



# What's NEW for Groups in 2019

## Country Camel Farm, Shipshewana (\$3 pp incl)

Local Amish family, Glendon & Kathy Yoder, along with their three children, welcome you to come see their camels and other animal friends. Interact with “one humpers” by having facts shared with you and by feeding and petting them. Have you heard of camel’s milk? The Yoder’s milk the camels by hand and some of it is sold while the rest is used to manufacture lotions and soaps on the farm. This is a fun and unique experience for all ages.

## Lippert Components – Interiors Plant 50, Goshen (no admission fee)

Your Journey Begins Here in the RV Capital! As the leading supplier of components to the recreational vehicle and residential housing as well as adjacent industries, Lippert Components has 10,000 team members working together to bring innovative product and service solutions to customers every day. Guided by three generations of family leadership and headquartered in the RV Capital of the World, Elkhart County, Lippert is thrilled to take you on a journey through the RV furniture and mattress making building on their senior friendly walking factory tour. You will get to see first-hand the processes of building mattresses and furniture in a state-of-the-art facility with focus on “Lean, Leadership and Safety.” You will get to hear about Lippert’s ground-breaking volunteer and community service initiatives and see how their “Everybody Matters” corporate initiative plays a heavy role in how they hire and live day by day.

## Entrepreneurs, Pioneers, and Trailblazers Guided Walking Tour (\$5 pp incl)

The businesses that blazed the trail in Nappanee! Nappanee was built on the foundation of entrepreneurs and trailblazers. If not for them, Nappanee would not be what it is today. Entrepreneurs, Pioneers and Trailblazers explores Nappanee’s colorful history. How is a jewelry store that has had 4 generations of owners still around today? How did Nappanee come to have a telephone company? Where did the first hotel go? What restaurant in Nappanee was the first to have air conditioning in Indiana? All of this and more will be explored on this fascinating discovery of Nappanee.

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**Popcorn Olympics in your host hotel: Classic Flavor Game (\$10 pp incl (adults or children) with small bag of either Windy City or Jelly Bean flavored popcorn bags for each person OR select Premium Flavor Game - \$13.50 pp incl (adults or children) with one large bag of either Buckeye or Flavor of the Month popcorn bags per person)**

Compete against your teammates/group friends and family members in this fun, interactive game by Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn in Goshen. Race the clock, test your skills, and munch on freshly popped Original Movie Theatre flavored popcorn kernels as you have fun. Some games are independent, some in teams of 2 or more. All are led by the Shirley's Popcorn staff and coaches complete with supplies and instructions. Your group Olympics include:

- mouth toss-start together and take one step back if make it
- popcorn toothpick swap - move one piece of popcorn in another bowl.
- timed straw blow - see who can move it the farthest with straw
- toss up- toss piece in air and catch in mouth. most catches win in the timed amount
- distance throw
- cup catch - throw and catch with cup

Winning teams receive their medals too. Bronze Medal Winners (3rd place) receives one ½ gallon filled with Buckeye flavored popcorn. Silver Medal Winners (2nd place) receives one gallon filled with Windy City flavored popcorn and Gold Medal Winning Team (1st place) receives one 2 gallon sampler filled with three best selling flavors of Buckeye, Cheddar, and Caramel To Die For popcorn, enough to share!

**Craft Elkhart (Demo only with time to shop -\$6 pp incl; Hands-on Glass blowing for guests with demo and shopping -\$20 pp incl)**

Get ready to be amazed! From pottery, to jewelry, to paintings, to furniture, Craft Elkhart is the place to find unique handmade pieces of art from local and global craftsmen along with fine art pieces from a well-established dealer. This unique retail shop offers one-of-a-kind gifts you can't find anywhere else – all while supporting the art community! Craft Elkhart also offers an opportunity to expand your horizons, step out into the unknown, learn something new, and explore new passions. Featured glass blowing artist Beau Kyle will share his passion for glass blowing while bringing art to life in front of your eyes. An additional option is available to participate and make your own blown glass piece of art to take home under Beau's careful instruction and supervision. NOTE: group will be rotated thru hands-on portion due to limited number of blow torches

**"Hell's Kitchen Inspired" Interactive Hors D'oeuvre and Wine Pairing Evening at LEX530 (\$80 pp incl tip PLUS 7% Indiana sales tax)**

Come join us for a wine and food pairing event like no other and an evening you won't soon forget brought to you by local vintner and businessman Carl Tiedemann. Tonight, your group will enjoy a "Hell's Kitchen inspired Interactive event." Participants will be welcomed and then split into groups for a friendly competition. Each group will be led by a chef and encouraged to learn and participate in their food preparation. They will then serve the rest of the group the course they prepared and explain why it pairs well with the wine chosen. The portion sizes will make even the hungriest in the crowd pleased. Your evening includes an Amuse Bouche, along with 3 individual courses then a final dessert course, each paired with an appropriate wine. Water, coffee and iced tea will also be available. Tiedemann Wines and Glenwood Cellars Wines will be available for purchase, many of which are exclusive to Indiana.

**Demolition, Destruction and Revitalization Guided Walking Tour (\$5 pp incl)**

Nappanee's downtown has seen many different looks and businesses over the years. Demolition, Destruction and Revitalization explores the town's transformation. Find out what building burned to the ground and caused many from surrounding areas to speculate that the entire city would go down in flames. Hear about the Community Building, the largest gym in the county before North Side Gym, and why it was torn down and made into a parking lot. Learn how a "hospital" has seen many faces since its original beginning and about the original uses of some of the most popular businesses in Nappanee. You'll also learn about Nappanee's Fire department along the way and how they went from hose cart teams to the Smokey Stovers!

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### **Homes of the Kitchen Industry Guided Walking Tour (\$5 pp incl)**

Tour around of Houses built for and by the Men of the Kitchen Industry! Have you ever driven through Nappanee and noticed some of the beautiful homes that are speckled along US 6 in the historic east district? Ever wonder what their stories are and who built them? Homes of the Kitchen Industry takes you through this historic area where you'll learn about the Mutschler, Coppes and Zook family homes, the history behind them and the men who built them. Learn what home in Nappanee was designed by well-known architect E. Hill Turnock and find out what home used to be three floors but now only has two. Discover how one home was relocated to make way for Nappanee's post office and find out which house in Nappanee was the "house the depression" built You will also learn about how Nappanee was once the "kitchen capital of the world."

### **Along came Nappanee Guided Walking Tour (\$5 pp incl)**

How Nappanee came to be! Ending at the Depot with a quick history lesson on Locke, Nappanee, and their feud. Have you heard of Locke? When the B&O Railroad decided to bypass Locke and put the railroad in 3 miles south, the city of Nappanee was born. Many businesses and people started to migrate from Locke to Nappanee. Along Came Nappanee explores the feud between Nappanee and Locke, the businesses and people who moved from Locke to Nappanee and more. Locals actually fanned the flame that caused the feud by writing into the Goshen and Wakarusa newspapers declaring their dislike of one another or, well, just really to complain? Locke fought hard to thrive, but in the end, Nappanee won out. Find out more about this feud during this informative and interesting look into Nappanee's history during this walking tour!

### **Senior Science Exploration Tour (\$8 pp incl)**

Come explore the ETHOS Innovation Center located on the grounds of the original 1884 Miles Laboratories which developed and became famous for Alka-Seltzer, Flintstone's vitamins, and numerous advancements in medical treatment. ETHOS now supports science in K-12 education, various training events, robotics education, and an on-site museum / science playground including collections from various science centers, such as the holography collection from the former Chicago Hologram Museum and exhibits from the Cook Nuclear Lab and HealthWorks museum. Additional exhibits include a showcase of local high school and college STEM exhibits. The Senior Science Exploration Tour includes a guided walk through the Hologram cave to see a selection of early holograms from the famed former Chicago Hologram Museum. Try your hand at solving clues to earn your release from the escape room. Plus learn how 2 everyday technologies you use work.

### **Kids & Kids at Heart Exploration Tour (\$8 pp incl, Three and under are free)**

Set out on this fun for all ages adventure in the ETHOS hands on science museum located on the grounds of the original 1884 Miles Laboratories which developed and became famous for Alka-Seltzer, Flintstone's vitamins, and numerous advancements in medical treatment. ETHOS now supports science in K-12 education, various training events, robotics education, and an on-site museum / science playground including collections from various science centers, such as the holography collection from the former Chicago Hologram Museum and exhibits from the Cook Nuclear Lab and HealthWorks museum. Additional exhibits include a showcase of local high school and college STEM exhibits. The Kids and Kids at Heart Exploration Tour is ideal for families, school groups, traveling bands and grandparent-grandchild tours to have fun and learn together. Solve clues in teams to earn your release from the escape room. Take the Great Invention Challenge then take a molecular tour of the human body in the digital planetarium. Complete your tour by trying your hand at Ozobots and make it rain on the Augmented Reality Table.

### **"Dinner with a local Wine Vintner" at LEX530 (\$95 pp incl tip PLUS 7% Indiana sales tax)**

Vintner and businessman Carl Tiedemann took his passion for discovering exceptional wines from around the world and his love of sharing those wines with others and combined it with more than 30 years of business experience to launch a successful wine distribution company, Tiedemann Wines, in Elkhart Indiana, which offers many Indiana exclusive labels and vintages. Tonight, meet Carl himself as he welcomes you to his new event space for a wonderful evening of food and wine while he shares his knowledge about winemaking and, of course, wine drinking! Each course is prepared by a local chef and paired with an appropriate wine. Your meal will consist of an amuse bouche, salad course, entrée course, and dessert course. The chef will explain the preparation techniques and significance of each course as it is served, while Mr. Tiedemann discusses the wine in detail. This will be an evening remembered fondly by all who attend!

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**Great Life Tours Create a Wooden Quilt Block (\$28 pp incl for hands-on crafting class, woodshop tour & shopping time)**

Meet LaVern and Rachel, the Amish-Mennonite dynamic duo that has made Teaberry Wood Products one of Great Life Tour's most requested stops. This experience appeals to men and women with a something-for-everyone flair! Groups enjoy one-on-one time with this artisan team creating a wall quilt pieced entirely with beautiful exotic hardwoods. The experience will include a woodshop tour, "weaving" demo, hands-on wood quilt kit with choice of materials and shopping time. Participants leave with an 8"x8" quilt block complete with engraved center tile and hanger. It is a work of art worthy of gifting or kept as a treasured memory of their travels. Highly collectible, a new pattern each season - keeping it fresh and new year after year. This is endlessly customizable with two frames, optional holiday and decorative laser engraved tiles available to choose from.

**Great Life Tours Meet & Make Scone Tasting and Demo at an Amish home (\$6 pp PLUS meal cost range \$15-\$21 pp incl)**

Get to know the Amish where they live and work. Meet Linda Miller and her Amish friends and watch as Linda shares her scone making techniques and tips. Enjoy a coffee break and scone as you learn everything you need to know to ensure perfectly baked scones time and time again. This experience includes tasting, recipe and scones to take home. This can be scheduled in a midmorning or afternoon itinerary with a return visit there for lunch or dinner later that day.

**Great Life Tours Authentic Visit at an Amish Toy Maker (\$4 pp; \$100 min)**

Step inside an Amish toymaker's workshop where an internet connection is not required to keep the kids entertained. Meet Owen a self-taught toy maker who crafts fine wooden toys and games for children of all ages. This experience includes a workshop tour, Q&A discussion and shopping time.

**Great Life Tours Authentic Meet an Amish Harness Maker (\$4 pp; \$100 min)**

Horses and buggies are part of the Old Order Amish identity requiring specialized equipment and craftsmanship to provide their transportation needs. A skilled saddle and harness maker could earn an excellent living in colonial America but how does this work for a 21st century Amishman? Meet Owen and see how he makes harnesses and horseshoes to meet the needs of his community without power from the grid. This experience includes a workshop tour and ample time for Q&A.

**Great Life Tours Dinner and a Story at Meadow Brook Farm, plus home tour (\$8pp incl PLUS \$26 pp catered BBQ buffet)**

Dinner is served at this historic stop along the Heritage Trail. A wonderful BBQ buffet awaits you at this richly appointed country farmhouse. Your experience begins with a greeting by your host on the bus followed by storyteller Linda Garber and one of her captivating stories. The house was constructed during the 1860's by a wealthy Chicago family. The home and barns at Meadow Brook Farm were built with wood from the surrounding area and features outstanding quarter-sawn oak, maple and poplar trim throughout. Guests enjoy seeing five original structures listed on Indiana's Historical Registry, including the home, two barns, a granary, and the smokehouse. This is not your average farmhouse, with 6 themed bedrooms, many closets and 42 windows that overlook vast farm fields nearby. See antique farm implements, John Deere tractor collection and a "Jesus Donkey". A self-guided tour of the original 1860 historical home, barns and outbuildings is followed by a buffet style BBQ featuring Nelson's Famous Port-a-pit® chicken, pulled pork, and their yummy Pit-Tatoes!

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