

**2021 Housing Brochure** 

## Welcome to the **Feast of Tabernacles** 2021 Festival Housing Guide

"You shall dwell in booths for seven days." With those words in Leviticus 23, we are reminded of the temporary dwellings that we all will live in during the Feast of Tabernacles.

As families, we talk about and plan where we want to go for the Feast and where we want to stay. We look forward to this time of the year. In order to make it a positive and memorable experience, we do not leave details till the last minute. We save our second tithe, we plan our budget, and we look to the Festival housing brochure to see what is offered at the various sites.

As you and your family make your plans and prepare to select and reserve housing for 2021, we recommend you review all available housing at the site you will be attending.

To assist you in this endeavor, we have included websites for the housing establishments listed in this brochure. Please check out those websites, as they will allow you to preview the facilities secured by the Church and the amenities offered at each. This will greatly assist you in avoiding unpleasant surprises, such as extra charges and incidental costs.

We encourage you to consider the choices at several sites that serve as anchor facilities for our daily Festival services. In many, if not most, cases, the Church benefits greatly with reduced meeting space charges when members stay on-site at these facilities.

Of course, if you do not find the housing you desire, you may find what you are looking for via an online search. The housing options we have listed are properties that desire to work with the Church by providing a discounted rate for attendees.

As you make your housing arrangements, please remember these important reminders:

In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is **Monday**, **May 24**, at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the site you are attending.

The establishments have been asked to not accept reservations prior to the agreed-upon time.

Those with disabilities, health problems or other special needs that require specific types of facilities may make early housing reservations, beginning **Monday, May 17**. (Check with your local Feast adviser for guidelines.) Some sites may require a password in order to make early reservations.

When making your reservations, identify yourself as a member of the "Church of God, a Worldwide Association." In some cases, the housing locations will use the acronym "COGWA." Be sure to give your arrival and departure dates, be prepared to give a deposit, and be sure to ask for a confirmation number.

Please take notice of the maximum number of occupants allowed in a room and do not exceed that number. Reserving a room for four people and then putting six to seven people in the room is not allowed. It causes extra work for the housekeeping staff and violates the agreements we have made.

PLEASE make only one housing reservation at one Feast site. Making duplicate reservations blocks housing from others looking for housing. If your plans to attend a site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

Jon Pinelli Festival Planning Team



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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

- Q. What if I have a large family and need a larger facility, such as a house, to have enough space. Can I rent "outside" our housing list?
- A. If there is no satisfactory housing on our housing list, you are certainly free to rent something else. Most of the large, home-type facilities are "one of a kind," and it would cause more potential problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. And once such a facility was reserved, it would be a waste of time for any other members who tried to reserve the facility.
- Q. What if I'm torn between two different housing properties (maybe even at two different sites). What is wrong with reserving them both until I decide and then releasing the one I decide not to use?
- A. This situation probably happens more often than most would think. It causes difficulties on more than one level. First, it removes a room from the available block that may eventually go unused if you cancel just before the Feast. Second, it may cause a facility to assume it is full and turn down possible bookings only to later have one or several cancellations by people who had double-booked rooms. This causes us problems when we go to book blocks of rooms for the following year.
- Q. My extended family is all attending the same site, yet we find we are paying different tax rates on our rooms. Why is that? It seems confusing!
- A. Some Feast sites have facilities in different communities, each with different lodging tax rates. Some facilities have a "county tax," while others have a "county tax" and a "city lodging tax." Generally, the difference isn't that great, but it may be 4 to 5 percent different.

- Q. What about "extra fees" that appear on my bill in addition to the basic room charge?
- A. Some facilities have extra charges for things such as "resort fee," or "fee for Internet service in sleeping rooms" (in some facilities, the Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to ask about any extra fees that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask, so you aren't surprised when you check out.
- Q. I have found an establishment that I feel would be a great fit for our housing block. How do I go about giving this input to the right person?
- A. At times, members may find a facility that we may have overlooked or that may be under new management. There are a couple of ways you can give input in this area. First, since we may already have our room blocks set for this year, you can write in your suggestion on your copy of the Housing Survey, which is passed out at each site. The Festival coordinator for that site will see it and can follow up on it. Second, you can email the suggestion to the Festival coordinator for that site or to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But either way, please do not try to negotiate with the establishment on behalf of the Church.
- Q. I have several ideas on areas that I feel would make wonderful Feast sites. How do I go about giving input on possible locations?
- A. We are always keeping our eyes open for possible Feast sites. Our main criteria for site selection is desirable locations within a reasonable distance of the majority of our people in a region. We will occasionally have a specialty site on a one-time or a

periodic basis, but due to manpower and expense, we mostly focus on regional sites across the United States and regional sites in the international areas as well.

The Festival Planning Team is always open to suggestions for possible future sites and welcomes input from interested members. If you know of a specific facility in a particular area, feel free to mention it in an email to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But please do not contact the facility directly or discuss possible terms with the facility, as if you are representing the Church. Doing so can cause confusion. Send in your ideas, and we will look at and consider them in light of current needs, contracts and other relative conditions.

- Q. What do I do if I check into a facility selected from the housing guide and, after checking in, I find the conditions to be totally unacceptable?
- A. While this situation seldom happens, it is a possibility. Before you actually occupy the room, go back to the management and tell them the conditions are totally unacceptable and ask for either another room that is acceptable or for a refund. Most facilities will work with you. In the event that you still have a situation, feel free to contact the Festival coordinator for the site or, if you know his name, the housing officer. Either of them will be able to help you with the situation.

## **Feast of Tabernacles 2021 KEY DATES**

**April 11, 2021** 

June 28, 2021

May 17, 2021

Early housing reservations begin (see local Festival adviser for guidelines) Sept. 21-27, 2021

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May 24, 2021

General housing reservations begin

Sept. 28, 2021 Last Great Day

**General registration for U.S. and international sites begins APRIL 25** 

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## Rapid City, South Dakota

Once again, we are holding the Feast in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota, a premier family destination. Rapid City was a very popular site in 2018, and over the years many brethren have expressed a desire to return. We are happy to make that desire a reality again this year.

The Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City will serve as our host facility again this year, allowing hundreds to enjoy a beautiful, millennial setting.

There is an amazing amount of natural beauty in Rapid City, with lots of family activities, educational and historic adventures, and three national parks within a short distance.

Housing ranges from first-class hotels to extended-stay properties. There are also some cabins and rental homes available 30 to 45 minutes away. Daytime temperatures at the end of September are generally in the high 60s and 70s.

Attendance will be limited to about 750 people, and we expect the site to fill up. Come join us in the beautiful Black Hills. You won't be disappointed. We look forward to seeing you in Rapid City, South Dakota!

Fragrance-controlled room available: To be determined.

**Tax rate for accommodations:** 9 percent, plus a \$2 per night city occupancy fee.

Closest airport: Rapid City Regional Airport (RAP), 11 miles.

**Mark Whynaucht** 

#### **Ramkota Best Western Hotel**

605-343-8550 tinyurl.com/rapidcity-best-western-ramkota 2111 N. Lacrosse St. Rapid City, SD 57701

\$89.99 2 queen beds, 1-4 people \$139.99 executive suite, 1-4 people

*Note:* Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled one day before check-in. Rates are available two days before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor water park and lap pool, hot tub, cribs and rollaway beds available, microwave, refrigerator, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, exercise facility, dry cleaning available, free parking.

*Distance from meeting hall:* on-site

#### **AmericInn & Suites**

605-343-8424

livhotelgroup.com/stay/rapid-city-hotels/americinn/ 1632 Rapp St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$99 standard king, 1-4 people \$99 double queen, 2-6 people

Note: One night's room deposit required at time of reservation. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled seven days before check-in. Rates are available two days before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor pool, sauna and hot tub, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, hot breakfast included. One-room suites with kitchenettes. Includes discounted passes to WaTiki Indoor Waterpark (\$8 per pass).

Distance from meeting hall: 0.5 mile

#### **Canyon Lake Resort**

605-343-0234

canyonlakeresortsd.com/

2720 Chapel Lane Rapid City, SD 57702

\$79	motel room with kitchenette, 2 queen beds, 1-2
	people (max. 4)
\$149	2-bedroom cabin, 2-4 people (max. 6)
\$179	large 2-bedroom, 2-4 people (max.6)
\$209	3-bedroom cabin, 2-6 people (max. 8)
\$10	extra person
Free	children 12 and under
\$429	Cattail Lodge, 5-bedroom, 2-bath house, up to
	12 people

*Note:* Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 14 days before check-in. For stays of five or more nights, there is a 40% discount per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, waterfront, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 6.9 miles

#### **Foothills Inn**

605-348-5640 thefoothillsinn.com 1625 N. Lacrosse St. Rapid City, SD 57701

\$79-\$109 1-2 people \$12 extra person

Free children 17 and under

Note: One night's room deposit required at time of reservation. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in. Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, seasonal outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, free parking, refrigerators and microwaves, continental breakfast included. Cribs available upon request.

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Distance from meeting hall: 0.2 miles

#### **Grand Gateway Hotel**

605-342-1300 866-742-1300 605-342-0663 fax grandgatewayhotel.com/ 1721 N. Lacrosse St. Rapid City, SD 57701

\$89-\$299 flat rate, 1-4 people Free children 17 and under

Note: One night's room deposit required at time of reservation. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled two days before check-in. Rates are available three days before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, fitness center, online reservations.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 0.2 mile

#### **GrandStay Residential Suites Hotel**

605-341-5100 855-455-7829 605-342-8264 fax

grandstayhospitality.com/find-a-hotel/locations/rapid-city/overview

660 Disk Drive Rapid City, SD 57701

\$99 1-bedroom suite, 1-4 people\$109 2-bedroom suite, 2-6 people

Note: One night's room deposit required at time of reservation. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled seven days before check-in. Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor pool, queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, hot breakfast included, equipped with kitchen, refrigerator, microwave,

two burner stove, dishwasher. Hotel has courtyard, basketball court, putting green, grill and patio.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.6 miles

#### **Microtel Inn & Suites**

605-348-2523 tinyurl.com/rapid-city-microtel-inn 1740 Rapp St. Rapid City, SD 57701

\$70 queen suite, 1-2 people
\$80 2 queen beds, 2-4 people
\$100 family suite, 2-6 people

Note: One night's room deposit required at time of reservation. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled three days before check-in. Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor pool, queen beds, microwave, refrigerator, air-conditioning, expanded breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.6 miles

#### **Quality Inn & Suites**

605-348-2221 rapidcityqualityinnandsuites.com 1550 N. Lacrosse St. Rapid City, SD 57701

\$70 2-queen standard, 1-4 people\$80 2-queen deluxe, 1-4 people

*Note:* One night's room deposit required at time of reservation. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled one day before check-in. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, indoor pool, queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 0.4 miles

#### **Tru by Hilton**

605-341-1878

guestreservations.com/tru-by-hilton-rapid-city-rushmore/booking

825 Elgin St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$1092 queen beds, 2-4 people\$1091 king bed, 1-2 people

Note: One night's room deposit required at time of reservation. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled three days before check-in. Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Applicable taxes: 9%.

Amenities: Restaurants nearby, shopping nearby, equipped for handicapped, fitness center, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, microwave/coffee in lobby, air-conditioning, complimentary breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.5 miles

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## International Feast Sites

## **Africa**

Man, Côte d'Ivoire
Douala, Cameroon
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Elmina, Ghana
Kenya
Salima, Malawi
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius
Benin City, Nigeria
Giti, Rwanda
Uvongo, South Africa
Kpalimé, Togo
Mapoko, Zambia
Gweru, Zimbabwe

Mugina, Burundi

## **Asia/Pacific**

Mooloolaba, Australia Yanuca Island, Fiji Kolkata, India Taupo, New Zealand Negombo, Sri Lanka Philippines

### **Caribbean**

Christ Church, Barbados St. George's, Grenada Lethem, Guyana Runaway Bay, Jamaica

## Europe & Middle East

Torquay, Devon, England Montagnac, France Loutraki, Greece

## **Latin America**

Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina Santa Cruz, Bolivia Lican Ray, Chile El Rodadero, Santa Marta, Colombia Antigua, Guatemala San Miguel de Allende, Mexico Huanchaco, Peru

Note: Not all locations in this list are final. Please check feast.cogwa.org for up-to-date information on international sites.

# Registration for International Sites **Sunday, April 25**feast.cogwa.org

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