



## WARRENS, WISCONSIN



The Three Bears Resort will be a satellite site for brethren in the upper Midwest who find it difficult to make the longer drive to Branson. The Three Bears is located right off interstate 94, in Warrens, Wisconsin. Warrens is a very small town, most renowned in the area for its annual cranberry festival held in the fall.

There is not much to do in the area itself, so fellowship with the brethren is the primary activity. The meeting room is available all day for fellowship and other activities. There is a water park at the resort, but because it is “off-season,” it will not be open during the Feast.

The resort offers **hotel-style rooms and on-site cabins**. The meeting room for services is in the same building as the hotel rooms and is a short outdoor walk from the cabins.

Brethren attending this site will watch a webcast from one of the other Feast sites for services each day.

**Tax rate for accommodations:** 12 percent.

**Gary Black**

**Three Bears Resort**  
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Warrens, WI 54666

\$59.95 double queen and double queen balcony  
\$69.95 double queen suite and king whirlpool  
\$79.95 family suite—bedroom with king bed,  
second room with two sets of bunk beds,  
and pull-out sofa bed in living room

*Note:* Taxes of 12% and a one-time resort fee of \$9.95 will be added to the rates.

*Amenities:* Restaurant on premises, equipped for handicapped, king or queen beds, microwave, refrigerator, coffee and tea maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, free Wi-Fi.

\$199.95 villa or cabin  
\$11 occupancy rate per person per day  
(for up to 10 people)  
\$74.95 one-time cleaning fee

*Note:* Taxes of 12% and a one-time resort fee of \$9.95 will be added to the rates.

*Amenities:* Restaurant on premises, equipped for handicapped, king or queen beds, full kitchen, 2 bathrooms, washer and dryer, free Wi-Fi.

*Distance from meeting hall:* on-site

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# WELCOME TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2016 FESTIVAL HOUSING GUIDE

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It is hard to believe that the Feast of Tabernacles will be here in only a few, short months! As God's people follow His instructions to use their Festival tithe to "go to the place which the LORD your God chooses" (Deuteronomy 14:25-26), brethren are eager to arrange accommodations for their family that will enable them to truly rejoice before God! Since Church members often spend quite a bit of time in their accommodations while at the Feast, this aspect of Festival planning is important to all of us!

As such, the Feast coordinators for all of our Feast sites understand the importance of procuring properties that will meet the needs of all of our brethren—with a focus on quality, price and value.

Each year the Church evaluates the accommodations we offered the previous Feast by reviewing the housing surveys for that site. The Feast coordinators consider the price that the brethren paid for their housing, the quality and cleanliness of the facility, and the friendliness and cooperation of the management. They then make any needed adjustments to the housing properties they secure in an effort to ensure the best possible facilities for our brethren. As a result, you may find a few *new* housing properties listed this year, and at the same time, you may find that some properties of the past are *no longer being used*.

As you and your family prepare to select and reserve housing for 2016, we recommend that you first review the available housing at the site you will be attending. We have listed websites for most of the housing establishments so you can preview the facility and all of the amenities offered prior to making your reservations. This enables you to avoid unpleasant surprises.

We again want to emphasize the benefits the Church realizes when our members use the housing establishments that are listed in the COGWA Festival housing brochure—as this enables us to secure fair prices with the housing establishments, as well as being central

to our ability to acquire quality meeting space for our services at each site.

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

1. In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is Monday, **May 23, 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 May 15. (Check with your local Feast adviser for guidelines.) Several sites 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 give 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 house-keeping staff and violates the agreements we have made.
5. 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 that site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

**Doug Horchak**  
Ministerial Services Operations Manager



## 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 for your needs on our housing list, you are certainly fine with renting something that isn't on the housing list. Most of the large, home-type facilities are “one of a kind,” and it would potentially cause more problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. Once rented, 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 me reserving them both until I make up my mind 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 the following year.

**Q. My extended family is all attending the same Feast 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” setups. 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 in some cases 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 “resort fee” or “fee for Internet service in sleeping rooms” (in some facilities, Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to check about “extra fees” that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask. That way, you won't be surprised when you check out.