



INSPIRING TRAVEL
THROUGH RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM

Welcome SATW to Shipshewana!

On behalf of the Central States Chapter, I'm excited to work with Visit Shipshewana, LaGrange County, and their partners to bring our group of travel journalists and creators to Northern Indiana. There's an abundance of simple beauty, unique shopping, local traditions, and so much delicious food in this area - it's stories just waiting to be told. - Jill Robbins, Chair, Central States Chapter

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Monday, May 19

» **TBD - Shuttle transportation (pre-reserved) from SBN or FWA International Airport**

» **2:00-4:00pm - Conference Registration**

Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, Lobby

» **4:00-5:15pm - Opening Welcome Reception**

Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, Lobby

Sponsored by Visit Shipshewana - Welcome to Shipshewana with this light bite and hosted reception. Enjoy a cocktail, beer, wine, or soft drink with more available for purchase.

» **5:15pm - Bus arrives for dinner departure, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby**

» **5:30pm - Bus departs for Middlebury**

» **6:00pm - Hosted Dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury**

Sponsored by the Elkhart County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Please note: No alcohol is available at Das Dutchman Essenhaus

» **7:30pm - Bus departs for return to Blue Gate Garden Inn**

» **8-10pm - Sip, Snack, Smile - Explore with Lafayette- West Lafayette**

Hosted Complimentary Hospitality Room

Blue Gate Garden Inn - Lilac Room



Tuesday, May 20

» **6:30-8am - Bountiful Breakfast Buffet included with overnight stays at the Blue Gate Garden Inn**

» **8:00-8:50am - Opening Session & Key Note, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Wisteria Room**

Please note: All morning professional development and administrative announcements will take place in the Wisteria Room

» **8:00-Noon - Break Time Snacks**

Enjoy Indiana eats and treats along with coffee and beverages from all over Indiana

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» **9:00-9:50am - Professional Development Session, Smartphone Photography: Capture Stunning Moments on Your Phone, Nicky Omohundro, Little Family Adventure**

» **10:00-10:50am - DMO Panel**

Panel members:

Moderated by:

» **11:00-11:50am - Professional Development - Topic TBD**

» **Noon - Grab a tasty, fresh box lunch to eat now or on your bus tour**

Lunches will be distributed in the Wisteria Room

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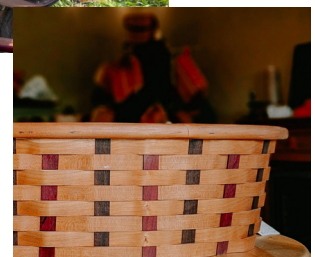
» **12:15pm - Tour buses arrive, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby**

12:30-5pm: A Day in the Life of an Amish Housewife Half Day Tour

Meet the Makers in Amish Country Half Day Tour

Buggies & Bison Half Day Tour - Note: No box lunch for this tour, a bison lunch is included on arrival at the ranch

» **5pm - All tours return to Blue Gate Garden Inn**



» 5:30pm - Dine around bus arrives at the Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby

» 5:45pm - Depart from Shipshewana for LaGrange

» 6-7:45pm - Graze LaGrange Dine Around Night

Receive a \$20 voucher ticket valid toward your personally ordered meal off the menu at either one of three pre-selected grub hubs: Linders Tavern on Main, Fireside Craft Burgers & Brews or Destination 814. Vouchers will be distributed as you board the free shuttle bus (or from the hotel lobby for those wishing to drive on their own). On arrival in LaGrange, start with a hosted Lavender cocktail reception at the new Bloomhouse Apothecary before a short walk to your dining experience.

» 8:00-10:00pm - Tastes and Libations Complimentary Hospitality Room

Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lilac Room

Sponsored by Visit Kosciusko County, Indiana CVB



Wednesday, May 21

» 6:30-8am - Bountiful Breakfast Buffet included with overnight stays at the Blue Gate Garden Inn

» 7:30am - Tour buses arrive, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby

» 7:45-Noon - Tour buses arrive, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby

7:45-Noon: Bidding and Bargains Half Day Tour

8:00-Noon: Once Upon a Farm Half Day Tour

8:15-Noon: A Taste of Shipshewana Half Day Tour

» Noon - All tours return to Blue Gate Garden Inn

» 12:20-2:00pm - Hosted Buffet Lunch

Blue Gate Garden Inn, Magnolia Room

Sponsored by: Visit Wayne County, Ohio CVB

» 2:30-4:00pm - Media Marketplace, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Wisteria Room

» 2:30-4:00pm - Break Time Snacks

Enjoy Indiana eats and treats along with coffee and beverages from all over Indiana

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» 5:15pm - Buses arrive at Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby

OR

Take a short walk (.30 mile, paved sidewalk) in the Spring air to the Farmstead Inn Pavilion

» 5:30-6:00pm - OPTIONAL - Farmstead Inn & Conference Center facility tours

Enjoy a free, short preview tour of the Farmstead Inn a beautiful hotel just across the street from the famous Shipshewana Auction & Flea Market, and within walking distance to local theatre, shops, and restaurants, offering cozy and friendly accommodations for the perfect Amish Country getaway.

» 5:30-8:00pm - Shuttle bus loop transportation between Blue Gate Garden Inn & Farmstead Inn

» 5:30-8:00pm - Meet the Makers IN Indiana Night, Farmstead Pavilion

Meet the Makers INIndiana! Numerous Indiana destinations welcome you to a fun-filled evening of hospitality, food, and fun. There are so many unique things to see and do INIndiana and tonight's dinner experience will offer attendees over a dozen interactive opportunities to hear some of our destinations' stories and highlights. A ticketed hosted bar opens the evening with options for more beverage purchases. Dinner is a chance-of-a-lifetime, authentic Amish Haystack Dining experience complete with Amish servers and a live "Buggy Buck" Auction. Gather your "bucks" at destination tables (negotiate and talk your way to earning more from your Indiana friends) then bid high and often to earn Indiana prize packages and gift baskets of local swag. You will have loads of fun, learn new things, and taste local cuisine all in one great evening.

Sponsored by Visit Indiana, Steuben County CVB and many other Indiana CVB's



» 8:00-10:00pm - Hosted Hospitality Room, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lilac Room

Thursday, May22

» 6:30-8am - Bountiful Breakfast Buffet included with overnight stays at the Blue Gate Garden Inn

» 8:15am - Tour buses arrive, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby

» 7:45-Noon - Tour buses arrive, Blue Gate Garden Inn, Lobby

8:30-5:15pm: Hometown Treasure Discovery - Full Day Tour includes lunch served inside an Amish home. Sponsored by Visit Shipshewana CVB

9:00-4:00pm: From Golden Domes to Dinosaurs, in South Bend Indiana - Full Day Tour includes lunch at the third iteration of the South Bend Public House the newest restaurant of the South Bend Chocolate Factory. Sponsored by Visit South Bend CVB.

9-3:30pm: Rollin' on the River - An outdoor Full Day Tour experience on the Pigeon River, includes lunch outdoors near the river, picnic style, featuring hot sub sandwiches, assorted munchies, treats, and beverages. Sponsored by Indiana Dunes Tourism CVB

» 3:30-5:15pm - All tours return to Blue Gate Garden Inn

» 5:45-6:15pm - Hosted Closing Cocktail Reception

Blue Gate Performing Arts Center

Sponsored by: Blue Gate Hospitality

Enjoy a complimentary cocktail, beer, wine, or soft drink before dinner. A cash bar will be available for purchases during dinner.

» 6:30-7:00pm - Closing Keynote/Presentation, Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, Ballroom A

» 7:00-7:45pm - Blue Gate Thrashers Buffet Dinner, Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, Ballroom A

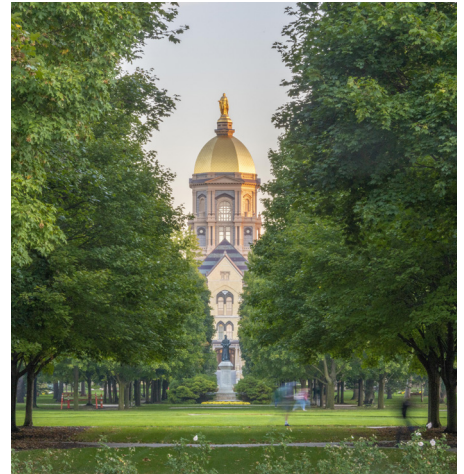
The Blue Gate Restaurant welcomes you to their Performing Arts Center Ballroom for a delicious Amish Buffet complete with multiple meats, sides, salads, bread, and desserts. Crispy broasted chicken, tasty, seasoned meatloaf, tender beef roast, creamy mashed potatoes, farm fresh green beans, homemade breads, pies, and more will fill you with the flavors and tastes of Grandma's house.

» 8:00-9:30pm - Meet Loaf...the Ultimate Tribute Concert



Blue Gate Performing Arts Center

The "Meet Loaf" tribute show epitomizes the Meat Loaf experience in a look-a-like and sound-a-like event, that leaves audiences awestruck. A world-class show! If you love the music of Meat Loaf, get revved up, because Meet Loaf really ignites! For crying out loud, and in the words of the Meat Loaf legend himself, "Keep Rockin'!"



Friday, May23

» 6:30-8am - Bountiful Breakfast Buffet included with overnight stays at the Blue Gate Garden Inn

Departures for home or POST FAMS

» TBD - Airport Shuttle Transportation, if reserved