

RV RALLIES

ALONG *the* HERITAGE TRAIL

RV RALLY PLANNERS GUIDE

ELKHART GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY NAPPANEE BRISTOL WAKARUSA





Your RV Rally journey begins with this comprehensive guide that contains unique facilities, seminar speakers, vendors, entertainment and more. Use this guide along with the Heritage Trail Adventures Guide for your best rally experience.

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Did You Know ...

Elkhart County is home to the world's largest concentration of RV-related manufacturers and service providers in the country. In fact, more than 80 percent of the nation's recreational vehicles are made right here.

The "RV Capital" is right in the center of Northern Indiana's Amish Country, one of the Midwest's most popular cultural attractions. Our scenic rural landscapes are nationally recognized, and our centralized location is within a day's drive of half of the nation's population.

Combined, these unique features make Elkhart County an ideal site for your next RV rally, and the Elkhart County, IN Convention and Visitors Bureau (ECCVB) provides all the tools to help you plan it.

The ECCVB's custom rally and travel services include assistance with:

- Opening and/or closing ceremony planning
- Site selection visits
- Organized tours and activities
- Travel and destination consultation
- RV manufacturers tours
- Discounted admission to the RV/MH Heritage Museum, the largest of its kind in the world

For personalized service, contact the
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to help planners make informed decisions best suited to the planner's needs.*

You can't beat the beauty and bounty of Elkhart County and Amish Country in Northern Indiana.

This easy-to-reach destination - one of the most popular for groups in the Midwest - is home to the third largest Amish settlement in the country and has a wealth of unique experiences and must-see attractions.



Elkhart County Visitor Center ...



Our knowledgeable on-site guest services professionals will steer you in the right direction, help you plan your itinerary and suggest options on where to host your RV rally, where to dine and what to explore while in the area.

Easy to find:

3421 Cassopolis Street, Elkhart, IN 46514

p: 800.262.8161 or 574.262.8161

Staffed Hours:

Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm; Saturday 9am – 4pm

We offer:

- Detailed maps & free Travel Guides
- Must-see attraction & shopping options
- Complimentary Heritage Trail Audio Driving Tour CDs
- Free Quilt Exhibit
- Hotel, bed & breakfast and camping brochures
- Festival and special event information
- Festival and special event information



Mileage to Elkhart County & Amish Country

Chicago	100m/225km	Milwaukee	200m/322km
Cleveland	230m/370km	Pittsburgh	360m/580km
Detroit	165m/266km	St. Louis	390m/628km
Indianapolis	165m/266km	Toronto	440m/708km

Getting to the RV CAPITAL is easy!

Using a network of scenic highways, your rally can arrive in the RV Capital within less than a day's journey from the Midwest's major metropolitan areas.

The RV Capital is easily accessible from the Indiana Toll Road (I-80/90), State Road 120, State Road 19, US 6 and US 20.

Elkhart and LaGrange Counties, home to the very popular Amish Country destinations of Nappanee, Middlebury and Shippshewana, are conveniently located just 100 miles east of Chicago in Northern Indiana.

Hundreds of RVers from all over the country come to enjoy the sites and sounds of Elkhart County.

Campgrounds Comparison Grid



Elkhart County's campgrounds offer value and variety for rallies of any size ...

From large, centrally located facilities to intimate rural settings, a number of services and amenities ensure convenience, flexible planning and the comfort of your rally guests.

All are easily accessible from Indiana's Toll Road, I-80/90, and are convenient to area attractions, RV manufacturers and RV service providers.

Campground	Total Acres	# Total Sites	30 Amp Sites	50 Amp Sites	Electric Water 50 Amp Sites	Electric Water 30 Amp Sites	Electric Water 20 Amp Sites	Primitive Sites	# Cabins	Dump Station	Pool	Wi-Fi	Buildings for Rent
Eby's Pines 574.848.4583	40	300	40	40	20	100	100	15	8 Cabins 1 Lodge 1 Cottage	X	X	X	2
Elkhart Campground 574.264.2914	25	300	70	131	14	74	80	0	5 Rustic 4 Full Service	X	X	X	4
Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds* 574.533.3247	384	900	72	275	0	72	0	0	0	X	-	X	7 plus Pavilion
Middlebury KOA 574.825.5932	42	146	24	26	5	32	4	11	10 Cabins 3 Deluxe Cabins	X	X	X	1
Pla-Mor 574.546.3665	60	455	133	90	13	209	0	0	0	X	X	X	2
Shipshewana CG - North Park 260.768.7770	14	50	12	33	6	33	0	0	13 Full Service 5 Rustic	X	-	X	1 Pavilion 1 Room
Shipshewana CG - South Park 260.768.4669	15	150	116	116	15	15	0	10	0	X	-	X	2 Rooms
Shipshewana RV Park 260.768.7627	10	165	165	165	165	165	165	0	0	X	-	X	3

Contact individual campgrounds for specific amenities.

* Can possibly accommodate more RV's for larger rallies - contact for more details.

Campgrounds & RV Rally Sites

Campgrounds in every community along the Heritage Trail cater to the RV enthusiast! With full hook-ups, modern amenities, attractive campsites, and family-friendly outdoor fun you'll want to plan your next rally in the heart of the RV Capital. Plenty of nearby support industries can repair, update or customize your rig, too!



Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds

17746-D CR 34, Goshen, IN 46528

w: 4HFairgrounds.com | p: 574.533.3247 | f: 574.533.3743

Contact: fairinfo@4hfair.org

CAPACITY: 900 sites (possible to accommodate more RV's for larger rallies)
All sites have city water hookups available. Other amenities include paved drives throughout grounds, restrooms and showers, picnic tables, free Wi-Fi and dump stations.

Rental buildings include:

- Community Center (15,000 square feet)
- Ag Hall (4,610 square feet)
- Home & Family Arts Building (7,068 square feet)
- Arena (10,080 square feet)
- Building A (30,000 square feet)
- Building E (9,000 square feet)
- Building F (9,000 square feet)
- Miscellaneous open pavilions, Heritage Park and Grandstands

Elkhart Campground

25608 CR 4 East, Elkhart, IN 46514

w: ElkhartCampground.com | p: 574.264.2914

Contact: elkcampground@yahoo.com

CAPACITY: 350 sites

Over 25 acres available. Other amenities include flush toilets, hot showers, dump station, swimming pool, playground, picnic tables, LP gas, firewood camp store, cabins, mini-golf course, horseshoe pit, tennis and basketball courts, walking trails, and Wi-Fi plus nine cabins, five of which are rustic and four are full-service.

Rental buildings include:

- Banquet Hall I (500+ people)
- Banquet Hall II (200+ people)
- Banquet Hall III (100+ people)
- Closed Meeting Hall (ask for details)



Campgrounds & RV Rally Sites

Eby's Pines RV Park & Campground

14583 SR 120, Bristol, IN 46507

w: EbysPines.com | p: 574.848.4583 | f: 574.848.0916

Contact: camp@ebypines.com

CAPACITY: 300 sites

40-acre riverfront retreat, family-owned since 1968, features two heated pools, an indoor roller skate rink, laser tag arena, golf cart rentals, a nature trail, camping cabins, primitive campsites and stocked fishing ponds.

Rental buildings include:

- Poolside Pavilion (125 people)
- Island Pavilion (300 people)



Middlebury KOA

52867 State Route 13, Middlebury, IN 46540

w: MiddleburyKOA.com | p: 800.562.5892 or 574.825.5932

Contact: kamp@MiddleburyKOA.com

CAPACITY: 146 sites

Easy to find location offering a 15% discount for rallies of 6+ rigs.

Other amenities include a heated pool, hiking trails, catch and release fishing pond, deluxe camping lodges, air-conditioned camping cabins, mini golf, horseshoes, basketball and a sand volleyball court.

Rental buildings include:

- Pavilion / meeting room (200 people; available at no extra charge)

Pla-Mor Campground

2162 US 6 East, Bremen, IN 46506

w: Pla-Mor.net | p: 574.546.3665

Contact: pla-morcampground@fourway.net

CAPACITY: 455 sites

Partially wooded land in a park that is 30 years old and has evolved to its present size. Other amenities include 250-yard driving range, miniature golf course, horseshoes, fishing pond, swimming, campstore & snackbar. Free wifi. Just minutes from The Barns of Nappanee at Amish Acres.

Rental buildings include:

- Pavilion / Activity Building (ask for details)



Opening Ceremonies / Letters of Welcome

The communities within the RV Capital welcome RV enthusiasts with open arms! All are committed to providing a memorable experience. Each is prepared to provide letters of welcome and communicate the importance of your rally. Together, we value the positive impact of RV gatherings and will work hard to make your stay memorable and welcoming.

Elected Officials

Elkhart County Board of County Commissioners
117 N Second St, Room 203, Goshen, IN 46526
Brad Rogers, President
p: 574.535.6743
ccommissioners@elkhartcounty.com

City of Elkhart - Mayor's Office
229 S Second St, Elkhart, IN 46516
The Honorable Rod Roberson, Mayor
p: 574.294.5471 | f: 574.293.7964
rod.roberson@coei.org | ElkhartIndiana.org

City of Goshen - Mayor's Office
202 S Fifth St, Goshen, IN 46528
The Honorable Gina Liechty, Mayor
p: 574.533.9322 | f: 574.533.9740
mayor@goshencity.com | GoshenIndiana.org

City of Nappanee - Mayor's Office
300 W Lincoln St, Nappanee, IN 46550
The Honorable Phil Jenkins, Mayor
p: 574.773.2112 | f: 574.773.5878
pjenkins@nappanee.org | Nappanee.org

Appointed Officials

Town of Bristol
P.O. Box 122, Bristol, IN 46503
Mike Yoder, Town Manager
p: 574.848.4853 | f: 574.848.4257
townmanager@bristolindiana.net | BristolIndiana.net

Town of Middlebury
P.O. Box 812, Middlebury, IN 46540
Mary Cripe, Town Manager
p: 574.825.1499 | f: 574.820.1485
townmanager@middleburyin.com | MiddleburyIN.com

Town of Wakarusa
100 W. Waterford St, Wakarusa, IN 46573
Holly Landis, Town Manager
p: 574.862.2245
holly@townofwakarusa.com | TownOfWakarusa.com

Convention & Visitors Bureau

Elkhart County, IN Convention & Visitors Bureau
3421 Cassopolis St, Elkhart, IN 46514
Jon Hunsberger, CDME
p: 574.262.8161 | f: 574.262.3925
jon@eccvb.org | VisitElkhartCounty.com

Chambers of Commerce

Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce
418 S Main St, Elkhart, IN 46515
Levon Johnson, Executive Director
p: 574.293.1531 | f: 574.294.1859
ljohnson@elkhart.org | Elkhart.org

Goshen Chamber of Commerce
232 S Main St, Goshen, IN 46526
Nick Kieffer, Executive Director
p: 800.307.4204 or 574.533.2102 | f: 574.533.2103
nkieffer@goshen.org | Goshen.org

Middlebury Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 243, Middlebury, IN 46540
Sheri Howland, Executive Director
p: 574.825.4300 | f: 574.825.7541
director@middleburyinchamber
MiddleburyINChamber.com

Nappanee Chamber of Commerce
302 W Market St, Nappanee, IN 46550
Jeff Kitson, Executive Director
p: 574.773.7281 | f: 574.773.4691
jeff@nappaneechamber.com | NappaneeChamber.com

Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 291, Wakarusa, IN 46573
Deb Shively, Secretary
p: 574.862.4344 | f: 574.862.2245
chamber@wakarusachamber.com
WakarusaChamber.com



Buy It Where It's Made

Discover Elkhart County's local culture and people as you meet the makers along the Heritage Trail. Get to know the artists, discover their fascinating history, and watch them craft their products. Now you have a wonderful souvenir for home.

From yummy fresh-baked goodness to gorgeous handmade pottery, to exquisite soaps, lotions and personal care items, it's always Well Crafted in Elkhart County.

HERE'S A SHORT LIST OF A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES

Yummy fresh baked goodies at
Relish Café & Confections

Gorgeous handmade pottery at
Goertzen Pottery

Homemade noodles and honey fresh from the hive at **Dutch Country Market**

Hand-carved wood and woven baskets at
Teaberry Wood Products

Soaps, lotions and more made on-site at the
Soapy Gnome



SCAN FOR MORE WELL CRAFTED
FUN THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN
ELKHART COUNTY



Seminar Speakers

Round out the rally experience ... for yourself and those traveling with you with specialized presentations on our region's unique culture and heritage. Our local experts host discussions or hands-on activities that are interesting and entertaining. Choose from a range of topics, spiced with fun facts and lively conversation. It's a great opportunity to explore the RV Capital beyond the RV experience.



Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail

Contact: Elkhart County Visitor Center
p: 574.262.8161
QuiltGardens.com
An overview of the award-winning Quilt Gardens along the

Heritage Trail. These super-sized quilt-themed gardens and outdoor hand-painted quilt murals are spread throughout the welcoming communities of Amish Country and Elkhart County.

Asking Amish

Contact: Linda Miller
p: 260.336.8533

Did you ever wonder why the Amish dress as they do? Why do younger Amish girls wear brightly colored dresses while older women wear darker colors? Or how do the Amish live without electricity? Linda Miller and her Old Order Amish family invite you to their family farmstead where you'll get a chance to ask Linda all those questions and more in person. You'll engage in lively conversation fun for all!

Elkhart County's

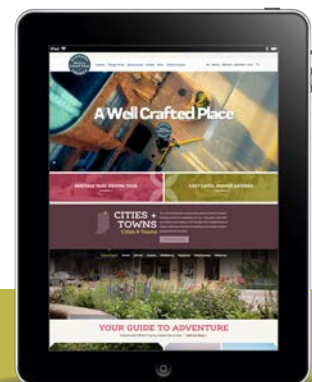


Heritage Trail

Contact: Elkhart County Visitor Center
p: 574.262.8161
VisitElkhartCounty.com

Information about the Heritage Trail, a 90-mile scenic audio driving tour of the surrounding area. Voted a

USA Today Reader's Choice and named one of the nation's "Most Scenic Drives" by the editors of LIFE®.



For a complete listing of all seminar speakers for your next rally, contact sayhi@eccvb.org or call 800.262.8161.



Color Guards & Flag Corps

Does your Rally want a presentation of colors?

If so, we've got some great options for you! *If you need additional information, give the Elkhart County Visitor Center a call at 800.262.8161.*

Goshen Veterans Honor Guard

Contact: Don Malott

p: 574.304.1730 | HonorGuardTraining.com

Affiliated with the American Legion. Opening ceremony march, play taps, raise flag on flagpole, approximately 10-15 people in attendance depending on time of day. Advance notice is requested. Available in Goshen only; donations accepted for Veterans programs, no set fee suggested.

Elkhart Disabled American Veterans Chapter #19 Color Guard

Contact: Jody Dodson

p: 574.612.0484

"Raise, Shoot & Toot" program offered. Raising of the flag on a flag pole, then lowering to half mast, then "Shoot" which is a 3 round volley which respects the flag followed by the "Toot" which is the playing of taps. Advance notice is requested. Available in Elkhart only; Donations accepted for disabled veterans programs, no set fee suggested.

Elkhart Police Department Honor Guard

Contact: Sergeant Scott Garvey / Paul Vandenburg

p: 574.361.9250 / 574.295.7070 x476

A variety of programs are offered to offer flag raising with a minimum of two people if rally provides flag and pole. Other options and types of services offered. Advanced notice is requested. Available in Elkhart only; donations accepted, no set fee suggested.



RV/MH Hall of Fame, Museum & Library

21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart, IN 46514

p: 574.293.2344 or 800.378.8694

RVMHHallOfFame.org

- Step back in time and see trailers, photos, and memorabilia reaching back to the 1920's and 1930's.
- Presenting chronological and technological advancements in the RV industry from before WW I to the present.
- See Mae West's 1931 Chevrolet Housecar.
- See Charles A. Lindbergh's 1939 personal travel trailer.
- Historic Unit owners trace the background of their units in the RV/MH Library which archives thousands of volumes of periodicals, records, and photos.
- See an introductory film in the theatre.
- National and only location honoring the RV/MH vehicle and industry.
- Open to the public. Hours vary by season.



Americana with a Twist

GOSHEN - Dine on wood-fired neapolitan pizza at Venturi, the "Philly Chili" at **South Side Soda Shop** (featured on Diners, Drive-ins and Dives) or pick up a cup of coffee and relax at **The Electric Brew**.

Browse art from Haitian prints to African artifacts at **Found**, take in a live show at **Ignition Music** or grab some organic soaps, body butters, and lip balms at **The Soapy Gnome**. Stock up on fresh produce at the **Goshen Farmer's Market**.

Shop traditional techniques that meet contemporary designs at **Legacy Home Furniture** and **Goertzen Pottery** at the nearby **Old Bag Factory**.



Embrace the Place

NAPPANEE - A hometown heritage that invites you to stay longer and come back again. Eat pulled pork courtesy of **Culinary Mill** or indulge in milk chocolates at **Veni's Sweet Shop**. Learn about Nappanee's

illustrious woodworking history at **Coppes Commons**, a renovated factory showcasing local artisans and small retail shops. Enjoy a backdrop of autumn sights and sounds at the annual Apple Festival, or experience an original theatre production at The Barns of Nappanee.

Downtown Delights

Looking for ideas to get your Rally attendees out and about in unique downtowns? We've got great ideas to do just that! Let the Elkhart County CVB help you put together a great downtown experience for your attendees. *More day trip ideas begin on page 24.*



Downtown Elkhart's A Perfect Experience for All

ELKHART - Enjoy delicious ice cream treats at the new **Vanilla Bean Creamery** or salted caramel cookies from **SugaRush** or relax in a bistro-like setting with a dry-aged rib eye at **523 Tap and Grill**.

Shop restyled finds from furniture to frames and more at **Black Crow on Main** or treat yourself to some new contemporary fashions in a retro setting at **Stephenson's**.

Take photos of the beautiful sculptures and relax in nature at **Wellfield Botanic Gardens** and experience the privileged lifestyle of 1910 by touring **Ruthmere**.

View the Midwest's largest collection of Norman Rockwell signed lithographs and collotypes at the **Midwest Museum of American Art**. Take in a performance from a seat at the historic **Lerner Theatre**.

There's this and so much more to explore in **Downtown Elkhart!**

Pet Friendly Stops

Are furry friends part of your Rally attendees? If so, we've got some great options for them to experience the best of Amish Country ... and help their humans enjoy it more too! *For more pet-friendly recommendations, give the Elkhart County Visitor Center a call at 800.262.8161.*

Do you want to go shopping or on a day-trip without having to worry about your furry kid? **Joshica's Planet Canine** offers supervised 'Doggy Daycare' where your pet can play with other dogs and humans! Also offers grooming, canine massages and more.

4411 Wyland Drive, Elkhart

p: 574.522.8584 | Facebook.com/PlanetCanine

Looking (or smelling) a little less than appealing? **Faus' Groom & Room** provides a quality grooming experience for pets at reasonable prices.

52677 County Road 11, Elkhart

p: 574.262.2019

Walker Park offers an enjoyable outdoor atmosphere for everyone! Take your leashed furry friend for a walk around the winding path complete with a doggy-level water fountain.

3419 East Bristol Street, Elkhart

p: 574.295.7275 | ElkhartIndiana.org

Does your furry friend need a place to get out and stretch their legs? The **Nappanee Dog Park** offers a fenced area with areas for large and small dogs, water fountains, and benches. The dog park is located along C.R. 7 at the entrance to the golf course and the wetlands area.

Membership is required to use the park and is \$5.00 for a week pass. Stop in at City Hall (1300 Thompson Dr. Suite A) or register online at Nappaneeparks.recdesk.com

1300 N Oakland Ave, Nappanee, IN, US, 46550

Ask for Tiffany at 574.773.2112 | Facebook.com/NappDogPark

Sometimes our beloved animals don't always feel their best, and when looking for quality care by experienced veterinarians, consult the staff at **Animal Aid Clinic South**. Offering wellness, internal medicine, surgery, radiology, dentistry, nutrition and more.

3718 Mishawaka Road, Elkhart

p: 574.875.5102 | AnimalAidClinicSouth.com

The **Robert L. Nelson Dog Park** is safe, fenced, off-leash dog park, which includes a separate small dog area and pond. Membership is free but required.

Call Animal Aid Clinic South to get your dog registered.

60376 Co Rd 13, Goshen, IN, US, 46526

Locals love this Located on the banks of the Elkhart River,

Ox Bow County Park is a reflection of Elkhart County's natural beauty. Here you and your leashed furry friend can discover the diversity of the natural environment and experience the renewal of spirit which nature provides.

23033 County Road 45, Goshen

p: 574.535.6458 or 574.875.7422

ElkhartCountyParks.org

Bring your furry friends to the **Elkhart County Visitor Center**! We're four-legged fans and we LOVE visitors of all kinds!

3421 Cassopolis Street, Elkhart

p: 800.262.8161 | VisitElkhartCounty.com



Golf Cart Rentals

Smiley's Golf Carts

54125 CR 7, Elkhart, IN 46514

p: 574.215.5937 | SmileysGolfCarts.com

Offers rentals and servicing for 2, 4 or 6 seater golf carts. Offers custom built and new models. Featuring E-Z Go, Club Car and Yamaha models.

BURNS Rent-alls Inc

2401 N Home Street, Mishawaka, IN 46545

p: 574.259.4807 | BurnsRentals.com

Offers 4 and 6 passenger seating golf carts for rentals along with tables, chairs, tents, generators and a variety of other products.

Golf Cart Service, LLC

24219 Huron Street, South Bend, IN 46619

p: 574.233.6435 | GolfCartServiceLLC.com

Offers 2, 4, or 6 seated golf cart rentals. Also offers service, repairs and customizing of golf carts. New carts available for purchase.

Vendors & Exhibitors

Is an on-site trade show part of your rally plan? If so, Elkhart County is home to a variety of businesses and service providers that welcome the opportunity to connect with your audience. The following list of vendors have participated in past rallies. Consider them when looking for trade show vendors and exhibitors.

Adventure Caravans

Contact: Nicole Mtez

125 Promise Lane, Livingston, TX 77351

p: 844.872.7897 | info@adventurecaravans.com

AdventureCaravans.com

Offers national and international RV Tours throughout the USA, Alaska, Canada and Mexico plus Overseas Motorhome Tours.

All Pro Water Flow

Contact: Marie & John Safford

8 Sparton Drive, Essex, MD 21221

p: 443.648.3024 | RVPoopBlasters.com

Get your RV holding tanks professionally cleaned. Offering a mobile hydro-jetting service that is chemical free and comes to you. S/E/W required. Avoid waste management woes, eliminate sludge in your holding tanks and odors. Will attend RV Rallies as vendor and service provider.

American Red Cross, Northern Indiana Region

220 W Colfax Avenue, Ste 510, South Bend, IN 46601

p: 574.234.0191

norindiana.general@redcross.org | RedCross.org

First aid, health, fire safety seminars, kits, presentations, demonstrations and products.

Benedict's Nursery

Contact: Esther Benedict

5623 W 1300 N, Nappanee, IN 46550

p: 574.773.2254

Unusual perennials, alpines, miniatures, and rock garden plants available for sale.

Bradd & Hall

28320 Charlotte Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517

p: 574.522.7435 | f: 574.522.4792

e: info@BraddandHall.com | BraddandHall.com

RV Furniture (captains chairs, recliners & sofas), flooring and more. LCD TV & surround-sound installation. Dealer for MCD shades. Remodel one piece or your entire rig.

Fantasy RV Tours

Contact: Bill & Esthermay Brooks, Travel Ambassadors

2650 Lake Sahara Dr, Ste 190, Las Vegas, NV 89117

p: 800.952.8496 or 301.751.1819

bandetravel@hotmail.com | FantasyRVTours.com

Creating and offering extraordinary RV vacations and lasting memories throughout the US, and more! Offering unforgettable and enriching experiences on guided RV vacations with something for everyone. Fulfill your RV travel dreams with Fantasy RV Tours.

Vendors & Exhibitors

FCIS Insurance

PO Box 248, Forest City, IA 50436
p: 800.331.1520 or 641-585-2925
RVAdvantage.com

FCIS RV Specialists understand and embrace the RV lifestyle providing prompt information, answers and insurance proposals at rallies and over the phone to RVers. Policies are specifically designed for the RV owners and underwritten by major A rated companies.

Gordon's Campground

9500 E 600 S, Wolcottville, IN 46795
p: 260.351.3383 or 260.319.2267
gordons@gordonscamping.com | GordonsCamping.com
Campground offering 75 acres with water and 20/30/50 amp electric, 9-hole mini golf and two playgrounds.

Mary Kay

Contact: Lora Beachy
p: 574.596.3061 | lbeach26@hotmail.com
Beauty tips, make-up lessons, samples and new product demonstrations. Will take product orders for direct shipment to home or on-site delivery.

Pampered Chef

Contact: Cheri Hughey, Bristol IN
PamperedChef.biz/cherihughey
Food samples, recipes and tips are featured using the PC products. Orders taken on site for direct shipment to home.

Passport America - Original 50% Discount Club

5713 W. Highway 85 N, Crestview, FL 32536
p: 800.681.6810 | PassportAmerica.net
Offering discounted camping at over 1,500 quality campgrounds all across the US, Canada & Mexico. Sells memberships and presents seminars.

Progressive Dynamics, Inc

507 Industrial Road, Marshall, MI 49068
p: 269.781.4241 | ProgressiveDyn.com
Converters/chargers, transfer switches, 20/50 amp AC/DC Load Centers, lighting. Can special order; cash and carry.

Scentsy

Contact: Jessica Barnhart
Independent Scentsy Consultant
p: 574.250.8700 | ScentsWithJess.com | scentswithjess@gmail.com
Gorgeous home and travel decor! No wick. No Soot. Non Toxic. Diffusers & Oils, On-the-Go Fragrance, Scentsy Body, Clean & Laundry, Kids Line. No Fee, Cash & Carry.

Church Community Services Soup of Success

Contact: Betsy Ayrea, Director
907 Oakland Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516
p: 574.523.1551 ext 105
soupofsuccess@gmail.com | SoupOfSuccess.com
Soup mixes, dip mixes, cookie mixes, handmade cards, gift baskets, mittens, coasters and shower melts.

Skymed Travel

9089 E. Bahia Drive, Ste 100, Scottsdale, AZ 85260
p: 800.568.8994 | info@skymedtravel.com | Skymedtravel.com
Info and sign-ups for the premier emergency medical air transportation membership service since 1989.

Wave Express

65856 US 33, Goshen, IN 46526
p: 574.642.0630 | WaveExpress.com
Nationwide RV transport and RV storage.

Wakarusa Dime Store

Contact: Mac & Deb McNally
103 E. Waterford Street, Wakarusa, IN 46573
p: 574.862.4690 or 877.715.9821 | JumboJellyBeans.com
Old fashioned candy - over 400 kinds - plus Jumbo Jelly Beans!
(Selling over 70 tons each year!)

RV Service and Repair

All Brand RV Repair Inc

Contact: Corey or Jerry Roman
2717 Oakland Avenue #B, Elkhart, IN 46517
p: 574.903.3099 or 574.293.1473
AllBrandRV.com | AllBrandRV@gmail.com

Rubber roof specialists and roof replacements. Also repairs all interior work including carpet, hardwood flooring and cabinets. Offers electrical and plumbing repairs plus cap or sidewall replacement. Works on hail damage and collision repairs.

Cummins Onan Elkhart

5125 Beck Drive, Elkhart, IN 46514
p: 574.262.4611 | CumminsOnanElkhart.com
Full service, factory-trained technicians, generators, accessories, Coach Care© Bumper-to-Bumper center.

Custom RV / Charger Enterprise Repair

3100 CR 6, Elkhart, IN 46514
p: 574.262.2389
Providing general repair/maintenance of everything from roofing, oil changes, winterization, interior refinishing, chassis service, generator service, cleaning, warranty orders, exterior body work, and washing/cleaning.

Dometic Corporation

Contact: Rory Leitch
2320 Industrial Parkway, Elkhart, IN 46516
p: 574.294.2511 | Dometic.com
Leading supplier of specialty refrigeration products and systems. Sales and service, plus custom builds available including makeover projects.

Duncan RV Repair

Contact: Shane Duncan
29393 Old US 33, Elkhart, IN 46516
p: 888.738.6226 or 574.296.7555 ext. 2130
DuncanRVRepair.com
Full paint and body work on-site. Glass and windshield replacements. Warranty work for RV manufacturers, free estimates and insurance work. 40,000 sq. ft. repair facility

Elkhart Sales & Service

27895 CR 10, Ste B, Elkhart, IN 46514
p: 574.262.9499 | f: 574.262.9899
ElkhartSSI.com
From large diesel pushers to smaller pop up campers, the preventative maintenance and quality service that Elkhart Sales & Service provides is key to the longevity of keeping your rig trouble free and on the road.

Hobson RV Service

Contact: Jerry & Jeromy Hobson
217 CR 17, Elkhart IN 46516
p: 574.295.5893
HobsonRV.com | hobsonrvservice@yahoo.com
Certified RV Appliance Sales/Service Technician - Dometic Norcold Suburban Atwood A&E Awnings Coleman Hard To Find Parts. "If I can't fix it, junk it."

Master Tech Custom Coach & RV

4800 Beck Drive, Elkhart, IN 46516
p: 574.522.6224
MasterTechRV.com
Master Tech RV is now the oldest RV service company in the industry and most highly respected independent RV repair facility in the country. Specializing in insurance and warranty claims of all types, full RV remodeling and renovations, customization, and upgrades.

Mike's Mobile RV Repair

p: 574.249.8706
MikesRVMobileRepair.com | weav33@gmail.com
RVIA Registered Technician father-son team servicing Northern Indiana. Offering onsite repair and service including upgrading limited amp service.

Shipshewana Trading Place RV Service Center

Contact: Marsha Eash
510 E Farver St. (200 N), Shipshewana, IN 46565
p: 260.768.7627 | ShipshewanaRV.com
Conveniently located on site of the Shipshewana Trading Place Auction & Flea Market and RV Park, the new Shipshewana Trading Place RV Service Center provides exceptional recreational vehicle services to industries, dealers and RV-owners. 20,000 square foot facility, 12 service bays & rain bay, and a 1,500 square foot RV supply store. Offering excellent service work, collision repair, warranty work, winterizing, de-winterizing, and independent suspension alignment for the RV-owner, as well as, 2 levels of PDIs for dealers.

RV Rentals

Showalter RV Sales & Rentals

2581 E Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550

p: 574.773.2670 or 833.385.0392

d.showalterrv@gmail.com

DShowalterRV.com/rv-rentals

A family owned RV Rental and Sales business specialize in renting clean, quality travel trailers at affordable prices. Whether you're planning a camping vacation, temporary home while at a County Fair, or family get-away, they can supply you with just the right RV. The Showalters' have camping recommendations and travel experience to assist you with planning your vacation.



Let our area guide be your area guide.

Want FREE Amish Country of Northern Indiana
or People & Places along the Heritage Trail area guides
and other local brochures for your Rally attendees!

No problem! Just email sayhi@eccvb.org and let the
Elkhart County CVB know the quantity and date needed.

Rally for a Cause

Do your attendees want to give back to your Rally host city? If so, we've got some great options for you to help out the community! *For more service or donation ideas, give the Elkhart County Visitor Center a call at 800.262.8161.*

Acts of Service

Contact: Ashley Jordan
300 NIBCO Parkway #301, Elkhart, IN 46516
actsofservice@inspiringgood.org
p: 574.312.6472 | ActsOfService.com

Are you looking for ways to be more involved in Elkhart County during your rally? Acts of Service is loaded with all sorts of community outreach opportunities! Volunteers help out with all sorts of outreach projects, from park cleanups to donation drives and everything in between. Acts of Service is a digital platform that connects the site's user base of team members from collaborating corporations with nonprofit volunteer opportunities. The site features a variety of resources that connect users with charitable causes they are passionate about and aids in overall community outreach needs.

American Red Cross of Elkhart County Blood Drive

1123 S Indiana Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526
p: 800.733.2767

RedCrossBlood.org/hosting-blood-drive
Hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross is a partnership and a rewarding experience for rally attendees. A Red Cross rep will work with you every step of the way to help make your drive a success. The Red Cross will bring the equipment and supplies to your rally site, sets up everything and takes it down at the end. They provide confidential screens of donors and collects all donations safely and professionally. Rally planners must coordinate donor appointments and schedules for your drive.

Church Community Services Food Pantry Food Drive

Contact: Michael Downing
907 Oakland Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46516
mdowning@churchcommunityservices.org
p: 574.295.3673 ext 116
churchcommunityservices.org/services
Individuals and families from Elkhart County with income below 185% of the Federal poverty guide who need food are eligible to come shop for free groceries once every month at the CCS Food Pantry. How can you help? It's easy - host a food drive, volunteer hours in the food pantry or consider stretching your donation where food and finances go together! With \$1, CCS can buy six pounds of food! To learn more, including what foods CCS focuses on in the Food Pantry, visit the website.

Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator
2910 Elkhart Road, Goshen, IN 46526
p: 574.533.6109 | HabitatEC.com/volunteer
Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County needs individuals, corporate groups, faith groups, student groups, RV Rally attendees – anyone & everyone wanting to make a difference with families in need in Elkhart County. A variety of volunteer options exist from construction to retail assistance in the Habitat ReStore. No previous experience is necessary and all of the tools are provided. For questions or to sign up to volunteer, contact the volunteer coordinator.

Second Chance Small Dog Rescue

Contact: Linda or Mary
PO Box 2403, Elkhart, IN 46515
2ndchancesmalldogrescue@gmail.com
p: 574.522.4248 (Linda) or 574.524.6040 (Mary)
SecondChanceSmallDogs.org
Bring small dogs to your rally site for potential adoption or to just play. An application and background check is required of those who wish to adopt but this process is fairly quick and efficient. Small dogs make perfect pets for on the road traveling in RV's. SCSDR is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and placement of small dogs in suitable homes. Run solely by volunteers who take in strays, retired breeders, owner surrenders, other rescues, and any other small dog in need. The dogs are placed in foster homes where the emphasis is on getting them medically up-to-date, spayed or neutered, socialized, housebroken and obedience-trained if needed.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

p: 844.432.2337 x 5901
This new non-profit builds beds for children who don't have beds to sleep in throughout Elkhart County. Your Rally participants can make a difference in the life of a child by donating "Bedding in a Bag" items, Mattress Pads, Cash Donations, or by sponsoring a "Build a Bed" hands-on workshop on your rally site. These "build a bed" workshops help get kids off of the floor and include everything from bed assembly to delivery and set-up.

Group Friendly Events



The Barns at Nappanee's Arts & Crafts Market

Nappanee; TheBarnsAtNappanee.com
Annually in August

This nationally-recognized, award winning annual event is a shopper's delight!

- 300 juried artists and crafters
- 4 stages of entertainment included in admission
- Festival food booths



Elkhart Jazz Festival

Elkhart; ElkhartJazzFestival.com
Annually in June

- Festival showcases 100+ performers and draws an audience of 15,000 to celebrate America's classic art form
- Free main street stage OR jazz pass options for groups (pass prices vary)



Mennonite Relief Sale & Quilt Auction

Goshen; MennoniteSale.org
Annually in September

- View hundreds of quilts, antiques and miscellaneous craft items for sale and auction plus dozens of tents filled with handcrafts and housewares and a garage sale
- Homemade pies, breads, cheeses, and sausage
- Free admission and plenty of parking
- Friday evening Men's and Woman's Chorus at 7pm
- Saturday morning pancake and sausage breakfast at 7am



Taste of the Gardens

Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Elkhart; WellfieldGardens.org
Annually in August

- Enjoy tranquil gardens and sculptures while listening to toe-tapping music
- Peruse multiple fine-art booths and taste some of Elkhart's best food

Caterers

Indulge your rally guests with delicious menu options. Northern Indiana's Amish Country is well known for its savory food and sweet treats, all affordably-priced. Our catering professionals offer traditional rally favorites; many provide the Amish-style cooking for which our region is known. From barbeque to breakfast buffets, ice cream socials to coffee breaks, we guarantee your rally guests will get their fill.

Adam's Cake Shop

1401 Johnson Street - Suite Y, Elkhart IN 46514

p: 574.262.1300

AdamsCakeShop.com

Anniversary, birthday, special event cakes, cookies, cupcakes and specialty desserts.

All Over Creations Cupcakes To Go

101 E. Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka, IN 46545

p: 574.596.0612 | allovercreationsbakery@gmail.com

AllOverCreations.com

Larger than normal cupcakes feature such delicious flavors such as Maple Bacon, Peanut Butter & Jelly, and the very popular Key Lime and Very Strawberry. Michelle will deliver to groups in the Amish Country area and can also custom design your logo on her signature deluxe sugar cookies for a perfect treat! Mix or match your flavors and add a cupcake break to your group itinerary or take your ordinary box lunch up a notch from a standard cookie with these delicious and fresh made treats.

American Espresso Catering Company

4117 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, IN 46544

p: 574.299.5282 or 574.360.8062

americanespresso@aol.com | BookTheCoffeeCart.com

Espresso, cappuccino & smoothie carts that come to you. For 25 to over 350 guests, customization available.

The Barns at Nappanee

1600 West Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550

p: 574.773.4188 or 800.800.4942

TheBarnsAtNappanee.com

Endless option of culinary experiences for groups as small as 100 to as large as 3,000. From real butter & cream mashed potatoes to fresh baked pies from the bakery, you will delight in the true country goodness brought to your venue. If the delicious flavor of outdoor cooking is what you're looking for, they also specialize in grilled steak tips and mushrooms prepared at your site. Custom catering options are also available.

Bakers Nook

62019 CR 33, Goshen, IN 46528

127 Easy Shopping Place, Elkhart, IN 46516

p: 574.534.7115 (Goshen) or 574.970.7445 (Elkhart)

BakersNookCafe.com

Full line of catering options for breakfast and lunch. Egg bakes, baked oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads.

Ben's Pretzels

100 Berkshire Drive, Shipshewana, IN 46565

p: 260.768.4939

BensPretzels.com

Offering catering or to go orders for buggy bite or pretzel platters, pretzel pocket sandwiches, dips, and salads.

Bread & Chocolate Catering and Events

1100 North Chicago Avenue, Goshen, IN 46528

PO BOX 204, Goshen, IN 46527

p: 574.533.9876 | events@breadandchocolate.com

BreadAndChocolate.com

Located on the 3rd floor of The Old Bag Factory. Provides simple food, fresh ingredients, elegant presentation, gracious service and attention to detail. Catering services range from snacks and hors d'oeuvres to breakfasts, buffet lunches, theme parties and plated cuisine.

Candy Buffets by the Wakarusa Dime Store

103 E Waterford Street, Wakarusa, IN 46573

p: 574.862.4690 or 877.715.8921

JumboJellyBeans.com

Choose from a variety of color schemes and themes: retro candy, personal favorites, beach, holidays, and so much more. With over 400 varieties of candy in stock, their "World Famous" Jumbo Jelly Beans, your imagination is the limit! Unique jars create eye-catching displays that almost look too good to eat - treat your guests to a favor they won't soon forget.

Chalet Party Shop

Locations in Elkhart, Goshen and Middlebury

BelmontBev.com

Retailers of fine wines, spirits and ales. Wine receptions and tastings available on-site and in store.

Caterers

Dan's Fish Fry

p: 260.468.2576

info@dansfishfryservice.com | DansFishFryService.com

Complete fried Alaskan, Pollock, crispy chicken strips and pork tenderloin dinners with sides.

Das Dutchman Essenhaus

PO Box 1217, Middlebury, IN 46540

p: 800.455.9471 or 574.825.9471 | f: 574.825.0455

Essenhaus.com

Famous Amish-style country cooking (or more traditional fare) delivered to your location.

Dandino's Supper Club / Catering

1407 Elkhart Road, Goshen IN 46526

p: 574.534.1239 | f: 574.534.6928

Dandinos.net

Full service catering for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Dutch Maid Bakery

508 W. Lincoln Avenue - Suite D, Goshen, IN 46526

p: 574.533.1940 | DutchMaidBakeryGoshen.com

Hand-cut donuts, cookies, rolls, danish, cakes and more.

Electric Brew

118 East Washington Street, Goshen, IN 46528

113 East Lexington Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46516

p: 574.533.5990 (Goshen) or 574.575.5354 (Elkhart)

TheElectricBrew.com

Mobile Espresso Bar adds pizzazz to any event, meeting, wedding or special occasion. Featuring hot and cold specialty flavored and traditional latte's, loose leaf teas, non-alcoholic mojitos and seasonal spiced ciders. Full range of food offerings available from breakfast, lunch and dinner including hot entrees, yogurt parfaits, famous cinnamon rolls, wraps, salads, soups, sandwiches, deserts and sides.

Ice Cream on Wheels

56565 Pine Rd, South Bend, IN 46619

p: 800.884.9793

IceCreamOnWheels.com

Serving Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, Angola and New Buffalo, MI. Offering excellent ice cream trucks, cart vending, and coolers offering single serve frozen cups for ice cream socials. They bring the ice cream party to you.

Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches

JimmyJohns.com

Gourmet sandwiches made to order with several sides. Delivery available. Multiple locations in Elkhart County.

Kona Ice Michiana

p: 574.596.4569

konamichiana@gmail.com | Kona-Ice.com

Completely mobil truck that comes to you and offers premium authentic Hawaiian shaved ice snow, cones and ice cream. Locations in Elkhart and Goshen.

Mario's Catering

1801 Wood Street, Elkhart, IN 46516

p: 574.293.7069 or 866.371.2705

Wide variety of meals including breakfast, boxed lunches, buffets and more.

Nelson's BBQ & Elegance in Thyme Catering

607 Nelson's Parkway, Wakarusa, IN 46573

p: 574.862.2184 or 800.224.3435 | f: 574.862.2434

NelsonsBBQ.com

Since 1967, Nelson's™ Catering has done the preparation so you can do the celebration. From elegant fine dining to relaxed barbeque fun, Nelson's™ will provide all you need to make your event a special occasion. Enjoy a full menu of entrees and sides including their signature Port-A-Pit® chicken, Pit-Tatoes®, BBQ beef, mac & cheese, pulled pork, baked beans, black angus hamburgers, salads and so much more. With our experienced staff, we are equipped to serve groups from 25 to as large as several thousand!

Schwann's Food Company

25809 Borg Road, Elkhart, IN 46514

p: 574.262.9876 c: 810.334.3730

Schwans.com

Full service food delivery system including bulk ice cream containers for self-serve or single serve individual cups.

South Side Soda Shop

1122 S Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526

p: 574.534.3790

ssss@southsidesodashopdiner.com

SouthSideSodaShopDiner.com

Offering homemade pies, soups, salads, sandwiches and more for lunch or dinner. Catering options include dessert buffets and pie bars.

Caterers

Sweazy Q Catering

23702 Greenwood Blvd, Elkhart, IN 46516

p: 574.596.6799

sweazyq@gmail.com | Sweazyq.wixsite.com/website-1

Serving Northern Indiana, and Southwest Michigan.


Specializing in smoke meats and full menu service.

West on Warren

200 West Warren Street, Middlebury, IN 46540

p: 574.358.0045

Box lunches are available served with fresh gourmet ingredients.



**Scouting the area without your RV?
Getting service done? Need extra
rooms for visiting friends and family?**

No problem! Elkhart County and Amish Country have plenty of lodging options that will make you feel right at home, even without an RV! For more information, pick up a copy of the People & Places along the Heritage Trail guide or view available lodging properties at VisitElkhartCounty.com

Demonstrations & Classes

A creative way to connect! Add value and variety to your rally itinerary with locally-themed classes and demonstrations.

Acrylic Painting Make-Take by Linda Pieri (Fee)

Contact: Linda Pieri

p: 574.304.3246 | LindaPieriStudio.com

Program occurs in a building at your campground or a facility of choice. Groups will sit down with local artist, Linda Pieri and be shown painting secrets developed throughout the ages. Linda has taught over 1000 people in the art of acrylic painting encouraging them to “not just look at what you are drawing or painting, but to see what is really there.” In this one-hour session, you will be able to observe a demonstration and follow step-by-step instructions that will help you create your own masterpiece. This is not a paint by number situation. Linda helps each person discover the creative artist inside of each of them. Everything is provided including: easel, canvas, acrylic paints, brushes, brush basins, palettes, and paint clothes. Acrylic paintings are on 5”x7” canvas board postcards. Everyone leaves with a finished painting that they will be proud of. One subject per class – to be chosen by group leader prior to class. (Available subject matters will be given to group at time of booking).

Asking Amish (Fee)

Contact: Linda Miller

p: 260.336.8533

Did you ever wonder why the Amish dress as they do? Why do younger Amish girls wear brightly colored dresses while older women wear darker colors? Or how do the Amish live without electricity? Linda Miller and her Old Order Amish family invite you to their family farmstead where you’ll get a chance to ask Linda all those questions and more in person. You’ll engage in lively conversation fun for all!

Bread...It's in the Bag, Inc. (No Fee)

Contact: Sherry Kehr

26241 CR 40, Goshen, IN 46526

p: 574.862.4146

info@breaditsinthebag.com | BreadItsInTheBag.com

Hands-on classes, and demonstrations involving the types of whole grains used for baking, samples, and other nutritional/baking information. Mixes and kits also available.

The Fiber Nest 6” Mandela Ornament Making Class (Fee)

Contact: Carrie Beachey

Middlebury Arts Council

PO Box 243, Middlebury, IN 46540

p: 574.825.4300 | middleburyartscouncil@gmail.com

Learn how to make a Gods Eye Mandala ornament. Each one will be festive and fun to make, keep or give as gifts. You’ll leave after an hour learning all about this technique, art form and having had a fun experience with your local art expert, Carrie Beachey. This class can be held at your rally venue or a variety of other area locations.

Mary Kay Makeovers (No Fee)

Contact: Lora Beachy

p: 574.596.3061

marykay.com/lora.beachy

Beauty tips, make-up lessons, samples and new product demonstrations. Will take product orders for direct shipment to home or on-site delivery.

Michiana Master Gardeners Association (No Fee)

mmga@michianamastergardeners.com

MichianaMasterGardeners.com

Programs run 30-60 minutes. These programs can be conducted at various sites throughout the destination such as campgrounds, hotels or garden centers to best fit into your event. Seminars are free, but donations to the MMGA Scholarship Fund are appreciated.

Purdue Extension Office (Fee)

Contact: Bobby Kelly

p: 574.533.0554 | kelly115@purdue.edu

Classes or demonstrations - food prep, cooking, health/nutrition, outdoor grilling, etc. Some programs include food sampling, 60-90 minutes. Fees to cover food costs.



What's Hot in Amish Country / Elkhart County

Experience Amish Country with a local! Add a unique experience (or two!) that will make your rally attendees go back and tell all their friends!

Brown Bag Tour

Most popular group tour! Travel scenic backroads, learn about the fascinating lifestyle of the Amish, and stop at a variety of welcoming country stores and quaint shops as you load up your "Brown Bag" with goodies.

Heritage Trail Backroads

Explore the nationally recognized Heritage Trail with a guide who has Amish and Mennonite roots. It's like visiting another culture without traveling abroad including the Amish version of "Trader Joes" and the "Amish Turnpike"!

My Amish Life

Have you ever wondered what it's like to run a household without electricity or live without owning a car? Hear the story of the Amish from the Amish themselves.

Real Housewives of Amish Country

Forget reality TV! Get a first-hand look at a day in the life of an Amish housewife and the cottage industries they create, how they adapt to life without electrical appliances and without modern technology.

Tasty Delights

Explore the essence of Amish cooking in this farm-to-table experience. This tour gives you the opportunity to engage with farmers growing the food, millers grinding the wheat and families preparing the meal.

The Quilt Gardens ... along the Heritage Trail

The first and only one of its kind in the country! Elkhart County's annual Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail features a glorious rainbow of 1,000,000+ blooms planted in artfully precise combinations to form a colorful patchwork. Vibrant gardens averaging 20-feet-by-40-feet in size and hand-painted, super-sized murals are placed throughout the destination in celebration of the heritage of those who call Elkhart County and Amish Country home. Most are based on the patterns of traditional Amish quilts, considered to be among the most exquisitely crafted in the world. Just for Groups ... add special gardening and quilting programs, get a Master Gardener Step-On Guide and schedule hands-on activities. Contact the Elkhart County CVB at sayhi@eccvb.org or 800.262.8161 for details.

Entertainment

Let us entertain you. From music to mimics, dancing to DJs, plus comedy, storytelling murder mysteries and more. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Book your talent directly by contacting the entertainers listed.

Conley-Schmidt

Contact: Stephen Schmidt
p: 574.862.2200 or 574.238.6387
stephen@schmidtfurniture.com | ConleySchmidt.com
Conley-Schmidt is a little bluegrass, high mountain country, throw in a little yodel, a little bit of storytelling, amazing three-and four-part harmony, mix it in with fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and dobro instrumentals.

Heartland Country Cloggers

Contact: Becky Hochstetler
p: 574.773.3569 | heartlandcountrycloggers@gmail.com
Dancers range from the young to young at heart; each clogger is dedicated to the joy of performing his or her art. Requires stage or platform. 30-45 minute show.

Magician

Contact: Steve Vaught
p: 574.361.6322 | Steve-Vaught.com
Quality family entertainment through magic and skillful sleight of hand. Humorous stories & audience interaction.

Lerner Theatre

Contact: Michelle Frank
p: 574.293.4469
michelle@thelerner.com | TheLerner.com
Experience musicals, concerts, movies and top notch entertainment in this beautifully-renovated theatre.

Lalo Cura, Modern Latino Rock Band

Contact: Rafael Chávez y Moreno
p: 574.349.5768
lalocurarock@gmail.com | LaloCuraRock.com
Lalo Cura is a Spanish Rock band based in Goshen and has a unique sound that combines every musical genre that has influenced each member of the group.

Live Team Trivia

Contact: Blake Eckelbarger
p: 574.533.3992 | fun@musicplacedj.com | MusicPlaceDJ.com
Live, interactive multi-media 1 to 2 hour trivia show utilizing fun, easy-to-answer questions on a variety of general interest topics in a turn-key solution with all content and materials included. You simply supply the venue and prizes (if desired)! Perfect for group fundraisers, schools, company holiday parties, and more!

Mariachi Nuevo Mizhoazon

Contact: Abunbio Billabonez
p: 260.515.8407
Four piece mariachi band available by the hour.

Mariachi Solde America

Contact: Zuillermo Quiroz
p: 219.805.4924
Costumed Mariachi band available by the hour.

The Music Place DJ Entertainment

Contact: Blake Eckelbarger
p: 574.533.3992 | fun@musicplacedj.com | MusicPlaceDJ.com
Over 40 years of service to thousands of clients. No matter what size or style of event, you'll receive on-time, well mannered and professional service from start to finish. Can customize based upon audience.

Ted Yoder - 2010 National Dulcimer Champion

p: 331.575.8376 | booking@tedyoder.com
TedYoder.com
The national dulcimer champion will perform amazing and entertaining songs on his dulcimer featuring a pop symphonic approach at your event.

Theatre on Demand by Premier Arts

Contact: Craig Gibson
p: 574.612.2301
craig@premierarts.org | PremierArts.org
Local theatrical company offering a variety of Broadway style musicals that can be customized. Call for details for on-site performances.

Strings and Thread

Contact: Anna Hagen
p: 574.875.0795
annahagen@frontier.com | AnnaHagenHarpist.com
Variety of musical genres from hymns to rock 'n' roll while showcasing family quilts passed down by Anna's mother and grandmother. Your group will be entranced by the elegant music while they laugh at home-spun anecdotes.

Top Attractions



The Barns at Nappanee, Nappanee, IN

p: 800.800.4942 or 574.773.4188 ext 4

TheBarnsAtNappanee.com

An immersive, all-inclusive Amish Country experience spread over 80 rural acres - a not-to-be-missed, group friendly destination in the heart of Nappanee that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

- Tour the historic farm on foot and wagon
- Dine beneath the hand-hewn beams in the century-old Amish-built Restaurant Barn
- Take your seat in the 400-seat Round Barn Theatre for original musicals
- Browse the on-site specialty shops filled with home decor, fudge, gourmet coffee and more
- Each August, enjoy the Arts & Crafts Festival

Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury, IN

p: 800.455.9471 or 574.825.0052

Essenhaus.com

An unforgettable Amish Country experience, nationally recognized for its restaurant and bakery (a pie-lovers paradise with 30 delicious varieties made daily). On-site shops, a charming and comfortable inn, horse-drawn carriage rides and unique "groups-only" interactive opportunities round out your stay!

- Enjoy traditional family-style meals, buffet dining or menu options
- Shop for truly unique gifts, home accents, baked goods, specialty items, souvenirs, and accessories - coupons provided and experience creative, hopeful and enriching live theatre performances at Essenhaus Heritage Hall
- Well-appointed and spacious guest room accommodations with all the amenities you appreciate and enjoy at the Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center (breakfast included)
- Stop by both the Essenhaus Quilt Garden and Mural, one of the Official Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail, an ABA Top 100 event!



Top Attractions

Shipshewana Flea Market, Shipshewana, IN

p: 260.768.4129

ShipshewanaTradingPlace.com

The Midwest's Largest flea market is a do-not-miss tradition with nearly 700 open-air booths on 40 acres. Vendors offer vintage items, quirky novelties, produce, hand-made goods, re-purposed crafts, handcrafted furniture, home decor, snacks, and everything in between. Beautiful country-style hotel located across the street.

- Enjoy year-round events, that include the 30,000-square foot antique auction PLUS cattle and hay auctions on Wednesdays
- Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8am to 4pm, May through September



Bonneyville Mill, Bristol, IN

p: 574.535.6458 (for reservations)

ElkhartCountyParks.org

A visit to rustic Bonneyville Mill is a step back in time and a step into the most photographed attraction in Elkhart County. The friendly miller tells the mill's history as huge millstones rumble into action. Take home a bag of freshly ground cornmeal – it's the best!

- Tour Indiana's oldest operating stone grist mill and take group pictures at one of the most photographed spots in the area
- Group Tours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am to 4pm

Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Elkhart, IN

p: 574.266.2006

WellfieldGardens.org

Wellfield Botanic Gardens beauty of nature and art together will inspire and rejuvenate all who visit. The celebration of life and nature together will bring all who visit a breath of fresh air. WBG offers a variety of activities and events from concerts to health and wellness programs. Call today for a guided tour or visit us online to see a listing of current events.

- Walk around paved, scenic paths as you reconnect with the natural habitat
- Enjoy beautiful sculptures, waterfalls and a scenic pond



Tours & Excursion Ideas

Take some time to explore. Our unique corner of the world is packed with attractions, activities and tours - fun, flexible and not-to-be-missed options to begin or extend your rally experience. Our travel professionals will help you customize a backroads trip, Amish in-home meal or extended motorcoach itinerary.



Dinner & Theatre at The Barns at Nappanee (Matinee & Evening Performances)

The Round Barn Theatre at The Barns at Nappanee presents a wide variety of productions including musical theatre and light comedy.

Enjoy a pre-theatre dinner at the LaSalle Farm and Table Restaurant located on-site. Sit down under the hand-hewn timbers and enjoy local sourced and farm fresh lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch options.

Visit TheBarnsAtNappanee.com for a complete schedule.

Groovin' in the Gardens Summer Concerts

Live music lineup at Wellfield Botanic Gardens features an assortment of jazz, contemporary, classic rock, R&B, country, indie-pop, Americana, folk and performed live by popular artists of our region and beyond. Gates open at 6pm, concerts begin at 7pm; get your space on the event lawn or under the event tent and stroll the beautiful garden trails before enjoying the concerts as the sun sets.

Ruthmere

Visit an elaborate 1910 Beaux-Arts style house, Ruthmere, in downtown Elkhart. You'll see a fine art collection including Tiffany leaded glass, Rodin sculptures, velvet window coverings, hand painted walls, and walnut woodwork.

Amish In-Home Meal

Sit down to a family-style Amish dinner that offers some of the best food around the country. You'll drive your own vehicle, directions provided, to a family farm where good food and generous hospitality is served around large tables.



Elkhart River Queen

Enjoy a leisurely ride catching summer breezes aboard this 65-foot riverboat cruising along the Saint Joseph River. Hear a bit of area history and learn how the river influenced Elkhart's development while gliding past beautiful riverside homes. The boat has two decks, one air-conditioned, and one outdoors with a covered canopy-perfect for catching summer breezes. Light snacks and beverages are available on board for purchase or, for added fun, music and food can be arranged for your group.

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A Day of Fun at Das Dutchman Essenhaus

Featuring traditional foods served buffet or family-style. Famed for their delicious 30+ varieties of pie!

Plan time for shopping in the on-site retail complex offering quilts, crafts, home decor, homemade noodles and fresh baked goods. Experience family-friendly, faith-based live theatre at Essenhaus Heritage Hall.



Menno-Hof Amish / Mennonite Interpretive Center

Explore the religious beginnings and background of the Amish, Mennonite and Hutterite people from their origins in Europe to their arrival in America and their lives today. History unfolds as you explore a dungeon, a 17th-century sailing ship, replicas of a 19th-century print shop and meeting house, a life-like tornado experience, a glimpse into a Northern Indiana Amish home and a 16th-century martyr room.



Studebaker Legend and Folklore (Day Trip)

The Studebaker family paved the way in transportation innovation for over 100 years. Trace their fascinating history, dine at their historic home and round out the experience with a walking tour of the Notre Dame Campus and a sweet stop at the South Bend Chocolate Company.

Meet your guide and depart via motorcoach for South Bend.

Guided Walking Tour on campus of the University of Notre Dame

Experience the magic with a tour of the historic campus. Includes a 20-minute film at the Eck Visitors Center and shopping at the 30,000-square-foot bookstore, complete with crystal, china and a grand piano.

Lunch at Tippecanoe Place - Studebaker Grill

The 26,000-square foot mansion, built for the Studebaker family, provides a lavish setting for casual dining with a relaxed elegance.

Studebaker National Museum

The extensive collections include one-of-a-kind classics like the 1934 Bendix, the 1956 Packard Predictor concept car and President Lincoln's Carriage plus interactive learning stations and specialty exhibits.

South Bend Chocolate Factory

Don't miss this chance for an "Inside Scoop" tour and a scrumptious treat. Includes chocolate dipping spoon, tour, museum, and gift bag.

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A Garden Party ... Along the Heritage Trail (Day Trip)

Enchanting and unusual gardens. Intricate quilt patterns transformed into living blankets of blooming color. Exceptional gardeners, award winning blooms. We've picked some of our best floral "finds" for this daylong outing that's sure to flourish with garden lovers. Highlights Include:

Linton's Enchanted Gardens is filled with nine acres of themed gardens, exterior plantings, exotics, garden sculpture and home accents.

Elkhart County Parks Calendar Garden

Quilt Gardens Master Gardener guided tour with tips, tricks and inside secrets to bringing gardens to life in the shape of quilt patterns.

American Dahlia Society Test Garden at Bonneyville Mill County Park

A showcase of over 100 new and different hybrids all grown from seed at this county park.

Krider Nurseries and World's Fair Garden

Featured in the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair and designed by the award winning Krider family to be the height of 1930s fashion - the most modern, beautiful, advanced gardening of the time - now is recreated and restored in Middlebury where many features are still on display today including a giant windmill and toadstool.



Shopping and Gaming Delight in Northern Indiana (Day Trip)

Meet your guide & depart via motorcoach for Michigan City

Blue Chip Casino

The Blue Chip offers over 1,500 slot machines and 50 table games including blackjack, craps, roulette, Caribbean stud poker, three card poker, and mini-baccarat. A full buffet is included for lunch at your leisure at the on-site restaurant.

Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets

Enjoy a park-like shopping village featuring an exciting collection of outlets from the world's leading designers and brand names, all offering savings of 25%-60%. Over 120 shops include Liz Claiborne, Gap, Coach, Carter's, Polo Ralph Lauren, Reebok, Lands End, Koret, Nike, and Easy Spirit. Discount coupon books are provided upon arrival. Snack venues and seating available throughout the facility.

Boats & Bison (Day Trip) - Meet your guide & depart via motorcoach for Warsaw

S.S. Lillypad Boat Ride

For almost 30 years, the two story, 110-passenger S.S. Lillypad has been serving guests amazing views on Indiana's largest natural lake. It has all the amenities to make your voyage one to remember. Set sail for a one, two, three or four-hour cruise. Guided tour, refreshments and entertainment can be provided.

Lunch at The Boathouse Restaurant

Enjoy an excellent dining experience in a casual waterfront setting.

Cook's Buffalo Ranch Tour, Dinner Buffet & Musical Entertainment

Take a hay-wagon ride into the pasture to hand-feed the great American Bison in its own habitat. Learn the intricacies of raising, feeding and managing this wild animal. Dine on an old fashioned chuck-wagon bar-b-que that groups love featuring bison roast and pulled pork, baked beans or baked potato served with coleslaw, applesauce, corn muffin, dessert, and drink. Round out your time on the ranch with the lively Jug Huffers band which fills the area with toe-tapping music fun enough for dancing!