

SUNDAY: (October 6) *Dinner Riverboat Cruise on the Illinois River!* - \$40.00 per person

Approximate times: 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Buffet Dinner, 2 Hour Cruise - Includes a High Energy Live Show!

Join the cast and crew on the Spirit of Peoria live on the 2nd deck of the turn-of-the century style sternwheeler for one of our spectacular dinner cruises. The cruise includes dinner before the show on the first deck of the Spirit and a cruise north through the Peoria Narrows, weather permitting. Seating will be theater style, and fun is mandatory!

"Evening Under the Stars - Relax, dine, and cruise as you step back in time with live music, gourmet food, and historic sounds. Enjoy this delightful sunset cruise aboard our time-machine and experience the life and sounds of the Illinois River Valley. "

Menu: Chef Carved Bayou Prime Rib, Aunti Skinners Chicken and Rice, Chef's Signature Party Potatoes, Green Bean Almandine, Caesar Salad, French Bread, and gourmet cheesecake. Coffee and Iced tea.

"This dinner features a hot homemade buffet, a two-hour riverboat cruise, and world-class entertainment bringing some hand-clappin, toe-tappin, Branson style musical revues a bit closer to home.

Dine, cruise, and enjoy the show. Don't miss the boat!

MONDAY: (October 7) *Tour Lincoln Sites in Springfield, Illinois !* - \$45.00 per person

Approximate times: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Buses will leave the Peoria Civic Center and travel to Springfield to visit Abraham Lincoln's home, and tomb. After visiting these two historic sites, you'll enjoy lunch at the Chesapeake Seafood Buffet, then travel to Lincoln's New Salem for a look at how the settlement was back when Lincoln walked its streets. *Flavorful tour depicting one of the most famous men in US history.*

TUESDAY: (October 8) *Caterpillar Tractor Company - \$10.00 full tour - \$7.00 Proving Grounds only*

Approximate times: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM for plant tour: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM for Proving Grounds

Although you came to Peoria for rabbits, this is a great chance for you to see the Big Cats play ! In the morning you can visit the East Peoria Caterpillar Tractor Company plant and see how the heavy duty construction equipment is put together from the bottom up. See the plant workers in their normal daily routine (About a 1 1/2 - 2 hour walking tour). In the afternoon you will enjoy watching the heavy duty equipment in motion at the Caterpillar Proving Grounds. Skilled operators will put on a show with the "Big Cats" by demonstrating their uses and versatility via a show that will fascinate both young and old. Watch tons of steel and hydraulic fluids move about like agile jungle cats. (about 2 - 2 1/2 hours)

(Price includes transportation and admissions only. Lunch IS NOT provided on this tour.) After visiting the East Peoria plant you will be returned to the Civic Center. After about an hour's break, you will be bused to the Proving Grounds. *You can grab lunch on your own in between.* *Due to a tight time schedule, only the first 50 people signing up for the full tour will be able to visit the East Peoria plant. However, the afternoon trip to the Proving Grounds is open to all that are interested. You may sign up for the full tour, or the Proving Grounds only. **NO CAMERAS ARE ALLOWED ON THE TOUR THROUGH THE EAST PEORIA PLANT!**

TUESDAY NIGHT: (October 8) *Skating Party.* - \$10.00 per person

Approximate times: 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

While the ARBA Banquet is taking place, those youth and adults not attending will have the opportunity to skate the night away. Transportation will take you from the Peoria Civic Center to the skating rink in Morton, Illinois. There you will enjoy 3 hours of skating and music. There will be a cash snack bar open, so bring your allowance and grab something to eat while you rest in between songs. *(Price includes transportation, admission, and skate rental only.)*

WEDNESDAY: (October 9) *WILDLIFE PRAIRIE STATE PARK.* - \$25.00

Approximate times: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

In 1996, this was a very popular tour, and was booked again by popular request. Wildlife Prairie State Park is an excellent site to view the animals native to Illinois in their own natural habitat. A walking tour of the grounds will begin the day, followed by a buffet lunch. Then enjoy experienced animal handlers as they show and tell about some of the animals you will see at the park. A day spent in the outdoors with plenty to see, eat, and remember on your trip home. Lunch buffet *tentatively* includes selection of breads, coleslaw, potato salad, roast beef, turkey, ham, cheese, cookies, brownies, iced tea, water, and coffee.

(Price includes transportation, admission, and lunch).

* Banquet and Tour reservations must be postmarked no later than August 31st to be included. NO events tickets will be sold at the convention. Illinois Rabbit and Cavy Shows reserves the right to cancel any event not having ample participation required by the host provider.