

Fall National Event Bid 2018

Location: Colorado Springs Colorado

Dates: Sept. 22-24,2018

Host Chapter: Rocky Mountains Chapter

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Friday: We are looking at starting the event Friday morning with registration starting at 10:00 A.M. We can have our board meeting that morning. Noon lunch we can do either a pot luck meal or order pizza in. Afternoon we can go to the Air Force Academy for a tour of the chapel and grounds that is open to the public. (cost free) Then we can travel to Manitou Springs and do the tour and tasting of the 8 Mineral Springs. (free) Then evening take in a Dinner play at The Iron Springs Chateau Melodrama Dinner Theater in Manitou Springs (cost \$30 plus tax and gratuity or just take in the play \$17)

Saturday: Registration 7:30 to 9:00 A.M.

9:30 A.M. leave for Garden of the Gods (free)

11:00 A.M. lunch at the Trading Post part of the Garden of the Gods. Meals run about \$10,plus drinks. On your own

1:00 P.M. leave from garden to go to Manitou Cliff Dwellings(cost\$8.50& tax) return to motel.

5:30 p.m. Dinner at Motel followed by auction and dance. Hugs and good byes. Not sure on price of dinner.

If people want to come in early or stay over 2 days they can get the rooms for the same price if booked before deadline. Colorado Springs has a lot to offer if we want to do a tour in the morning Friday, there is a wild west ghost town museum or the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and much more to pick from. I know the dates are later in the month but if we did go earlier the cost would be \$15-\$25 higher for rooms. We figured some will be harvesting by then, so starting Friday would better for them if they wanted to come.

Motel: MCM Elegante' Suites, 6450 N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Rooms cost: 1bed studio \$89 &tax, 2 bed studio \$99&tax

1 bedroom suite \$109 & tax, 2 bedroom suite \$119 & tax

Hot breakfast served, small eating area but we can take to our rooms or to meeting room. They do have trays for that use.

Each room has a complete kitchen with full size refrigerator, microwave, 2 burner stove,cookware, sink,and dishwasher. Which is why I suggested pot luck for lunch on Friday.

Motel has no restaurant or bar. But a couple in 5-10 minutes of walking distance. Lot more along Academy Blvd in 10 minutes of driving.

Meeting room or Hospitality room cost is \$300 a day and if we get 20 rooms booked we can get a discount of \$75 a day on it. Plus \$100 for dance floor. This price of \$700 for 2 days is a good price. Other motels were asking \$ 600 and up a day. Our Dinner will be catered in from one of the motel's sister hotels.

Looked in to renting a bus but cost for most \$ 1000 for 4 hours(Had to rent for at less 4 hours) and another \$175 per hour. Did check into vans and the cost for 3 would be \$713.88 for 2 days with a deposit of \$200 per van with credit card refundable when vans are returned. This would be 15 passengers van. Would need our own drivers.

Cost of event: Friday: Dinner Theater \$30 plus tax = \$35

Saturday; Indian Cliff Dwellings \$8.50 plus tax= \$9

Evening Dinner just a guess \$28

For van and hospitality room per person \$36

Total per person(40 attending) \$105.00

If we just want to do the play Friday and they eat on their own in Manitou Springs it would \$92.

Colorado Springs does have an airport, motel doesn't have pickup from it.