



**FEAST OF
TABERNACLES**
2018 HOUSING
INFORMATION



WELCOME TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

2018 FESTIVAL HOUSING GUIDE

Before we know it, we will all be gathered at sites around the world to keep the Feast of Tabernacles! We plan and save our second tithe to go to “the place where LORD your God chooses to put His name” (Deuteronomy 14:24). We are excited and eager to make arrangements for accommodations for our family. Since we spend so much time in our housing at the Feast, this part of our Feast planning is extremely important to us!

With this fact in mind, the Feast coordinators for all our Feast sites strive to procure properties that will meet the needs of all the brethren—with a focus on quality, price and value.

Each year the Church evaluates the accommodations we offered the previous year. We do this by reviewing the housing surveys that the brethren fill out at the various sites. The Feast coordinators consider the price brethren paid for housing, the quality and cleanliness of the facility, and the cooperation of the management. By doing so, we are able to make the necessary adjustments to Feast housing at each site to meet the needs of brethren. As a result, you may find a few new properties and also a few that are no longer being used.

As you and your family make your plans and prepare to select and reserve housing for 2018, we recommend that you review all available housing at the site you will be attending. To assist you in this endeavor, we have included websites for most of the housing establishments listed in this housing brochure. Please take the time to visit those websites. It will allow you to preview the facility and the amenities it offers. This will greatly assist you in avoiding unpleasant surprises.

We again want to remind you of the benefits the Church realizes when our members use the housing establishments that are listed in the COGWA Festival housing brochure. Your doing so enables us to secure fair prices with the

housing establishments, and it is central in our ability to secure quality meeting space at sites where we meet in a hotel.

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

1. In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is Monday, **May 14, 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**.
2. Those with disabilities, health problems or other special needs that require specific types of facilities may make early housing reservations beginning Monday, **May 7**. (Check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines.) Some sites may require a password in order to make early reservations.
3. When making your reservations, identify yourself as a member of the “Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Feast of Tabernacles.” Be sure to give your arrival and departure dates, be prepared to pay a deposit, and be sure to ask for a confirmation number.
4. 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.
5. PLEASE make only one housing reservation at one Feast site. Making duplicate reservations limits others who are looking for housing. If your plans to attend a particular site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

Jon Pinelli
Festival Planning Team



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 that isn't on it. 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. Once such a facility was reserved, it would be a frustrating 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, such as parking, a resort fee, or a 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, after checking into a facility selected from the housing guide, 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.

Key Dates for 2018 Feast of Tabernacles

April 1-May 7, 2018
Online registration

May 7, 2018
Early housing reservations begin (check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines)

May 14, 2018
General housing reservations begin

July 3, 2018
Activity information posted to website

Sept. 24-30, 2018
Feast of Tabernacles

Oct. 1, 2018
Last Great Day

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RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Rapid City and the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota are a premier family destination. For years in the 1980s and 1990s Rapid City served as a wonderful site for members to gather to worship God and keep the Feast of Tabernacles. The site was always very popular, and over the years many brethren have expressed a desire to return. This year, with Rapid City being a one-year site, we are able to fulfill these requests.

The Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City will serve as our host facility for the annual family reunion of the Church of God.

Rapid City provides a fantastic setting for the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles. There is amazing natural beauty in the area, lots of family activities, educational and historic sites, and three national parks within a short distance.

There is a good variety of housing types and costs, ranging from first-class hotels to extended-stay properties and some cabins and rental homes. (Most cabins and rental homes are 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 600 people, and we expect the site to fill up. If you would like to join us in the beautiful Black Hills, register early on, and we'll 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 (RAP), 11 miles.

Mike Blackwell

Ramkota Best Western Hotel

605-343-8550

tinyurl.com/rapidcity-best-western-ramkota

2111 N. Lacrosse St.
Rapid City, SD 57701

\$82.99 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: Occupancy tax of \$2 per night.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor water park and lap pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi.

Distance from meeting hall: on-site

America's Best Value Inn

605-343-5434

800-456-0061

605-343-7085 fax

rapidcityabvi.com

620 Howard St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$47.99 1 queen bed, 1-2 people

\$57.99 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, 1-4 people

Note: The cost of one night is required as a deposit within 10 days of making a reservation to hold any room. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, pets allowed, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.3 miles

AmericInn & Suites

605-343-8424

rapidcityamericinn.com

1632 Rapp St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$79 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: The cost of one night is required as a deposit within 10 days of making a reservation to hold any room. 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.

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, elevator, free Wi-Fi, hot breakfast included. Includes four waterpark passes to WaTiki Indoor Waterpark per room. One-room suites with kitchenettes.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.5 mile

Canyon Lake Resort

605-343-0234

canyonlakeresortsd.com

2720 Chapel Lane

Rapid City, SD 57702

\$280/week 1-2 people

\$385-\$455/week 2-bedroom cabin, 2-4 people

\$525/week 3-bedroom cabin, 2-8 people

\$1,200/week Cattail Lodge, 5-bedroom, 2-bath house

Note: Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 14 days before check-in. Children 12 and under are free. Rates beyond one week are pro-rated at weekly rate.

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

Distance from meeting hall: 6.9 miles

Econo Lodge

605-342-6400

605-394-9539 fax

choicehotels.com/south-dakota/rapid-city/econo-lodge-hotels/sd010

625 E. Disk Drive

Rapid City, SD 57501

\$60 lowest-priced unit, 1-4 people

\$90 highest-priced unit, 1-4 people

Note: Rates are available three days before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled three days before check-in.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor pool and waterslide, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.2 mile

Grand Gateway Hotel

605-342-1300

866-742-1300

605-342-0663 fax

grandgatewayhotel.com

1721 N. Lacrosse St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$59 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: Rates are available three days before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night.

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, online reservations.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.2 mile

GrandStay Residential Suites Hotel

605-341-5100

855-455-7829

605-342-8264 fax

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

660 Disk Drive

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$80 1-bedroom suite, 1-4 people

\$90 2-bedroom suite, 2-6 people

Note: Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor pool, queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, hot breakfast included. Hotel has courtyard, basketball court, putting green, grill and patio.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.6 miles

Hampton Inn & Suites

605-348-1911

rapidcity.hamptoninn.com

1720 Rapp St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$149 2 queen beds, 1-4 people

\$159 queen suite, 1-4 people

\$179 family suite, 2-6 people

Note: Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. The cost of one night is required as a deposit within 10 days of making a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled three days before check-in.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, indoor pool, queen beds, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi, microwave, refrigerator, hot breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.6 mile

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: Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Occupancy tax of \$2 per night.

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 mile

Staybridge Suites Rapid City

605-718-1221

605-718-1503 fax

ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/rapid-city/rapsa/hoteldetail

1314 Luna Ave.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$77 flat rate, 1-4 people

Note: Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. The cost of one night is required as a deposit within 10 days of making a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled seven days before check-in.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, indoor pool, whirlpool, 24-hour exercise room, patio area with barbecue grills and fire pit, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, complimentary evening reception certain nights, hot breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.9 mile

Quality Inn & Suites

605-348-2221

605-348-3110 fax

rapidcityqualityinnandsuites.com

1550 N. Lacrosse St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

\$60 2-queen standard, 1-4 people

\$67 2-queen deluxe, 1-4 people

\$80 2-queen family suite, 1-4 people

Note: Occupancy tax of \$2 per night. The cost of one night is required as a deposit within 10 days of making a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled one day before check-in.

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 mile

INTERNATIONAL FEAST SITES

AFRICA

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

ASIA/PACIFIC

Coffs Harbour, Australia
Pacific Harbour, Fiji
Kochi, India
Taupo, New Zealand
Baguio City, Philippines

CARIBBEAN

Barbados
Grenada

Lethem, Guyana
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

EUROPE

Winchester, England
Normandy, France
Cortona, Italy

LATIN AMERICA

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

NORTH AMERICA

Orford, Québec

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

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