

# **WHAT'S NEW FOR GROUPS**



## Experience some of Elkhart County's newest itinerary add-on options to create the most WELL CRAFTED group tour.

Wanting something different than fried chicken and mashed potatoes? Your group will love the unique dining experiences that include to-die-for loaded tot and nacho appetizers. Want to know some insider history of one of Elkhart County's most famous landmarks? Hear directly from the clocktower caretaker at the greek-revival-style County Courthouse. Did 2020 leave you with a little bit of tension? Create your own personalized aromatherapy blend in a roll-on bottle and/or misting spray. All of these experiences and more are new and just for groups!

### BRING YOUR GROUP AGAIN AND AGAIN TO AMISH COUNTRY AND ELKHART COUNTY FOR THESE NEW AND UNIQUE ADD-ON OPTIONS.



#### Five Star Dive Bar Group Meal [price dependent on menu selection]

Welcome to downtown Elkhart's popular Five Star Dive Bar. When you are hungry and looking for some delicious American food, Five Star Dive Bar is the place to come in Elkhart. Discover their extensive menu including such items as salads, soups, wraps, fish, and sandwiches that will bring you back for more. Featuring fresh, never frozen burgers. Locals love the loaded tot appetizers, yummy breadsticks and giant loaded nachos with plenty to share! A full bar is available on site for individual purchases on their own if desired.

#### Hunter's Hideway Bar & Grill Lunch or Dinner

#### [\$ 15.50 pp incl with entrée/fry/beverage/tax/tip OR \$17.00 pp incl with shareable appetizer/entrée/fry/beverage/tax/tip]

Looking for a local outdoor dining experience perfect for groups? Wanting something different from fried chicken and mashed potatoes, an Amish Country favorite? Then Nappanee's own Hunters Hideaway offers the eclectic menu and relaxed seating found in a locally owned neighborhood bar and grill. From steaks, wings, salads, burgers, pizza and more, this friendly and easy dining option is led by a General Manager who promises fast service and excellent food for groups of all sizes. Many menu options to choose from.

#### Buffet at West On Warren Gallery & Grill aka "THE WOW" [many menu options to choose from; \$31 pp incl]

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. Enjoy this delightful space where your group can 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. All buffet options include non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are available for individual purchase.

## Fall Farm Fun & Dinner at Meadow Brook Farm [\$45 pp incl lunch/dinner meal complete with meat, vegetable, fruit, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, apple cider, homemade donuts, hands-on felt donkey craft with Jesus Donkey origination story, live mini donkey photo op, local author and fall storytelling, self-guided tours of historic home, barns, farm and tractors, wagon driven hayride (weather permitting)]

Do you enjoy the sight of a tractor harvesting stalks of corn, the touch of a furry donkey nose, or the smell of warm apple cider? These are all things that can be found at Meadow Brook Farm and Historic Home in Northern Indiana. Come take a tour of the 1860 vintage home that was constructed during the Civil War. Hear documented stories from the farm's Author and Storyteller from visitors that traveled the nearby Pumpkinvine Railway, while sipping on some cider and munching on a homemade donut. The carefully restored barns are places of gathering and fellowship and is your host location for a delicious lunch or dinner. Enjoy hands-on fun with a make-take homespun donkey craft followed by the story of the Jesus Donkey with opportunities to pet and take a fun fall photo op which is just irresistible! Your afternoon or evening experience at Meadow Brook will be filled with memorable experiences and one you won't forget!

#### Elkhart County Courthouse Clock Tower 15 minute Overview [tip optional for presenter but no fee]

The Elkhart County Courthouse in Goshen, IN has a long, storied history that dates back to 1833, and is home to a vintage 150-year old E. Howard Tower Clock, one of the last remaining examples in the country of its type that still remains in service operating the same way it did in the 1870s. Amazingly, this fascinating piece of American engineering has also been under the care of the same family for over 100 years. Meet the current 3rd generation caretaker who keeps the unique timepiece ticking, see pictures of those who came before him, and find out how he has helped to lovingly restore the clock to like-new condition to preserve its legacy for the next 100 years. Your group will be met by the Clock Tower Caregiver, Blake Eckelbarger whose family history of caring for this piece of art and history goes back decades. Individual with the group can stay and listen to Blake talk about the tower or go shopping instead. NOTE: Guests will be standing on the grass or on sidewalk outside for this presentation. There are no seats or stairs. It is an informational exchange and "meet-greet" program.

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#### Emma Schrock Quilt Art Exhibit at the Nappanee Center [no admission fee]

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!

#### Amish Neighbors Party [\$19 pp incl for meal, game, prizes]

Based on the idea of an Amish Neighbors Night many Amish church districts have. A time to gather over food & games, with lots of visiting. Includes an Amish potluck inspired meal, including fresh baked bread, salad, dessert, beverage with fresh vegetables sourced from neighborhood gardens. After dinner play a rousing game of Jones. Everyone is a winner so listen carefully to the instructions. You'll select ONE meat for your group (choose from Baked Chicken, Ham, Ham Loaf, Meatloaf, Salisbury Steak) plus enjoy the "potluck surprise" of salad, dessert, and vegetables all served with guaranteed warm fresh from the oven bread, Amish peanut butter spread, homemade apple butter, coffee, ice cream and Elaine's Secret Caramel Sauce!

## Homespun Holiday Hands-On Experience & Dinner at Meadow Brook Farm [\$45 pp incl lunch/dinner meal complete with meat, vegetable, fruit, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, apple cider, homemade donuts, hands-on felt donkey craft with Jesus Donkey origination story, live mini donkey photo op, local author and Christmas storytelling, self-guided tours of historic home, barns, farm and tractors]

Do you enjoy the sight of twinkling holiday lights on a snowy old tractor, the touch of a furry donkey nose, or the smell of warm spiced cider? These are all things that can be found at Meadow Brook Farm and Historic Home in Northern Indiana. Come take a tour of the 1860 vintage home that was constructed during the Civil War. Hear documented stories from the farm's Author and Storyteller from visitors that traveled the nearby Pumpkinvine Railway, while sipping on some cider and munching on a homemade donut. The carefully restored barns are places of gathering and fellowship and is your host location for a delicious lunch or dinner. Enjoy hands-on fun with a make-take homespun donkey craft followed by the story of the Jesus Donkey with opportunities to pet and take a fun fall photo op which is just irresistible! Your afternoon or evening experience at Meadow Brook will be filled with memorable experiences and one you won't forget!

#### Group Acupuncture Experience [\$20 pp incl]

5 needles inserted per ear following the NADA protocol to simulate a mini "reset" of the central nervous system which induces a sense of wellbeing and relaxation. This protocol is often used to treat PTSD as well as support the body's natural detoxification processes. Maximum of 10-15 people per session at a time.

#### Aromatherapy Make & Take Experience [\$20 pp incl for 2 products made per person. Additional make-take products additional \$5 per person each]

Participants will be lead in a unique experience of making their own personalized aromatherapy blend in a roll-on bottle and/or misting spray. They will be educated on basic essential oil safety and be able to experience many essential oils not commonly found on the open market. This experience is both educational and covers a variety of health and wellness goals for the participants. This group will be lead by a Clinical Aromatherapist. Maximum of 20 people per session at a time.

#### Chair massage [\$20 pp incl for a 15 minute session each]

Chair massage increases blood flow, reduces pain and encourages relaxation. Maximum 4 hours of hands on time per session (multiple sessions can be schedule on one day).



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**Hands-on Fall Craft Fun!** [options and pricing varies. Can be conducted at a variety of locations throughout the destination during the day or evening.] Join a former teacher and craft expert, Loann Harms, as she helps your group guests create something fun, memorable and giftable too that are all perfect fall! Choose from these options:

1. Jar Leaf Lanterns - \$8 A pretty way to celebrate fall with these decoupaged lanterns. So pretty and so easy. Perfect for a fall mantle or Thanksgiving table.

2. Sock Pumpkins - \$7.50 Using old sweaters and stuffing create a darling little pumpkin with a cottage/shabby chic look.

3. Scarecrow wreath - \$12 Welcome fall with this cute scarecrow door wreath. Made with a straw hat, felt and painted face, raffia hair, decorative bow, and a bright sunflower to finish the look.

#### Sebastian the Snowman Make-Take Hands-On Holiday Ornament [\$3 pp incl]

Join Rachel and your new friend "Sebastian" in a cheerful holiday make-take ornament program. You'll make an adorable Snowman we call Sebastian made out of Birch wood. Cute as a button and customizable too! There will be a variety of embellishments provided to brighten and bring this little guy to life including things such as markers, buttons, bows, and ribbons so each person can get "crafty" and give THEIR Sebastian personality! During this crafting experience your group will be greeted on the coach and given a brief overview of the project. Half will begin their ornament while the other half enjoys a woodshop tour and shopping time and then they will switch, assuring ample time to complete all aspects of the experience. Participants leave with a jolly six inch snowman worthy of gifting or kept as a treasured memory of their travels.

#### Old Order Mennonite poetry recital at Lara's Rugs [no admission fee]

This talented weaver located inside Coppes Commons is also an avid Christian poet. Drop in her store to be inspired and amazed.