

The Society of Indiana Pioneers
Hoosier Heritage Fall Pilgrimage
EXPLORE the WEST FORK AREA of the
WHITEWATER RIVER and
ENJOY DINNER WITH GOV. MORTON

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Price: \$163

(Includes transportation, lunch, 1860s-era dinner reception, admissions, gratuities & donations to sites and driver)

Minimum: 25 travelers; Maximum: 35 (may be adjusted to 50/use waitlist)

Join us for a Fall Pilgrimage to eastern Indiana that will include visits to the legendary Hoosier Gym in Knightstown and tours of Cambridge City and Centerville to introduce visitors to life on the historic National Road at the intersection with the Whitewater Canal. Capping off the day will be an 1860s era meal in the Centerville home owned by Governor and Senator Oliver P. Morton, thought by many to be the most consequential Governor of Indiana. At dinner, visitors will meet a historian and performer portraying the Senator who will offer comments on his life and times as Indiana's Civil War Governor and Reconstruction Senator.

- Enjoy commentary from Nelson Price and Ron Morris on the motor coach on the drive east.
- Tour the historic Knightstown Academy, a 19th century school initially built as a Quaker seminary. It has been restored and repurposed into Academy Place, a senior residential community.
- At the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown, meet notables connected with the iconic movie Hoosiers (1986), including Bobby Plump (subject to availability).

Visit the site of the first Women's Rights Conference in Indiana occurring immediately after the conference in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848.

In the town of Cambridge City, see where Solomon Meredith of the Civil War's Iron Brigade lived, and learn how his daughter-in-law became the first female trustee of Purdue University.

Visit a restoration in progress at the Cambridge City Opera House, hidden in plain view.

Enjoy a quaint lunch at the newly restored King's Café.

In the living room of the Overbeck House, visitors will see where sisters created premier Arts and Crafts style pottery.

Visit the Cambridge City History Room at the town Library and the Overbeck Pottery Collection.

Tour the National Register town of Centerville and see on-going restoration progress at the Morton Home.

Walk the original pioneer Main Street of Centerville where people still live in 1820-1830 homes.

See where abolitionist Levi Coffin was brought before a Grand Jury. Though he freely admitted to helping slaves escape, no charges were brought against him.

Enjoy the flavors of an 1860s spring meal from a Hoosier cookbook including treats that might have been found on the Governor's table and meet Governor now Senator Oliver P. Morton as he returns to his Centerville home to talk about politics and the issues facing the nation.

Depart: Indianapolis: 8 a.m. promptly from Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Please arrive 15 minutes early for prompt departure. Park at lower level of parking lot, north of church.

Knightstown at 9 a.m. from the empty parking lot across from Knightstown Academy at 340 N Adams, Knightstown, IN

Return: **Knightstown** at 7:30 p.m. (approx.) to empty parking lot across from Knightstown Academy

Indianapolis at 8:30 p.m. (approx.) to Second Presbyterian Church.

Cancellation policy:

No cancellation fee applies for any cancellation before August 11, 2021. After that, no refund unless we have someone on the wait list to take your place. If there isn't a wait list, you are welcome to find a replacement to fill your spot.

CALL FOR TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO YOU

To make a reservation, mail the tear-off form and check payable to:
Thomson Travel 5764 East Fall Creek Parkway, N. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226
For answers to questions, contact Sue Thomson at 317-908-9602 s.thomsontravel@gmail.com

To make a reservation for "The West Fork of the Whitewater River" trip:

Name(s) _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell (required if you have one) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

PICKUP LOCATION (circle one): **Indianapolis** **Knightstown**

Checks only! # of reservations: _____ @ \$163 = \$ _____

Lunch choices (circle choices):

Soup: chicken noodle or tomato basil

Florentine Sandwiches: chicken salad on wheat, Italian panini, or corned beef Reuben on rye.

Dessert: German chocolate cake or red velvet cake.