

# FLAGSTAFF CAMPOUT

October 13, 2018

Join the Outdoor Group on a great day among the glorious fall aspen color outside of Flagstaff. That evening we will have great fun around a campfire, sharing stories, listening to music (I have it from a very good source that some of our musicians will be bringing instruments, and you are invited to bring any instrument you play!), enjoying fun food, and connecting with fellow UUer's in a way that can only happen around a campfire.

Todd and Stephanie Haughton will be leading a beautiful hike through a breathtakingly beautiful fall landscape of yellow aspens. (See attached flyer with hike details.)

After the hike everyone can return to their campsite or hotel room for a short rest before we reconvene for a hotdog roast around an open campfire. Ed and Bonnie will be camped in their RV again this year, beginning Thursday afternoon, October 11, and remaining until Sunday, October 14 – possibly extending until Monday, October 15, if others wish to keep the hiking opportunities going.

We had originally thought to camp at last year's location, the Bonita Campground. Unfortunately, that campground is closed for the season on October 9. Fear not! We have an alternate plan!

We will be camped at the Cinder Hills Off Highway Vehicle Area in the OHV dispersed free camping area. It is located 9.6 miles northeast of Flagstaff on US 89 (starting point, US 89 and Country Club Drive on the east side of Flagstaff). Traveling northeast of Flagstaff on US 89, turn right onto FR 776, travel approximately 1.3 miles to the free campground. Camping is allowed all along this road; so we may be a little farther down the road. We have a yard sign with OUTDOOR GROUP that will be out where people can see it. If it is too windy to be out in the open, the sign will be attached to the RV where it is visible from the road side of the RV. See attached map for clarification. Look for a tan and cream colored 1999, 35-foot Fleetwood Bouncer with a black Jeep Wrangler close by. Picture attached to this e-mail.

We will provide: firewood, a few chairs, tables, plates, knives, forks, spoons, napkins, plastic glasses, marshmallow roasting forks, hot dogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, relish, diced onions, and, of course, s'mores ingredients. **NOTE: NO GLASS IS ALLOWED IN THIS CAMPING AREA!**

You need to bring: a camping chair for each person in your party (we will have a few chairs if you do not have a chair to bring), warm clothing (the temperatures are in the low 40's after dark), a dish to share that does not need to be reheated (last year several of the folks picked up something at the deli at Flagstaff Safeway), something to drink, camping gear if you plan to spend the night at the campground (this is a pack-it-in, pack-it-out (everything) camping area).

That means there are NO bathrooms, no water, no electricity. We do have an electrical outlet on our RV should you need to recharge your phone.

Last year several people chose to spend the night at one of the motels along Business Route 40 in Flagstaff instead of camping. I have attached a map shot of Flagstaff, showing some suggestions for possible motels. Please note that I have not stayed in any of these motels and am not recommending them over something else you may have in mind.

Where we are camping, the ground is covered with volcanic cinders. Unfortunately, it is not wheelchair friendly. You may want to bring extra padding if you plan to sleep on the ground.

Connectivity is very spotty in this location. We cannot count on receiving text or e-mails at our campsite. We will be traveling around the area, and any time I have connectivity, I will check text and e-mails. Please do not count on reaching us after Thursday afternoon. Do check your e-mail on Friday morning. I will send another e-mail with details as to exactly where we are located on Fire Road 776.

Please RSVP to the e-mail address below so we can get an estimate of the number of people to expect. Also please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. We hope to see you in Flagstaff!

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