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SSLA Mission Statement

OUR MISSION as members of the Southern States Llama Association is to be a strong organization of Ilama and alpaca owners who have joined together for the purpose of education, fun, and fellowship while promoting the health and welfare of lamas and the lama industry.

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Journal Mission Statement

THE LLAMA JOURNAL, published by the Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) is distributed quarterly to the members of SSLA. The purpose of the Journal is to provide:

- Information and articles of interest
- A forum for members to express their opinions on llamas and related matters
- Board of Directors meeting minutes, Treasurer's report and other information pertinent to the function of SSLA.

Notice: The information contained in this Journal is not intended to be a substitute for qualified professional advice. Our readers are encouraged to consult with their own vets, accountants or attorneys for questions concerning their animals or business operations. SSLA or the editor is not responsible for any losses resulting from a reader's failure to heed this caution. Opinions expressed or implied are hereby the editor's choice and are not the opinions of the SSLA Board of Directors or SSLA as a group.

SSLA Online—keep in touch with your llama organization

Website: www.ssla.org

Facebook page: Listed as "SSLA-Southern States Llama Association"

SSLA-Members Yahoo Group:

Request membership from <u>ssla-members</u> <u>-owner@yahoogroups.com</u>

Group members can post messages to SSLA-Members@yahoogroups.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings SSLA Members,

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As we are all set to begin another year, I would like to take a moment and thank those involved in organizing, sponsoring and supporting the 2020 events and activities. It was a year full of unexpected adventures.

Membership renewal is upon us. Renewal forms are available on our website. Please complete as soon as possible to make it into the 2021 directory. Any questions regarding membership should be directed to Lauri Jones at laurijones55@gmail.com.

At the end of 2020 a call for Board nominations was emailed to membership. The Election committee has been contacting nominees for the upcoming yearly elections. For questions, please contact Maylene Hall, Election Committee Chair, at simplicityllamafarms@yahoo.com.

Our Show and Conference committees have been hard at work preparing for the 2021 events.

SSLA Spring Hillbilly Double/Double Show:

February 26-28, 2021 - Perry, GA.

Forms are available on the website.

2021 Southern States Llama Association Annual Meeting and Conference:

March 19-21, 2021- Plantation on Crystal River, Florida

Registration forms are available on the website.

Questions regarding Conference or Registration: contact Vicki Sundberg, 910 269-1422, homesweethome 3@yahoo.com

★ 2021 Florida State Fair Llama Show:

April 24-25, 2021 (Rescheduled) Tampa, FL

Please remember to check out our SSLA website for forms and additional information for the events listed above, as well as new events to come.

rhe Discover Llama committee is hard at work preparing a new publication. This publication provides educational information for new and prospective owners. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Kim Kyst at kim@kyst.org or Andie Frederick @ davidandie@msn.com.

Would you like to share photos or events within an upcoming Llama Journal edition, please submit those directly to Charlene Braun, the SSLA Journal Chair, at turtlrun@earthlink.net.

I would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to join a committee or volunteer at an event to please do so. Many hands make light work. The new year has come in as a whirlwind of activities. I have gained a new appreciation and understanding of the commitment and passion of our committees, Board members and membership. Thank you for your time and energy to help continue the mission of the SSLA.

Wishing you a healthy and happy new year,

Andie Frederick

LLAMELS



These pictures are of the St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church's "Journey to the Manger Live Nativity." Over 300 people came to the outdoor depiction over the two nights, held Dec 18 & 19 at 4:30 PM until 7 PM. Small pods of safely masked people from same families or close units were led through an outdoor wooded trail to five Nativity scenes. At each scene, a narrator read the Bible verses which the scene depicted. Families, many elderly, or fragile (two in wheelchairs) who have only attended on-line services were confident enough to come to this carefully-planned experience and some were so moved they left in joyful tears at being able to safely feel this special opportunity.

~Vicki Sundberg







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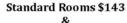




Welcomes: Southern States Llama Assn. March 19-21, 2021

Enjoy the many activities and amenities the resort has to offer such as:

- 27 holes of Golf on site
- Swim with the Manatee
- River Tours and Guided Kavak Tours
- Saltwater Fishing: Redfish, trout, cobia, grouper, snook and more
- Snorkel for Scallops (Seasonal)
- Kayak, SUP and Pontoon Rentals
- Full-Service AVEDA Spa
- Complimentary lawn activities: Lawn Croquet, Pickle Ball, Shuffleboard, Horseshoes, Volleyball & Life Size Chess
- Enjoy the Heated Lagoon Style Pool and Tiki Bar



1st Floor Patio Water View \$177 (Early arrival and stay over discounted rates available)

All rates subject to \$17 resort fee & taxes

For Reservations Call 800-632-6262 and mention "Southern States Llama Assn." for the group rates.

(Must call prior to February 17, 2021)







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ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE, MEMBERSHIP MEETING, & AWARDS BANQUET

Plantation on Crystal River

9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL, 34429

MARCH 19-21, 2021









HOTEL ON SITE: Make your own reservations

at 800-632-6262 and refer to Booking Name Southern States Llama Association (SSLA). Call in block will be held until cutoff off date of Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Reservations received after this date will be on a rate and space available basis.

Standard Hotel Rooms (King or Double)

Patio Water View

Thursday & Sunday Nights: \$118 Friday & Saturday Nights: \$143

Thursday & Sunday Nights \$152 Friday & Saturday Nights: \$177

FRIDAY NIGHT SUNSET RIVER CRUISE (LIMIT 40)
FEATURED SPEAKERS: ELIZABETH TAYLOR,
MARTY MCGEE BENNETT, BRENDA CRUM,

DEB & ULIN ANDREWS SSLA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AWARDS BANQUET & LIVE AUCTION

> RAFFLES SILENT AUCTION VENDOR MARKET NETWORKING





SOUTHERN STATES LLAMA ASSOCIATION'S

Because life is better with a llama! Annual Conference Presenter Line-Up

Marty McGee Bennett: Multiple Specific Sessions, Banquet Speaker Entertainment. Choices of topics she has available are (We will need to refine to fit time available):

- The Science of Behavior... Why your llama or alpaca won't do what you want and how you can change it without fear or force. Classroom 1hour
- Why is it that how your Catch your Camelid is the SINGLE most important influence on how cooperative he/she will be about having his toenails trimmed. Classroom and demo/hands on 1-1.5 hours
- Leading with Refinement... Learning neutral contact and re-balancing signals you can use to truly communicate with your hands using a lead rope. Demonstration and hands on 1 hour
- Solving Haltering Issues- The incredible importance of halter fit. Using the TTouch to teach your camelid to enjoy having his head and mouth touched. Talk and demo with hands on. 1-1.5 hours
- Using your body position and an escape route to give injections without fear or force. Demo 30-45 min
- Banquet Presentation: 40 years of Life on the Road... Hey is that a penguin on your head? Talk with Slides 20 min

Elizabeth Taylor: Spotted Circus Alpacas and Llamas. Fiber Room Activities. Choices of topics she has available are (We will need to refine to fit time available):

- Soap Felting
- needle felting toys
- drop spindling
- · carding fiber
- dyeing demos
- · washing demo
- How to setup PayPal, Etsy and Ravelry so that at the end of the weekend the participant will have a live online presence. We will go through taking photographs and creating listings on Etsy and how to price your items. We will then cover where to tell the world about your products so that they can then buy them from you. This class requires a strong Wi-Fi connection point and for people to have an iPad or computer. Depending on the number and skill level of the participants this can be a one day or two-day class

Brenda Crum: Golden Spirit Alpacas. Brenda will focus her talks on the Business aspect and Nutrition of camelids.

"When we purchased alpaca, we invested in a long-term opportunity to raise livestock that keeps on giving. We strive to preserve the health of our animals with a continual focus on quality to protect that investment. We know our animals, study them, monitor them and of course, enjoy them."

Deb & Ulin Andrews: Log Cabin Llamas. This renown national llama show team will continue their grooming demonstration from the 2020 Conference: **Show Grooming Part II**

Because life is better with a llama! SOUTHERN STATES LLAMA ASSOCIATION'S

Annual Conference, Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet March 19 - 21, 2021

Plantation on Crystal River 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429

No outside food can be served for group activities. SSLA contract includes Saturday continental breakfast, break snacks, Saturday evening banquet and Sunday morning breakfast. Friday evening meal and all lunches are individual's responsibility. The resort has in-house West 82 Bar & Grill and Tiki Bar.

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING PACKAGES

SSLA is seeking Conference Level sponsors and print advertisers for the upcoming event. Please consider promoting your farm, products, service or store. This conference will be at Plantation on Crystal River Florida. In recognition that Crystal River coastal waters are home to the largest population of manatees on the west coast of Florida, the conference packages are given Florida Endangered or Threatened Species names. Note: the sponsorship is for the SSLA Conference not any endangered species organization.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY NIGHT SUNSET RIVER CRUISE (LIMIT 40) FEATURED SPEAKERS: ELIZABETH TAYLOR, MARTY MCGEE BENNETT, BRENDA CRUM, **DEB & ULIN ANDREWS** SSLA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING **AWARDS BANQUET & LIVE AUCTION RAFFLES** SILENT AUCTION VENDOR MARKET **NETWORKING**



Thank you so much for your continued support of our organization and program. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

YOUR 2021 CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM

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2021 Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) Annual Meeting and Conference Plantation on Crystal River, Florida

9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429

Room Reservations: 800-632-6262 and refer to Booking Name Southern States Llama Association (SSLA).

March 19-21, 2021

Questions regarding Conference or Registration:

Contact Vicki Sundberg, 910 269-1422, homesweethome 3@yahoo.com

Conference Registration Fees: Includes all conference programs, Awards Banquet, and Sunda	ay Breakfast. Make your own room reservations
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Conference Vendor Space: (\$25 to SSLA members, \$50 FA rithin the designated Llama Market. (Includes an eight-foot bar Yes, I will be bringing donation items for the raffle/auctic Friday Night Sunset Cruise (\$21.78 per person) at 6 PM I/ravel day & your arrival time may vary. PLEASE indicate so we do	nquet table) on. we (#) want to do it. Do not send money since this is a

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING ONE OF THE FLORIDA ENDANGERED SPECIES NAMED PACKAGES.

Conference Fee Postmarked Before March 1,	Number Attending	Total Amount
2021		
\$150 per adult SSLA Member		\$
\$165 per adult FALA, FABA Member		
\$185 After March 1, 2020		
\$195 per adult non-SSLA. non-FALA. non-FABA		
\$55 per youth SSLA Member		\$
\$60 per youth FALA or FABA Member		
\$70 after March 1, 2020		
\$80 per youth non-SSLA,non-FALA, non FABA		
\$60 per non-conference attendee Saturday Banquet		\$
à la carte Ad. Specify Conf. book or Direct.		\$
Web page ad specify Link or fill out form below		\$
Sponsorship Endangered Species Package:		\$
à la carte Simple monetary donation		\$
Conference Vendor Space		\$
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ALL Logo & artwork must be received by Feb. 15, 2021. Send to Tracy Weaver lots allamas@earthlink net

WEST INDIAN MANATEE PACKAGE (\$750)

- · Admission for two adults to the conference and awards banquet
- · Admission for two adults to the Friday night Boat Cruise
- A full-page ad in the Conference booklet (COLOR) and SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- One-year advertising on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- Your farm/business banner displayed at the event (if possible, mail ahead)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet
- Recognition at the beginning of each program session

FLORIDA PANTHER PACKAGE (\$700)

- Admission for two adults to the conference and awards banquet
- A full-page ad in the Conference booklet (COLOR) and SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- One-year advertising on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- Your farm/business banner displayed at the event (if possible, mail ahead)
- · A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet
- Recognition at the beginning of each program session

AMERICAN ALLIGATOR PACKAGE (\$400)

- · Admission for two adults to the Friday night Boat Cruise
- A full-page ad in the Conference booklet (COLOR) and SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- One-year advertising on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- Your farm/business banner displayed at the event (if possible, mail ahead)
- · A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet
- •Recognition at the beginning of each program session

SMALL TOOTH SAWFISH PACKAGE (\$350)

- A full-page ad in the Conference booklet (Color or B/W)
- One-year advertising on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)

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- Your farm/business banner displayed at the event (if possible, mail ahead)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet
- Recognition at the beginning of each program session

FLORIDA BLACK BEAR PACKAGE (\$350)

- A full-page ad in the SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- Advertising for one year on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet
- Recognition at the beginning of each program session

KEY DEER PACKAGE (\$325)

- A 1/2-page ad in the Conference booklet (B/W) AND SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- Advertising for six months on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet
- Recognition at the beginning of each program session

EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE PACKAGE (\$265)

- A 1/2-page ad in the SSLA Membership Directory (B/W) OR SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- Advertising for six months on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet

FLORIDA SCRUB JAY PACKAGE (\$210)

- A 1/4-page ad in the Conference booklet (Color or B/W) AND SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- Advertising for two months on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet

GOPHER TORTOISE PACKAGE (\$165)

- A 1/4-page ad in the Conference booklet (Color or B/W) OR SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- Advertising for two months on the SSLA web site (you choose the month to start)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet

FLORIDA BONNETED BAT PACKAGE (\$100)

- A Business Card ad in the Conference booklet (B/W) AND SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- Advertising for one month on the SSLA web site (you choose the month)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet

BROWN PELICAN PACKAGE (\$80)

- A Business Card ad in the Conference booklet OR SSLA Membership Directory (B/W)
- Advertising for one month on the SSLA web site (you choose the month)
- A brief advertisement at the beginning of the SSLA Awards Banquet

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À LA CARTE ADVERTISING

Conference Booklet

- Full page \$80
- Half page \$60
- Quarter page \$45
- Business card \$25

SSLA Directory

- Full page \$80
- Half page \$60
- Quarter page \$45
- Business card \$25

SSLA Web

- Hyperlink to your web page: \$10/month. Will list Farm Name, and hyperlink to your farm.
- Two-line ad: Approx. 63 spaces per line, 10-cents per space. One Month.

Example of Two-line ad: Look at www.SSLA.org Llama Info/help tab, scroll down to FOR SALE click on Llama Stuff, scroll down to the little girl with the lettuce.

As seen on site:

SundMist Pastures: Fabulous Llama Manure for Sale. 10-cents/lb. You Haul, you get great veggies. homesweethome 3@vahoo.com

You would submit to the web master like this:

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Monetary Donation: If you'd like to make a monetary donation but are not interested in receiving the other items in the packages, we appreciate any dollar amount donation.

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Historic Overnight Double Pack Trial Scott Koenig

This interesting article is from the Llama Journal, Summer 2004

In the mountains of Unicoi County in far-eastern Tennessee the dust has settled on the trail of PLTA's (Pack Llama Trial Association) first ever overnight double pack trial. What do I mean by an overnight double trial? The participants, some more brave than others, hiked a one-way trail on the Saturday of this past Memorial Day weekend ending at a place in the mountains in Unicoi, TN where they set up camp for the night. The next mroning we broke camp and started the second pack trial from there, hiking a different trail out with a new set of obstacles.

In the past, the panniers llamas carried on pack trials were filled with dead weight. Items such as sandbags, water bottles, or kitty litter were par for the course. On an overnight trial the panniers are filled with everything the handlers and llamas will need for the weekend. Sand bags and kitty litter are replaced with tents, sleeping bags, food, clothing, single burner stoves, pots & pans, collapsible buckets, and picket lines. In order to keep the pack weight at the PLTA prescribed 15% of the llama's body weight for an advanced trial, many people carried daypacks with a few items to offset the weight the llamas were carrying.

The trail proved to be a bit more strenuous than anticipated, and two of Saturday's entrants decided to skip a section, take the incomplete, and head up to the overnight camp. Sunday morning three more decided to join those two and take the short way out. The remaining four all completed. As this was the first-ever overnight double trial for PLTA, I think it only right that they be named, for it was those four handlers and their llamas who really made this small piece of history. They were Don Holliston leading Crystal River Sunday, Alvin Bean leading Lean Bear, Lance Hardcastle leading Petulant Dilemma, and, in my opinion the bravest of all, Dr. Susan Sterling leading Jamaerah.

Dr. Sterling had never done an advanced pack trial before and skipped out of the basic level to do the overnight. We are all very proud of her. Crystal River Sunday completed his advanced certification on, appropriately, Sunday, and may now be called "Crystal River Sunday APL." The APL stands for Advanced Pack Llama.

As one of the organizers of this historic first, I was concerned about the health and happiness of those who elected to cut things short. Initially, all the participants were planning on doing both the Saturday and Sunday trials. What I learned, which I had not really anticipated, was two-fold. First, adding weight to the backs of the people notably increases the difficulty of the course. And second, for some people the event was camping out, not the trial.

One of the folks who cut the first day short said, after all was done on Sunday, "I never intended to complete the trial. I just wanted to camp out." As far as we can tell, the camping out was a success for all. It did rain Sunday morning, but nature was polite enough to wait until all the tents were packed up so as not to disturb our casual morning. By having this group packing trip, with the added incentive of a pack trial, folks who wanted to pack overnight but were always reticent to venture out on their own found a safe way to get their feet wet.

By all accounts, the overnight double trial was a success, so we should all expect more PLTA events of this type, here and in other parts of the country. It's very exciting to have been the first. However, the real gratification won't come until there are others, and more people who do pack trials can truly be llama packers.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LLAMA EVENTS

Date	What	Where	Contact
Feb 26-28, 2021	Hillbilly Double Double Llama Show	Perry, GA	Kathy Devaul Kdevaul@bellsouth.net Cathie Kindler llamajudge@gmail.com
Mar 19-21, 2021	SSLA Annual Meeting & Conference	Plantation on Crystal River, Florida	
Apr 24-25, 2021	Florida State Fair Llama Show	Tampa, FL	

THE LLAMA TRAINER

...BEHOLD, THERE CAME THROUGH THE GATES OF THE CITY A LLAMA TRAINER FROM FAR OFF. AND IT CAME TO PASS AS THE DAYS WENT BY, HE TRAINED HIS LLAMAS PLENTY AND IN THAT CITY WERE LAGGARDS AND COMPLAINERS, THEY SPENT THEIR DAYS IN ADDING TO THEIR ALIBI SHEET. MIGHTILY THEY WERE AS-TONISHED AT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE STRANGER'S LLAMAS. THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, "WHAT THE HECKETH, HOW DOTH HE DO IT? HE MUST HAVE EASY LLAMAS TO TRAIN.".....AND IT CAME TO PASS THAT MANY WERE GATHERED AND A PROPHET CAME AMONG THEM. AND HE WAS ONE WISE GUY. AND THEY QUESTIONED HIM THUSLY, "HOW IS IT THAT THIS STRANGER HAS SUCH WELL-TRAINED LLAMAS?" WHEREUPON THE PROPHET MADE ANSWER, "HE OF WHOM YOU SPEAK IS ONE HUSTLER. HE ARISES VERY EARLY AND GOETH FORTH FULL OF PEP TO TRAIN HIS LLAMAS. HE COMPLAINETH NOT. DOTH HE DESPAIR. WHILE YOU LIE IN BED AND SAY VERILY, "THIS IS A TERRIBLE DAY TO TRAIN A LLAMA," HE IS ALREADY ABROAD. AND WHEN THE ELEV-ENTH HOUR COMETH, HE NEEDETH NO ALIBIS......HE TAKETH WITH HIM TWO ANGELS, PERSISTENCE AND PERSPIRATION, AND WORKETH LIKE HECKETH. VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, GO AND DO LIKEWISE.

From LLAMAS Magazine, 2001

Southern States Llama Association Advertising Opportunities



Our Llama Journal

Published Quarterly, your support helps SSLA and gets you customers Contact **Charlene Braun**, Online SSLA Journal Editor at turtlrun@earthlink.net

Our Obstacle Trailer

Our official SSLA Trailer carrying the show obstacles travels all over the highways and byways here in the South
Put your ad on the trailer and get high visibility
Contact Kathy Devaul at kdevaul@bellsouth.net

SSLA Discover Llama Magazine

Published for new camelid owner or those interested in owning llamas Contact **Tom Wilson** at williesspiritfarm@gmail.com

Southern States Llama Association Website

www.ssla.org

Members can advertise their animals, products, and "stuff" here on our web site Contact **Vicki Sundberg** at homesweethome 3@yahoo.com

Southern States Llama Association Annual Membership Directory

Members have the opportunity to promote farm, services, animals and products with print advertisements

Contact Lauri Jones at laurijones55@gmail.com

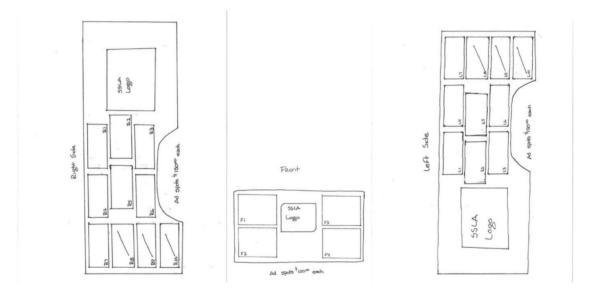
Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) Obstacle Trailer Advertising



Southern States Llama Association (SSLA)

Obstacle Trailer Advertising Form





SSLA is offering this MOBILE opportunity for visibility within the Southeast Region of the United States. Great limited space available opportunity to hit the roads, show rings, interstate, back roads, mountains and rest areas within the SSLA show area! SSLA is opening up the opportunity for marketing on the obstacle trailer! Limited space available. Artwork assistance available.

The profile photo of the trailer gives you a visual image of the opportunities available. The company that created the wrap artwork for the obstacle trailer is assisting with artwork design and installation. Advertisement is for a full year based on advertising contract. Ads for the side panels for \$150 per space. Ads for the front panel is \$100 per space. Payments must be received prior to space being reserved.

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