



The Winnie Gate

A Newsletter for Members of the Florida State Winnie Gators

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SPECIAL EDITION NEWS!!

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are enjoying your summer where ever you are! Here's a news FLASH for the members who are going to GNR! Right now we have about 75 coaches registered to attend and we hope more of you out there are planning to join us!! There is still time to register or just drive in!

When you arrive at the grounds be sure you find us at the head of the Florida Row! You **MUST** sign up at our tent for our Florida activities so we know how many to plan for!

Monday, July 9th will be our annual dinner at Branding Iron Restaurant in Thompson, IA. Prime Rib is the specialty but there are other items on the menu. A cash bar will be available.

Wednesday, July 11th will be the Hog Roast Dinner at our row. Tickets will be \$10 per person for Winnie Gators members, and \$12.50 for non members. These tickets will go fast so don't be left out!

The Puckerbrush Parade will be Saturday, July 14th—you don't want to miss this! Be there to see our pirate ship float and the cannons that will actually fire candy thanks to David Nobert!

Don't forget to bring some decorations for your coach! It just adds to the fun for all!

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The opening ceremonies parade will be held on Sunday, July 15th. We invite anyone from our Florida folks who would like to march in the parade—you are cordially invited! If you have a costume—this is one of the times to wear it! The times will be announced so be sure to check in at our tent!

Monday, July 16th will be the Beanbag Baseball Tournament. **WE NEED PLAYERS!!!** Come to the tent and sign up! We also need referees, scorekeepers and cheerleaders! Our team captain is Mike Sofarelli and he will probably hold a practice sometime before the tournament on Monday!

Monday, July 16th—all you GNR First Timers from Florida—we will host a special party for you at our tent beginning at 3:00pm! Free food, adult beverages and fun will be served! The rest of the Florida folks will arrive at 4:00pm to share in our Happy Hour.

Tuesday, July 17th will be our traditional Row Party Event! All state rows will be open for business and sharing in some kind of food or drink so be sure to come to Florida first then you can wander off if you choose to do so! We plan to begin serving the Florida folks before the stated 4:00pm start time so be checking with us. The roving band that entertains during the Row Party will be stopping by where ever we are so watch for that and be with us to give them a HUGE welcome!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AT GNR!!! If you able to add your name to the list of volunteers to ride on the people movers or do traffic duty for a 2 hour shift **LET US KNOW!** You can email Nancy or Jerry and we'll add you to the list! We are **PROUD** of the fact that Florida always steps up to help!!! **THANKS!**

If anyone has any questions about GNR we're here to help you! Those of you making the trip will have a **GREAT** time! Those not able to join us, have a **SAFE** summer and we'll look for you in October at Alligator Park in Punta Gorda, FL! **Happy Trails!**

Jerry



BRING EXTRA WATER HOSES WITH YOU TO GNR!! WE HAVE A GOOD SYSTEM FOR THE BUDDY WATER FILL UPS FOR YOUR WATER TANKS! WE WILL EXPLAIN IT AT OUR FIRST HAPPY HOUR! YOU'LL LOVE IT!

Anyone interested in the GNR Tour of the Amish Country for Friday, July 13th? Lisa at the WIT office needs some help! She needs a host to go on the tour—at no cost to you! If you are interested let us know and we'll put you in touch with Lisa!

