

Balloons, Paddles, Tubes, Camping & Cabins event

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Join the Tall Club of Milwaukee for a fun weekend in central Wisconsin, featuring a Balloon Rally in Wisconsin Rapids and a camping or cabins stay at a beautiful resort on the Wisconsin River just north of the Dells. The resort owners are expert canoe and kayak outfitters and also offer tubing excursions on the Wisconsin River complete with a shuttle bus service. **All participants will arrange their own lodging, food, beverages and gear.** Campsite reservations must be made directly with the resort. Lodging for the cabins (handled by the Milw club) will be **bed space assigned on a first-reserved, first choice basis.** There are also hotels nearby. See links to area tourism offices below.



RESORT INFO: Website is www.pointbluff.com. Resort is 18 miles north of the Dells, 44 miles south of Wisc Rapids. There are two cabins we can rent; the largest has a full kitchen, the smaller has a microwave, coffee maker and a refrigerator. There is a restaurant and bar on site. The campsites are beautiful (our members have stayed here in the past) and many campsites are along the river with views. Bring your own bed linens or sleeping bags and towels. Resort supplies blankets and pillows in the cabins. Campsites number less than 25 and each has



electric service. There is a central water source, a shower house and some of the campsites can accommodate two units. On the weekends there is a 2-night campsite minimum for campsite reservations. See the website for prices.

BALLOON RALLY INFO, Wisconsin Rapids: Website is www.cmnballoonrally.com. This rally on the Wisc Rapids airport grounds is one of the largest in Wisconsin and is a prelude to the huge rally in Albuquerque. Balloon rally events:

Friday night launch at 6pm, balloon glow starting at 8pm, band on main stage at 8:30pm.

Saturday: launch at 6:30am, pancake breakfast served until 11, craft sale opens at noon, beer tent opens 2pm, balloon launch at 6pm, balloon glow 8:30, fireworks at 9pm.

Sunday: 6:30am to 11am pancake breakfast and Fly In, balloon launch 7am.

CANOEING, KAYAKING, TUBING: The resort has a reputation for being an excellent outfitter. Choose from several paddling trips (beginners welcome) from an hour-and-a-half to four hours. There is a longer five-to-seven hour trip for experienced paddlers. The resort offers the *only* tubing excursions in the area! They have bright-colored professional tubes plus special tubes for your cooler. You are invited to play at sandbars on your way down the river.



OTHER ACTIVITIES: Roche-A-Cri state park 20 miles north of the resort has excellent hiking trails and fabulous views. The Dells (Wisconsin's version of Las Vegas for families) has world-famous water parks and scenic boat rides that offer stops to hike on flat trails among rock bluffs on shore. This region of central Wisconsin has many places to canoe, hike, bike on a trail, fish or rent a boat. Or, just bring a stack of books and veg all weekend under a shade tree and swap stories around a campfire at night. Nearby are: golf, museums, scenic drives, state parks, a tour of Wisc's oldest cranberry marsh, speedways, casinos, Rapids Municipal Zoo, Sandhill wildlife area. For Wisc Rapids tourism info: www.visitwisrapds.com. Website for Dells area: www.wisdells.com.

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CONTACT Larry from the Milw Tall Club for more information or to reserve your place in a cabin (which will require a deposit).
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