and effects outside to allow for distancing guidelines. We will also be serving take out dinners from the concession stand at the Haunted Forest from 3pm to 8pm and the profit will be donated to the Lymphoma Society.

October 17 there will be Brunswick Stew 16oz \$5 or 32oz \$9

October 24th we will be serving a Spaghetti Plate for \$8

October 31st will be Fish Plate for \$12

Cash only please.

Thanks,
Rod Jones



NOW OPEN

HALLOWEEN CALENDER

10/2- 10/4: Oktoberfest Weekend

10/9th-11th: Sycamore Lodge Fall Clean-Up Weekend

10/16th- 18th: Charity Sports Weekend

10/24: Charity Car Show

10/30- 11/1: Halloween Weekend



Updates from Rocky Fork Ranch

SHARRIE YARBER
RESORTS OPERATIONS MANAGER



We are remodeling the Point Privy (Bathhouse) and are excited to get started very soon.

We added from fresh paint to clubhouse patio area and did some landscaping.

Continue to work on cabins and are focusing on park models around the clubhouse inside and out.

Did some work at the pond with some earth moving to shore up the pond and also the fishing docks got some attention.

Our new filly Junebug is growing like a weed and she loves all the attention from our members.

The staff wants to thank our members for adhering to the guidelines set forth and helping us all stay safe and camp on! Outdoor bingo, movies and karaoke have been a big hit this season. Our stables continue to book trail rides through the end of October. We suggest you call stables and book your reservation as soon as you have your camping reservation. We are gearing up for some spooky October fun check out the Campersapp for details!



HALLOWEEN CALENDER

October 9th-11th:
Haunted Ranch Tour
Haunted Maze
Only weekend

All Month:
Spooky Bingo
Pumpkin Patch Picking
Karaoke Costume Contest
Jack-O- Lantern Contest
Site Decorating Contest
Halloween Parade

Check CampersApp for specific days and time.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

BARBARA, E. MCCLINTOCK



I got started in the Resort business 25 years ago working at the front desk at Buckett Hill which over the years grew to what is now Rocky Fork Ranch. I worked my way up to the position I have now which is Resort Operations Manager at Wally World here in Loudonville. Travel Resorts of America is a great company and I am proud to be a part of it.

One of my favorite memories is when I got the go ahead to start the creation of the garden house as our first member build project here at Wally World. I stay here at the resort and go home on my days off. So this project has allowed me to do on my down time here what I would be doing at home. Planting and caring for the flowers and continue to expand on this project that is dear to my heart. It makes me happy to see the steady flow of campers that visit and enjoy it also.

My favorite part of this job is watching and helping families make memories that will be shared for years to come. I have watched children grow up at the campground and is now bringing there little ones to camp. Showing my age there.

If I was going to give advice to a TRA member it would be to use your membership to its fullest. Visit all of the TRA Resorts. Each one has something different to offer and i think that is a big part of what makes TRA special.

MEMEBER SPOTLIGHT

MONK MEEKS



Monk Meeks and his wife Karen have been members at Travel Resorts of American for over 16 years. Living in Mexico, NY, Bass Lake is their home away from home. Monk is a veteran, serving in the Air force during the Vietnam war '65-69. He enjoys the cool nights and camp fires around his campsite. Over the years he has created life long friendships with his neighbors at the resort.

Monk owns a 5th wheel RV, pictured below. In addition to his RV he sets up an outdoor kitchen, with his favorite grill. He also sets up an outdoor living room which his wife and him enjoy hanging out with their friends with when it may rain or get chilly. Monk set up his campsite tent with Halloween decorations that he made himself!



MEMEBER SPOTLIGHT

MONK MEEKS



MEMBER BUILDS



Fire Pit at Wally World Riverside Resort



Deck at Sycamore Lodge Resort

CONTEST WINNERS

August
RV of the Month
WINNER: Sandra Vaca



Hi!!! I'm Sandra and my family I are actually full-time RV and we are staying at the Gettysburg Battlefield. We love it here. Everyone is so welcoming. Its like an RV family. This picture was actually our first time out as full timing and we were so happy and exited, our kids and husband were roasting marshmallows in the fire.
Thank you

September
TRA Memory
WINNER: Kathleen England



Hello TRA! This is a picture of a homemade campfire pie, made for me by my husband. This is our favorite dessert when we are camping at any of the TRA resorts. We joined TRA in June and have enjoyed Gettysburg Battlefield Resort (where this pie was made), Rocky Fork, and Sycamore Lodge. Our family loves our time at each TRA campground, and indulge in these tasty campfire pies every time! Our favorite is when they are made with apple pie filling (featured here). See you at Bass Lake next week! Can't wait!!!

CONTEST ENTRIES

Some of our favorite entries for the September Contest.

Tonya Kerwin



Alice Moyer

This was our first opportunity to go camping in 2020 at TRA Gettysburg Battlefield Resort. It was also especially nice because we were able to invite our son to join us for the weekend.

Although the weather was rather wet that day, the skies cleared and gave us the opportunity for a roaring campfire.

Sitting around the fire at night is the perfect time for conversation and S'mores. Later that weekend our son enjoyed a 13 mile early morning bike ride around the Gettysburg National Park and then we visited all of the sites again in the afternoon as a family. Gettysburg Battlefield Resort is especially nice for the great attention to the care of the facility and programs. It also is a place for an up close look at our nation's history. But, nothing beats a campfire.