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United States eFlyer

April 2018

The U.S. eFlyer is a place to find information about domestic Journeys within the United States, undersubscribed U.S. outbound Journeys, and occasional regional conferences and special events. The Journeys listed in the U.S. eFlyer are open to all ambassadors, representing some of the many places where you can experience new cultures and expand your global circle of friends.

If you are interested in any of the following Journeys, please contact the Journey Coordinator directly.

Western US and Canada

Conference Dates:

May 3 - 5, 2018

Price:

\$150 Conference fee

\$45 Gala Dinner (optional)

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Host Club:

Friendship Force of
Sacramento

Optional Extensions :

Pre- and Post-Conference
home-hosting is available.

The FF club of Sacramento is pleased and privileged to be coordinating a Super Regional Conference for the 37 clubs within the Western US and Canada.

Whether you are a member of one of those clubs or from somewhere else in the United States, we would like to encourage you to consider joining us for this unique experience. We hope our theme, *Citizens of a Global Community*, will motivate you and your club to move forward to serve within your local communities.

Friendship Force volunteers and staff from FFI headquarters will be presenting workshops addressing the issues and future plans of FFI. Workshops include: Insurance and Mobility Issues; Websites; Journey Coordinator Training; Multigenerational Journeys; Building and Maintaining Membership; Community Involvement - conducted by our Keynote Speaker; Vetting, Pitfalls and Planning of Global Journeys; Photo Clusters, Using Google Docs, and Thinking Outside the Box!

We close the conference with a GALA Mexican-style dinner, appropriately on Cinco de Mayo, May 5th. You will be overwhelmed with our dinner presentation by two FF members who sailed their boat from San Francisco to Australia over a two-year period. They stopped along the way to learn about the cultures, provide eyeglasses to island inhabitants, teach, and make friends in every port!

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://ffsacramento.org/Conference-Updates/>



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INTERNATIONAL

Journey #14349

Central North Carolina to Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley, USA

Journey Dates:

June 6 - 12, 2018

Price:

\$420.00

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

[FF of Oregon's](#)

[Mid-Willamette Valley](#)

Come join us for the excitement at the Portland Rose Parade!

Here's an overview of the activities:

June 6 - Tour the float building barn to see floats for the Rose Festival Parade in the process of decoration. All floats with covered with plant material only <http://sci32.com/home.html>. After the tour and dinner depart for Salem, Oregon to meet your hosts.

June 7 - Welcome party at The Thyme Garden - tour of the gardens and fish habitat restoration area, salmon luncheon included.
www.thymegarden.com

June 8 - Tour of the State Capitol, lunch included, and a visit to the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem. www.willametteheritage.org

June 9 - Bus to Portland for the Rose Festival Parade. www.rosefestival.org. Our reserved seats are inside so that we can enjoy the Queen's Coronation and the Parade - no sitting on the street curb! After the parade the bus will take us into the Columbia Gorge to see scenic Multnomah Falls.

June 10 - "Wish Day" with small group dinners in the evening.

June 11 - Tour of Talking Water Gardens, led by a project manager for the development, designed to reduce the temperature of the waste water from two communities and a manufacturing plant before it is released into the Willamette River. It is a lovely place to see birds and other wildlife.
www.cityofalbany.net/departments/public-works/wastewater/twg
The rest of the day will be on your own with your hosts.
Farewell party (catered but casual!) is at 5pm in downtown Albany.

June 12 - Departure Day.



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INTERNATIONAL

Western Michigan to Medicine Hat, Canada

Journey Dates:

August 14 - 21, 2018

Price:

\$500

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Host Club:

FF of Medicine Hat

Optional Extensions :

Banff National Park

Join us in the sunniest city in Canada next August!

We will have a one week Journey meeting the friendly people of Medicine Hat. There are over 100 km (62 mi) of walking trails in the city. All of the major parks are linked by the extensive trail system.

The bizarre sandstone formations of nearby Red Rock Coulee Natural Area will make you feel like you're on a *Star Wars* set. The Medalta pottery made in the Historic Clay District was once shipped around the world.

The Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre is a marvel of contemporary Canadian architecture on traditional Blackfoot territory, just steps from the South Saskatchewan River. From its rooftop terrace, you can see Saamis, the shoreline escarpment which is the setting for the story of how Medicine Hat got its name. Medicine Hat started as a railroad town.

Cost of the Journey is \$500 per person. This includes the FFI fee and transportation to and from Calgary airport to Medicine Hat.

There is an opportunity for an add-on stay in Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada, located in the spectacular Canadian Rockies for 3 nights. Please email ellism@wmich.edu by April 30 if you are interested in joining us in Canada!



East Coast Super Regional Conference

Conference Dates:

November 7 - 9, 2018

Price:

TBD

Contact Information:

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Save the Date!

November 7 - 9, 2018

The Friendship Force Clubs of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic states, the Southeastern Region and Florida will gather in beautiful Charleston, SC, in November for a Super Regional Conference! We will start on Wednesday, November 7th with a President's Meeting followed by dinner out and about in Charleston for all participants. On Thursday, we are planning a full schedule with plenaries and workshops, and we will end Thursday evening with a guest speaker during our dinner at the hotel. Friday, we will continue with plenaries and workshops, ending the conference around noon.

Please plan to join us! More information is coming soon!



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US eFlyer Submissions are due the 15th of each month. Please submit your information to FFI using this online form:

[US eFlyer Submission Form](#)

If you have any questions about the US eFlyer or submission process, please contact:

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