

**Kol Ami Camping Weekend Guide**  
**July 30 -August 1, 2010**  
**20 Knox Road**  
**Gettysburg, PA 17325**  
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**Gettysburg – KOA Introduction**

The purpose of this package is to help each of you to bring the right things and enjoy the camping trip. Whether you are a seasoned veteran tent camper or going to be roughing it in a lodge, this trip is for you! I have put together this packet to hopefully answer any questions you may have and help you prepare for our weekend adventure. If I have left some information out you need or you think may be helpful, please let me know.

Our goal is to have a fun, community-building event. Few things compare to the enjoyment you can have with a group trip of this nature and especially a community campfire.

Please let me know if you have any issues while at the campground. They are one of the best facilities in the area and try to make sure everything is just right each day.

After the weekend I will be asking for feedback, please be honest so we can continue to improve and expand this event.

*This year we are asking for a \$20 per family donation to offset some of the costs we will incur as a group such as the community site, extra firewood, etc. If you can provide the donation in cash it would be greatly appreciated since it will be spent throughout the weekend. In the event there is money left over, we will donate the funds back to the congregation.*

Shalom,  
Steve Fleisher

**Directions to the Campground**

1. Head North on US-15
2. Make a slight left turn on S Seton Ave. (towards Emmitsburg)
3. Turn Left at W Main St/MD-140 (in Emmitsburg)
4. Head Northwest on MD-140 Waynesboro Pike toward Tract Road. Continue to follow Waynesboro Pike (You will enter Pennsylvania on this road)
5. Turn Right on Fairfield Rd/PA-116 (as if you are going to Ski Liberty) and go approximately 8.5 miles
6. Turn left at Knoxlyn-Orrtanna Rd. Go approximately 1.6 miles. (There is a KOA sign at the turn)
7. Bear Left on Knox Road. Campground entrance 200 ft on left.

Please note, there are many ways to get to this campground, these are just for reference. If you are using a GPS system, just put in the address and let it go.

**Kol Ami  
Camping Weekend Schedule  
Friday, July 30, 2010**

2:00pm Check in begins  
5:00pm Bring your own dinner and eat with friends at community site.  
8:00pm Family Shabbat Service  
9:00pm Group Campfire/Family Time

**Saturday, July 31, 2010**

7:30-10am Pancake Breakfast Available at Pavilion  
9:30-10:30 Saturday Morning Service (Community Campsite)  
10:00 – Pool Opens  
4:00 pm – Drum Presentation (Pavilion)  
6:00 pm – Community Potluck Dinner (Community Campsite)  
7:30 pm – Havdalah Service (Community Campsite)  
8:00 pm – Pool Closes  
8:00 pm – Snake Presentation (Pavilion)  
9:00 pm – Campfire/Family Time (Community Campsite)

**Sunday, August 1, 2010**

7:30-10am Pancake Breakfast Available at Pavilion  
10:00 – Pool Opens  
12 pm Kabin Checkouts  
2 pm Tent/RV Site Checkouts  
Please Note that there may be more events provided by the campground listed in your check-in materials.

**Things to do**

Things to do with your free time in Gettysburg Area:

**Battlefield Tours (Self Guided, Bus and Walking Tours available)**

For the non-history buffs, Gettysburg was one of the most bloody and important battles in the Civil War. There are many wonderful sites, monuments and so forth to help you and the kids learn about this important point in US history.

**See The Town**

There are many shops in the downtown area, just minutes from the campground. They range from Civil War memorabilia to a Fairy Shop. On a nice day, it is fun just to window shop in the downtown area on the square.

**Shopping**

For those who cannot seem to get enough, the Gettysburg outlets are less than 20 minutes away.

**After Dark**

In town after dark, there are horse drawn tours that are wonderful, Ghost tours of the town and many other walking sites.

**For Those who don't want to leave the campground:**

**Swimming** – The pool is open 10-8 daily

**Chess and Checkers** – The campground has giant chess and checkers sets to play on.

**Mini Golf** – There is a small mini-golf course (Fee)

**Cart Rentals** – For those who want to wear the kids out riding through the campground up and down the hill (Fee)

**Nature Hikes** – There is a nice trail around the edge of the campground for those who would like to take an afternoon walk.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What Do I need to bring if I am staying in a Kabin?**

Camping in a Kamping Kabin is easy - all you need to supply is bedding (sleeping bags or bed linens), cooking and eating utensils, and personal items. Restrooms, hot showers and coin laundry facilities are nearby.

### **What do I need to bring if I am staying in a Kottage or Lodge?**

All you need to bring is your own bedding (sleeping bags or bed linens), bath towels, and personal items.

### **How are we working meals?**

The only community meal will be Saturday Dinner, which will be a potluck dinner. For this meal, here is how we are breaking things down:

**SideDishes: Star, Hoffrichter, Kilmer**

**Salad/Desserts/Smores: Nelson, Plaisance**

**Main Dishes: Fleisher, Sikowitz, Stickley**

**Because we are much fewer families this year, please make sure there is enough of whatever you bring for all to taste or eat. We also do have some vegetarians in our group, so be cognizant of that as well. I will get some Hot Dogs and Hamburgers out of the community money as well.**

Several things about the food you bring to the community dinner:

1. Out of respect for historic custom, we require that all food be "kosher-style". In other words, that dishes be labeled as meat or dairy and that congregants refrain from bringing items traditionally considered "traif" (i.e. pork and shellfish).
2. We are expecting to have as many as 70 and possible more people at dinner Saturday night with people staying over and others coming up for the day, make sure you bring substantial portions of whatever you are contributing. We do not want anyone going hungry.
3. If someone in your group has special food needs (vegetarian, diabetic or food allergies, kosher) we ask you bring food for them separate to ensure they have what they need.

### **The Community Site**

We have reserved one tent site near the center of the campground to be used to do our community events. Since these are simple tent sites, we will need people to provide a number of items to make the community site work. They are as follows:

**Tables** (folding)

**Chairs** (Last year everyone brought enough for their family)

**Garbage Bags**

**Canopies** – We have a 10x10 but one or two more may be useful if weather is uncooperative.

**Lanterns or Lights** (We have some)

**Labor** – It takes effort to setup and clean-up, please contribute

**Guitars/with players** – There is nothing better than a campfire with a song leader or two!

**Firewood** – We want to have two nights of campfires so we need a fair amount of wood.

**Board Games/Card Games** – These can be for the kids or the adults. This is family time and there is nothing better than some old-fashioned board games or card games to pass the time with friends.

### **What we learned in prior years that you should know.....**

- A. Be Considerate -- If you bring a pet make sure it is friendly and well behaved.....not everyone is an animal lover.
- B. Watch your Kids – There are no babysitters at the campground or being hired by Kol Ami, we all need to be mindful of our children.
- C. Follow Campers Etiquette – If you are new to camping and you do not know what this means, talk to an experienced camper. Here are a couple of general rules:
  - Quiet time means quiet time, noise should be contained to your site (as well as flash light beams, bright lights, dog barking and kids who refuse to sleep!!!)
  - Do not walk through other's campsites. Campers are generally a very respectful group and give each other space.
  - Leave the bathrooms as clean or cleaner then you found them. These are public facilities, we all like them clean.
  - If you forgot something, ask one of the regulars, we may have extra or can tell you where you can get what you need.
  - If you play a radio, play it low, not for the campground.

## Gettysburg KOA Specific Items to be aware of:

1. The pancake breakfast has an excellent reputation and is very inexpensive if you don't want to cook breakfast. (Cash only)
2. Phone service is a bit spotty there, but does work.
3. Free wireless internet is available for the addicted.
4. Ice, firewood (Expensive) and a multitude of other items can be purchased at the camp store. The store is open 9am - 8pm

## Day Tripper's Section

For those of you not wanting to "rough" it with us for the entire weekend, you are more than welcome to join us for the day Saturday. Please notify Steve Fleisher if you are coming and how many of you there will be.

**Admission** - There is a charge for day visits in the park from KOA.

Adults \$4

Children \$2

**Parking** -- may be on the edge of the campground. They do not have much parking inside the facility beyond campers. When you arrive, check in at office and they will instruct you where to park.

**Clothing** – If you are going to make a long day of it, bring a change of clothes, bathing suits, towels and maybe even some evening "sweats". The temperature at this time of year can vary up to 30 degrees from day to evening.

**Facilities** – There are public restrooms and showers that can be used to get changed and clean up. They are nice facilities and well kept. One is located by the office and the other is located up near our community sites.

**Food** – You are somewhat on your own here. Most will arrive after breakfast so you don't have to worry about that. Lunch may best be served by cold sandwiches or something you can keep in a cooler. We will have tables and chairs in the community site so that will be a place you can eat, or with one of your friends who may be staying over. Dinner is a potluck dinner and as is mentioned in an earlier section, you need to bring a potluck size dish. If you can fit it in your cooler, great, if not contact Steve Fleisher and we can see what arrangements we can make. We don't have extra facilities for cooking or refrigerating, but at least we can help keep it out of the hot sun. See the section on the Community site for other items you may want to bring

Notes/reminder for camping family: Use the space below as a reminder list.