

Greater Michigan City Welcomes You

70th Annual National Drifters Convention Registration Packet

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July 22 - 26, 2026
Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa
777 Blue Chip Drive
Michigan City, Indiana 46360

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The National Drifters, Incorporated

Greetings Drifter Sisters!

It is with great excitement that we invite you to attend the 70th Annual National Drifters Convention, graciously hosted by the Greater Michigan City Chapter in Michigan City, Indiana.



This year's convention promises to be a meaningful and engaging experience as we come together to celebrate our legacy, strengthen our bonds, and reimagine our future. You can look forward to inspiring sessions, impactful workshops, and memorable fellowship with Drifters from across the country.

Your presence is vital to the success of our convention. Whether you are a first-time attendee or a seasoned delegate, there is something for everyone. Family and friends are also invited to enjoy the many sights and unique charm of the delightful resort town of Michigan City.

As you prepare to complete your online registration, we encourage you to take a moment to review this registration packet for important details on registration, accommodations, and the full convention schedule.

We look forward to welcoming you!

With warmest regards,

Drifter Linda

Linda M. Carter-McClure

Drifter Linda M. Carter-McClure
National President



The Greater Michigan City Chapter

Dear Members of The National Drifters, Incorporated,

It is with great joy, pride, and heartfelt enthusiasm that we, on behalf of The Greater Michigan City Chapter, welcome you to the 70th Annual National Drifters Convention of The National Drifters, Incorporated.

As we gather to celebrate this extraordinary milestone, we are honored to host you under this year’s inspiring theme, “Anchored in Legacy: Sailing Toward the Future.” This convention commemorates seventy years of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and leadership while honoring the strong foundation of our past and embracing the promise of our future.

We are thrilled to welcome you to beautiful Michigan City, Indiana, where this landmark celebration will be hosted at the exceptional Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa. Nestled along the shores of Lake Michigan, this premier destination provides the perfect backdrop for a week filled with meaningful connections, memorable experiences, and elevated celebrations.

Throughout this special convention, attendees will enjoy:

- **Scholarship and awards programs celebrating excellence and achievement**
- **Elegant social events, including our signature Platinum Gala**
- **Opportunities to reflect on our legacy while charting the future of Drifterdom**

As Chair and Co-Chair, we are deeply honored to share this historic occasion with each of you. Your participation, dedication, and commitment continue to strengthen The National Drifters, Incorporated and ensure our mission remains vibrant for generations to come.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to Michigan City from July 22–26, 2026, for an unforgettable convention experience filled with celebration, connection, and purpose.

With Drifter Pride and Sisterly Love,

Angie Nelson Deutch, Chair

Carla Mock, Co-Chair



70th Annual National Drifters Convention
"Anchored in Legacy: Sailing Toward the Future"

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CONVENTION FACT SHEET

[REGISTRATION]

- Online registration is open at and accessible at the National Drifters, website at: <https://driftersinc.org/>
No On-site Registration
- No registration will be accepted after **Friday, June 19, 2026.**
- Registration will not be completed until payment is received.
- No cash accepted: Personal checks, cashier's checks, and money orders payable to: The Greater Michigan City Drifters. See address below.
- Registration will be confirmed by email to the registering Drifter upon receipt of online or paper registration and payment.
- All Driftwood, Male Guests, Female Guests, and Kindling/ Splinters must complete a registration form(s) and submit appropriate fees prior to the registration cutoff date of **Friday, June 19, 2026**, to gain admission to a ny convention event.
- Driftwood Bundled Convention Package I ncludes: admission to Wednesday Welcome Dinner Party, Thursday Beachside Soiree Dinner, Friday Dine Around and Shopping Transportation, Saturday Evening Gala, and Hospitality & Social Access Pass
- Male and Female Guests, Bundled Convention Package Includes: admission to Wednesday Welcome Dinner Party, Thursday Beachside Soiree Dinner, Friday Dine Around and Shopping Transportation, Saturday Evening Gala, and Hospitality & Social Access Pass.

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- ***All Registrations are due by June 19, 2026***
 - ***Registrations postmarked later than June 19, 2026 will not be accepted.***

[Cancellation Policy: \$50 Handling fee]

- Registration cancellation requests must be in writing and sent to the email address below; they are discretionary.
- A \$50.00 handling fee will be deducted from the refund for all cancellations.
- A full refund, minus the \$50 handling fee, will be given if the request is postmarked/received electronically on or before Friday June 12, 2026.
- A \$100 handling fee will be given if the request is postmarked/received electronically on or after Friday June 26, 2026.
- A 50% refund will be given if the request is postmarked/received electronically on or after Monday, July 6, 2026.
- Extenuating circumstances (i.e., death, illness, etc.) will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by convention chairs.
- Refunds will be issued no earlier than 30 days after the convention.

[Substitute Registration]

- A non-attending Drifter may substitute for registered Drifter by written request to: mcdrifterconvention@gmail.com
- The request should include the name of the substitute Drifter, date, and signature of both the non-attending Drifter and the registered Drifter.
- Chapters are responsible for notifying the convention committee in writing to the email address above; if delegate(s) must be substituted, Please include the name and chapter of the original and substitute.
- Email of the substitution must be presented to the Registration Committee upon arrival at the convention.

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CONVENTION FACT SHEET CONTINUED

[Neighboring Health Facilities & Services]

Franciscan Health Hospital
3500 Franciscan Way
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-879-8511

Franciscan Express Care
4111 S Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-8732919

Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm & Sat-Sun 8am-6pm

Northwest Health Urgent Care
3777 Frontage Road
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-809-2889

8am – 8pm Daily

The Wheelchair Shop
3944 Frontage Rd, Michigan City, IN 46360
(219) 872-5804
<https://thewheelchair-shop.com>

Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

- Call at least a week in advance of the requested reservation date(s).
- Scooter rental rate is \$35.00 per day. Credit card is required. The payment is not processed until scooter is returned.
- Scooters will be delivered on Wednesday and picked up on Sunday.

[Payment Information]

Final Registration closes on Friday, June 19, 2026 and registrations postmarked after this date will not be accepted.

- DO NOT REMIT CASH
- Payments may be made by any of the following methods:
 - Online at <https://mcdrifterconvention.com> through Stripe which accepts all Credit Cards, Wallets and Banking methods.
 - Make checks, money orders, and cashier's checks payable to:

The Greater Michigan City Drifters

70th National Convention Registration
P.O. Box 116
Michigan City, IN 46361

****Crucial: Your name and chapter are included in all the above communications and MUST be on all documents.**

[Friday Dine Around and Shopping]

Transportation will be provided to all registered Drifters, Kindling, Driftwood and Guests. A bundle or Hospitality & Social Access Pass is required to participate.

Transportation will run continuously 3:00 pm- 10:00 pm hitting several major stops:

- Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Mall
- Washington Park (Beach and Zoo)
- Millenium Plaza
 - Harbor Country Boat Cruise
 - The Prince Experience
- Downtown Arts District
 - Block Party
 - Restaurants
 - Barker Mansion



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE



**1. Franciscan Health -
Michigan City (HOSPITAL)**
3500 Franciscan Wy, Michigan
City, IN 46360
(219) 879-8511



**2. Northwest Health Urgent
Care - Michigan City**
3777 Frontage Rd, Michigan
City, IN 46360
(219) 809-2889



**3. Midwest Express Urgent
Care - Michigan City**
3939 Franklin St, Michigan
City, IN 46360
(219) 878-5850

Drifter Registration Form

Greater Michigan City Drifters | 70th Convention

Registrant Information

Name: Address: City/State/Zip:

Phone: Email: Chapter:

NDEB (Yes or No)? If so, Title: Arrival Day:

Please select one: Delegate, Chapter Member, Alumna, Member At-Large:

Are you a Legacy Member (Yes or No): If so, Name and Relation:

Emergency Contact Name: Emergency Contact Phone:

Special Needs/Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergies:

Mark X	Package	Notes	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drifter Bundle	Base registration bundle	<input type="text" value="\$500"/>

Included Events

Included	Event	Date / Time	Cost	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michigan City Welcome Dinner Party "Dockside Arrival: Where Sisterhood Begins"	Wednesday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Anchored In Wellness: Sister to Sister Gathering" Sister to Sister Luncheon	Thursday 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Drifting Together: A Beachside Sisterhood Soiree"	Thursday 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Anchored by Sisterhood, Sailing in Service" Human Services Luncheon	Friday 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Explore the Shore: A Michigan City Experience"	Friday 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Rising Tides: Lifting Our Scholars to New Heights" Scholarship and Awards Luncheon	Saturday 12:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Platinum Affair: An Evening of Legacy Celebrating the Future	Saturday 6:00 pm Cocktail; 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Anchored in Faith, Drifting Forth in Purpose" Ecumenical Worship Service	Sunday	Incl	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality and Social Access Pass		Incl	<input type="text"/>

Optional Add-Ons

Mark X	Add-On	Date / Time	Cost	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harbor Country Cruise Lake Michigan	Friday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	\$50	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club 70		\$70	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club 70 (Couples Deal)		\$100	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle: One Free Hotel Night Stay - 1 Ticket		\$10	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle: One Free Hotel Night Stay - 3 Tickets		\$25	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle: One Free Hotel Night Stay - 7 Tickets		\$50	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="text"/>

Registration Total

Payment / Notes

Amount Paid: Payment Method: Date:

Notes:

Checks can be made payable to

**The Greater Michigan City Drifters PO Box 116
Michigan City, IN 46361
michigancitydrifters@gmail.com**

Driftwood Registration Form

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Registrant Information

Name: Chapter: Guest of Drifter:

Address: City/State/Zip: Emergency Contact Phone:

Phone: Email:

Arrival Day: Emergency Contact Name:

Special Needs/Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergies:

Mark X	Package	Notes	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driftwood Bundle	Base registration bundle	\$350

Included Events

Included	Event	Date / Time	A-la-Cart Cost	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michigan City Welcome Dinner Party "Dockside Arrival: Where Sisterhood Begins"	Wednesday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$75	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Drifting Together: A Beachside Sisterhood Soiree"	Thursday 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	\$100	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Explore the Shore: A Michigan City Experience"	Friday 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$0	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Platinum Affair: An Evening of Legacy Celebrating the Future	Saturday 6:00 pm Cocktail; 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner	\$125	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Anchored in Faith, Drifting Forth in Purpose" Ecumenical Worship Service	Sunday	\$0	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality and Social Access Pass		\$100	<input type="text"/>

Optional Add-Ons

Mark X	Add-On	Date / Time	Cost	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Anchored by Sisterhood, Sailing in Service" Human Services Luncheon	Friday 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	\$75	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	"Rising Tides: Lifting Our Scholars to New Heights" Scholarship and Awards Luncheon	Saturday 12:15 pm - 2:30 pm	\$85	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Harbor Country Cruise Lake Michigan	Friday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	\$50	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driftwood Michigan City Municipal Golf w/cart - 2 Days	Thursday/Friday 7:00 am - 12:00pm	\$100	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driftwood - Olympia Bowling, Pool, Cards - 2 days	Thursday/Friday 1:00 pm - 4:00pm	\$70	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	All Guest Winery/Distillery Brew Bus Tour	Friday 10:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$100	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driftwood - Brew Bus Tour	Saturday 10:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$135	<input type="text"/>

Registration Total

Payment / Notes

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Male Guest Registration Form

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Registrant Information Are you a Kindling or Splinter? Please circle Yes or No

Name: Chapter:

Address: City/State/Zip:

Phone: Email: Guest of Drifter:

Arrival Day: Emergency Contact Name: Emergency Contact Phone:

Special Needs/Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergies: Are you 21+:

Mark X	Package	Notes	Amount
	Guest Bundle	Base registration bundle	\$375 <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

Included Events

Included	Event	Date / Time	A-la-Cart Cost	Amount
	Michigan City Welcome Dinner Party "Dockside Arrival: Where Sisterhood Begins"	Wednesday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$75	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	"Drifting Together: A Beachside Sisterhood Soiree"	Thursday 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	\$100	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	"Explore the Shore: A Michigan City Experience"	Friday 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$0	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	A Platinum Affair: An Evening of Legacy Celebrating the Future	Saturday 6:00 pm Cocktail; 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner	\$125	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	"Anchored in Faith, Drifting Forth in Purpose" Ecumenical Worship Service	Sunday	\$0	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Hospitality and Social Access Pass		\$100	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

Optional Add-Ons

Mark X	Add-On	Date / Time	Cost	Amount
	"Anchored by Sisterhood, Sailing in Service" Human Services Luncheon	Friday 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	\$75	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	"Rising Tides: Lifting Our Scholars to New Heights" Scholarship and Awards Luncheon	Saturday 12:15 pm - 2:30 pm	\$85	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Harbor Country Cruise Lake Michigan	Friday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	\$50	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Driftwood Michigan City Municipal Golf w/cart - 2 Days	Thursday/Friday 7:00 am - 12:00pm	\$100	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Driftwood - Olympia Bowling, Pool, Cards - 2 days	Thursday/Friday 1:00 pm - 4:00pm	\$70	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	All Guest Winery/Distillery Brew Bus Tour	Friday 10:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$100	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Driftwood - Brew Bus Tour	Saturday 10:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$135	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
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Registration Total

Payment / Notes

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Female Guest Registration Form

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Registrant Information Are you a Kindling or Splinter? Please circle Yes or No

Name: Chapter:

Address: City/State/Zip:

Phone: Email: Guest of Drifter:

Arrival Day: Emergency Contact Name: Emergency Contact Phone:

Special Needs/Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergies: Are you 21+:

Mark X	Package	Notes	Amount	
	Guest Bundle	Base registration bundle	\$375	<input type="text"/>

Included Events

Included	Event	Date / Time	A-la-Cart Cost	Amount
	Michigan City Welcome Dinner Party "Dockside Arrival: Where Sisterhood Begins"	Wednesday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$75	<input type="text"/>
	"Drifting Together: A Beachside Sisterhood Soiree"	Thursday 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	\$100	<input type="text"/>
	"Explore the Shore: A Michigan City Experience"	Friday 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$0	<input type="text"/>
	A Platinum Affair: An Evening of Legacy Celebrating the Future	Saturday 6:00 pm Cocktail; 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner	\$125	<input type="text"/>
	"Anchored in Faith, Drifting Forth in Purpose" Ecumenical Worship Service	Sunday	\$0	<input type="text"/>
	Hospitality and Social Access Pass		\$100	<input type="text"/>

Optional Add-Ons

Mark X	Add-On	Date / Time	Cost	Amount
	"Anchored by Sisterhood, Sailing in Service" Human Services Luncheon	Friday 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm	\$75	<input type="text"/>
	"Rising Tides: Lifting Our Scholars to New Heights" Scholarship and Awards Luncheon	Saturday 12:15 pm - 2:30 pm	\$85	<input type="text"/>
	Harbor Country Cruise Lake Michigan	Friday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	\$50	<input type="text"/>
	All Guest Winery/Distillery Brew Bus Tour	Friday 10:30 am - 3:30 pm	\$100	<input type="text"/>
				<input type="text"/>

Registration Total

Payment / Notes

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Kindling Registration Form

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Registrant Information

Kindling Name: Age:

Drifter's Name: Drifter's Phone: Chapter:

Arrival Day: Emergency Contact Name: Emergency Contact Phone:

Special Needs/Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergies:

Mark X	Package	Notes	Amount	
	Kindling Bundle	Base registration bundle	\$250	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

Included Events

Included	Event	Date / Time	A-la-Cart Cost	Amount
	Michigan City Welcome Dinner Party "Dockside Arrival: Where Sisterhood Begins"	Wednesday 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$75	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	"Drifting Together: A Beachside Sisterhood Soiree"	Thursday 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	\$100	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	"Explore the Shore: A Michigan City Experience"	Friday 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$0	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	"Anchored in Faith, Drifting Forth in Purpose" Ecumenical Worship Service	Sunday	\$0	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	City Kids Day Camp	Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$40	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	City Kids Day Camp	Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$40	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Movie, Pizza Party and Pool Party	Saturday 10:00 am - 2:30 pm	\$35	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Music and Paint Party	Saturday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	\$35	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

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KINDLING/SPLINTERS CHILDREN GENERAL RELEASE & WAIVER

We, the undersigned, in consideration of The Greater Michigan City Chapter providing Kindling/Splinters activities and field trips for our child (children) as designated, during the 70th Annual National Drifters Convention at the Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa in Michigan City, Indiana do hereby release and discharge forever, and by the presents, do ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release and discharge forever the National Drifters, Incorporated and/or its individual members, all other persons, firms, and corporations both known and unknown, from all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions, or suits at law or in equity because of any matter, incident or thing done, omitted or suffered to be done by anyone, which may hereafter arise from, or not out of, our child's (children's) presence at the Kindling/Splinter activities room(s) or field trips. The undersigned acknowledges that Kindling/Splinters will be supervised during field trips and in the designated Kindling/Splinters activities room(s) only, Wednesday through Saturday, during convention operating hours as designated by The Greater Michigan City Chapter.

Furthermore, we, the undersigned, do hereby expressly stipulate and agree, in consideration for the aforementioned Kindling/Splinters activities room(s) and field trips, to indemnify and to hold The Greater Michigan City Chapter and The National Drifters, Incorporated harmless against loss from any, and all kinds whatsoever that may hereafter, at any time, be made or brought by our child (children) or by anyone, on behalf of our child (children) and we hereby waive all rights of exemption under the laws of any State against such claims.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (**Print**) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____ Event: 70th Annual National Drifters Convention

Cell Phone# _____

Signature _____ Date _____

We have read the above and understand this Release. Furthermore, in the event of an emergency, we give The Greater Michigan City Chapter of The National Drifters, Incorporated our permission to administer first aid or obtain emergency medical treatment in our child's (children's) best interest. We agree to pay for all expenses due to an emergency involving our child (children).

CONSENT TO TREAT MINOR CHILDREN

I, _____, parent or legal guardian of _____,
born the __ day of, 20____, do hereby consent to any medical care and the administration of
anesthesia determined by a physician to be necessary for the welfare of my child while said child is
under the care of _____,
City of _____, State of _____, and I am
not reasonably available by telephone to give consent.

This authorization is effective from the ____ day of _____, 20 ____ to
____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian **Date**

Witness Signature Witness Name (please print)

This consent form should be taken with the child to the hospital or physician's office when the child
is taken for treatment. This additional information will assist in treatment if it can be furnished with
your consent, but it is not required.

Family Address _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone: _____ Parent/Guardian Telephone: _____

Last Tetanus: _____

Allergies to drugs or foods: _____

Special Medications or Pertinent Information:

Child's Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance: _____ Policy # _____

Preferred Hospital: _____

Hotel Information/ Amenities Sheet



Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa

777 Blue Chip Drive
Michigan City, IN 46360
Reservations: (219) 879-7711

Individuals may call 888-879-7711 for reservations by Monday June 22, 2026. Identify yourself as a member of the **2026 Annual National Convention Group Code: DNC720G** to receive the group rate. All reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card upon making the reservation. The credit card WILL NOT BE CHARGED at the time the reservation is made. Group may also make reservations online by entering the **Group Code: DNC720G** where prompted by following this link: <https://bluechip.boydgaming.com/stay/group-reservation>

ROOM RATES

Queen and King Suite Rates

Sun – Thu \$129/night

Fri – Sat \$189/night

Note that there is a **12% hotel tax and an amenities fee of \$12.99 charge per night per room**, which is above the base rate. This rate is good for three-day pre-convention dates. Amenities include in room Wi-Fi, free Self-Parking, access to Indoor Pool and Fitness Center, 2 complimentary waters, in-room refrigerator and daily housekeeping.

Please bring a CREDIT card for incidentals. The hotel places a temporary hold of a one time **\$100** on the guests' credit cards to cover any potential incidental charges (room service or in-room purchases). If no incidental charges are incurred, the hold is released at checkout. If you check in with a DEBIT card, the temporary hold fee of **\$100** will be taken out of your bank account, and it may take up to 5 business days to be refunded. This hold is not daily. Rates are effective Sunday, July 19, 2026, through Sunday, July 26, 2026. You must make your hotel reservations by June 22, 2026, to receive the Drifter rate.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

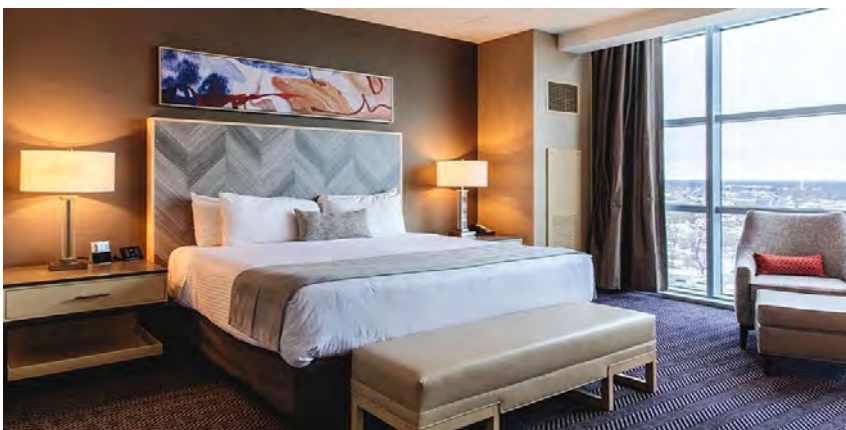
Check-in time is **4:00 pm** and Check-out time is **11:00 am**

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation policy is 48 hours in advance of check in time (4:00 pm central time) or in the event of a no-show, attendee will be charged for the first night's room rate plus taxes.

HOTEL AMENITIES – FOR THE STAY

- Complimentary parking
- Complimentary guest room Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi within all public areas of the hotel
- Non-smoking rooms
- Daily Housekeeping
- 3 On-site restaurants
- Indoor pool
- Fitness center
- Business center
- Meeting rooms
- ADA Rooms
- Concierge
- In room refrigerator
- Live Entertainment



Win a Free Night + \$100 VISA Giftcard



Tickets \$10/ea, or 3 for \$25.

Select your tickets on
Registration Form

VENDOR'S APPLICATION
70th Annual National Drifters Convention
“Anchored in Legacy: Sailing Toward the Future”
Blue Chip Casino and Spa, Michigan City, IN
July 22 -26, 2026

The submission deadline for **the Vendor's Application** and total payment is **Monday, June 29, 2026**. An email confirmation receipt will be issued. Please be advised that vendors are responsible for their own goods for sale, setting up, and total breakdown of the assigned area by 5:00 p.m. on July 25, 2026. **Note: The Greater Michigan City Chapter of The National Drifters, Inc., is not responsible for any lost/stolen items, online sales, or lack of product sales.** Each vendor is asked to donate a gift towards a raffle. Please have a gift available and submit it by 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Vendor Exhibit Space Cost beginning **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**

Non-Drifter Rates:

\$75 per day for 4 days – includes one (1) 6ft skirted table and two (2) chairs

**Discounted rate available for Drifter or Drifter chapters:

\$250.00 Bundle for 4 days – includes one (1) skirted table and two (2) chairs

Exhibit Days	Exhibit Hours	Table/Chairs Assigned	Amount Included
Set Up Wednesday July 22, 2026	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.		\$
Wednesday July 22, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.		
Thursday July 23, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.		
Friday July 24, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.		
Saturday July 25, 2026 (Break Down)	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.		
		Total Amount Received	\$

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SOUVENIR ADVERTISING FORM

Chapter Souvenir Ad Journal Size (8.5 x 11) (Select One)

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- Business Full Page** **\$200**
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- Chapter Full Page** **\$100**
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- **ADVERTISING DEADLINE: June 22, 2026.**
- Photographs in ads can be in color or black and white.
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- Submit ads in JPG, PDF, or PNG format to michigancitydrifters@gmail.com
- Links for Canva and Google Docs will be provided in convention E-blast.

70th Annual National Drifters Convention

Luncheon Experiences

Anchored in Legacy: Sailing Toward the Future

Three Signature Luncheons. One Powerful Legacy.

Thursday Afternoon | 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Sister-to-Sister Luncheon

“Anchored in Wellness: Sister-to-Sister Gathering”

This powerful gathering centers on Minority Mental Health Awareness and the health and well-being of Black women—mind, body, and spirit. Together, we create a safe and affirming space for dialogue, education, and empowerment while celebrating the strength, resilience, and legacy of our sisterhood.

Outstanding sisters from each chapter will be honored as we uplift one another through connection, compassion, and shared purpose. This meaningful luncheon reminds us that caring for ourselves and each other strengthens the foundation of our organization and secures a healthier future for generations to come.

Attire: Silver/Gray with Green

Style: All Business Casual

Friday Afternoon | 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Human Services Luncheon

“Anchored by Sisterhood, Sailing in Service”

This inspiring luncheon celebrates the heart of who we are and the transformative impact of our collective service. Chapters will present their human service initiatives, showcasing the meaningful work that uplifts communities, transforms lives, and advances our mission.

Through shared stories and purposeful recognition, we honor service rooted in love, guided by compassion, and propelled by a steadfast commitment to creating positive change wherever we serve.

This gathering is a tribute to the enduring power of sisterhood in action.

Attire: Coral with Splash of Gold

Style: All Business Casual

Saturday Afternoon | 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Scholarship and Awards Luncheon

“Rising Tides: Lifting Our Scholars to New Heights”

Celebrate educational excellence, leadership, and promise during this distinguished luncheon honoring scholarship and community impact.

During this special event, we will proudly award scholarships to graduating high school seniors while also presenting the prestigious **National NOW Black Women Award** to an individual whose leadership exemplifies courage, service, and lasting impact.

This luncheon serves as a powerful reminder that our legacy lives on through the lives we uplift, the futures we invest in, and the opportunities we create for generations to come.

Attire: White with Drifter Scarf/Coral

Style: All Business Casual

2026 Daily Narrative

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Arrivals	7:00 am - 9:00 pm
Registration	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Vendors Open	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Drifter Hospitality Suite	10:00 pm - 12:00 am (Midnight)

WEDNESDAY

Welcome Party

The Official Welcome Party is intentionally casual, created to allow Drifters and family members to comfortably transition from travel, refresh, and reconnect. This relaxed gathering at our host venue, Blue Chip Casino, offers the perfect space to settle in, greet familiar faces, and welcome new ones. No rushing, no formality, just sisterhood, laughter, and the comfort of knowing you've arrived exactly where you belong. Wear your matching Drifter shirts and enjoy relaxation games and fun. This evening is about easing into convention with open hearts, shared stories, and the unmistakable energy that only Drifter sisterhood brings—rooted in legacy and ready to sail forward together.

Attire: Chapter T-shirts, white jeans, and sneakers



Please NOTE (Wed-Sat):

- Hospitality Suites are open for snacks and beverages to all registered Drifters and Driftwood.
- Kindling 21+ and guests are identified by wristbands.
- Closing times for Hospitality Suites are subject to change.

2026 Daily Narrative

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Registration	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Vendors Open	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Drifter Hospitality Suite	10:00 pm - 12:00 am (Midnight)

THURSDAY

Opening Session:

“Official Opening of the 70th Annual National Drifters Convention”

The 70th Annual National Drifters Convention will officially begin with our Opening Session. All delegates are kindly asked to be seated promptly at 8:00 am. We will open with greetings from State and Local Officials along with a heartfelt welcome from our National President, Drifter Linda Carter-McClure, as we embark on the business of our sisterhood and set the stage for a powerful and purpose-driven convention.

Attire: Silver or Gray

Sister-to-Sister Luncheon

“Anchored In Wellness: Sister-to-Sister Gathering”

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Attire: Silver or Gray with Green for Mental Health Awareness

Workshops & Gatherings -2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

***“Drifting Together: A Beachside Sisterhood Soiree”* 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

We officially set sail on our convention journey Thursday evening with a relaxed, beachfront gathering at Washington Park. With sweeping views of Lake Michigan, walkable access to the beach, a free municipal band concert just steps away, this evening is designed for joy, ease, and connection. Dressed in Beach Chic attire, sisters will enjoy the beauty of our natural surroundings while easing into fellowship—anchored in legacy and ready to sail toward the days ahead.

Attire: Coral and/or Beach Chic

2026 Daily Narrative

Friday, July 24, 2026

Registration	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Vendors Open	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Drifter Hospitality Suite	10:00 pm - 12:00 am (Midnight)


FRIDAY

Chapter Presidents Breakfast: 7:30 am



Drifter Business Meeting – Session II 9:00 am

Attire: Coral (business casual)



Friday Luncheon: Human Service Luncheon 12:00 pm

“Anchored by Sisterhood, Sailing in Service”

This luncheon celebrates the heart of who we are and the impact we make. Chapters will share their service presentations, highlighting the work that transforms lives and uplifts communities. Through inspiration, we honor the purpose that drives us—service rooted in love, guided by compassion, and propelled by a collective commitment to making a difference wherever we serve.

Attire: Coral with Gold Accents (business casual)



Harbor Country Lake Michigan Cruise 3:30 pm

Hop on the Emita II for an adventure like no other, where the tales of Lake Michigan and its surroundings come to life! The fun kicks off with a quick jaunt up the channel past Washington Park and into the big blue. Then, kick back and enjoy the show as you glide by the lighthouse and dive into Lake Michigan’s refreshing embrace, revealing stunning views of the shoreline and the Indiana Dunes. Don’t forget to snap the ultimate selfie during this unforgettable escapade!

Attire: Casual Wear

Maximum Capacity: 125

FRIDAY Continued



Brew Bus Winery Tour (All Guests 21+) 10:30 am – 3:30 pm

Relax with Door-to-Door Service from the Blue Chip Casino to visit local wineries in Indiana and Michigan City. There will be 4 stops which include: Zorn Brew Works, Shady Creek, St. Julian and Round Barn wineries. Capacity: 13



Explore the Shore: A Michigan City Experience 3:30 pm – 10:00 pm

We invite guests to explore Michigan City in motion connecting Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets, downtown dining with Drifter discounts, the Michigan City Parks Department block party, and a special Millennium Plaza stop for the Prince Experience, with beach access available all evening along the lakefront. Convenient charter buses will run from 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Hop on and off to explore what this beachside community has to offer.

Enjoy a diverse cuisine of restaurants featuring: Steak, Japanese, French, Italian Mexican, Polish, and Vegan options. Featuring three local coffee roasters in the downtown area.

Other local attractions include – the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, the Barker Mansion, the Lighthouse Museum, Boutiques, and a Cigar Smoke Shop.

Attire: Casual Wear

2026 Daily Narrative
Saturday, July 25, 2026

Registration	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Vendors Open	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Drifter Hospitality Suite	10:00 pm - 12:00 am (Midnight)

SATURDAY

Memorial Service - 8:00 am

As we begin the morning session, we pause to reflect and honor the cherished Drifter Sisters and loved ones who have passed since our last gathering. The National Drifters, Incorporated Memorial Service is a solemn and heartfelt tribute, and each chapter is encouraged to have representatives present. During this time of remembrance, special keepsakes will be presented in honor of those we hold dear.

Attire: Uninterrupted White

Drifter Business Meeting – Session III 9:00 am

Delegates should be seated immediately after the Memorial Service. The business meeting continues with elections and approval of 2027 budget.

Attire: White with touches of coral and/or gray, Drifter scarfs (business casual) b

Scholarship and Awards Luncheon 12:00 pm

“Rising Tides: Lifting Our Scholars to New Heights”

This luncheon is a meaningful celebration of achievement, promise, and community impact. During this special gathering, we will proudly award scholarships to graduating high school seniors and present our prestigious NOW Black Woman Award to an individual whose leadership embodies courage, service, and lasting impact.

Attire: White with touches of Coral and/or Gray – Drifter Scarfs (business casual)

Drifter Business Meeting – Session IV 2:30 pm

“Official Closing of the 70th Annual National Drifters Convention”

The day will end with unfinished business, accolades, the installation of newly elected officers, and an invitation to our 71st Annual Convention.

SATURDAY Continued

“A Platinum Affair: An Evening of Legacy Celebrating the Future” – 6:00 pm

As we celebrate 70 years of sisterhood, service, and legacy, we will also ceremonially pass the torch to the host chapter, Metropolitan Florida, of the 71st Convention in 2027. This special evening is both a tribute to our enduring legacy and a joyful send-off as we continue sailing toward the future together united in purpose, excellence, and sisterly love.

Attire: Black Tie/After Five with Metallic hues of platinum, silver and gold

2026 Daily Narrative

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Breakfast	6:00 am - 10:00 am
Departures	Various Times

SUNDAY

Ecumenical Service 8:00 am

“Anchored in Faith, Drifting Forth in Purpose”

As our 70th Annual National Drifters Convention draws to a close, we gather one final time in sacred fellowship for a meaningful Ecumenical Service led by Drifter Kimberly Williams. This cherished moment offers us the opportunity to come together in faith, reflection, and gratitude as we celebrate the spiritual foundation that anchors our sisterhood.

Through worship, inspiration, and unity, this service will renew our spirits, strengthen our bonds, and reaffirm the shared purpose that continues to guide The National Drifters, Incorporated. As we prepare to depart and return to our homes, communities, and chapters, may we carry forward the light, love, and lessons of this extraordinary gathering.

Let us leave Michigan City spiritually refreshed, purposefully empowered, and deeply connected—anchored in faith as we continue our journey of service and sisterhood.

With hearts full of gratitude and anticipation, we look ahead to the joy of reuniting next year in continued love, legacy, and sisterhood.

Bring the Whole Family to the 70th National Drifters Convention!

Anchored in Legacy: Sailing Toward the Future

This year's convention in beautiful Michigan City is more than a gathering—it's a full family experience designed to create unforgettable memories for Drifters, Driftwoods, Kindling, and grandchildren alike!

KINDLING & SPLINTERS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN ADVENTURE!

While you enjoy dynamic sessions, sisterhood, and evening elegance, your children can experience **safe, exciting, and supervised fun** through our partnership with Michigan City Parks & Recreation's City Kids Day Camp.



SPECIAL CONVENTION EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES:

Saturday Afternoon | 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM



Movie, Pizza Party & Pool Party

Saturday Night | 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Music & Paint Party



KINDLING BUNDLE PACKAGE: \$250

Give your Kindling the full convention experience with a specially curated bundle that includes:

- ✓ Wednesday Night Dinner
- ✓ Thursday Night Dinner
- ✓ Explore the Shore Transportation
- ✓ Access to family-centered fun and fellowship

WHY BRING YOUR FAMILY?

Because the Drifters Convention is about legacy, connection, and creating generational memories. Your children and grandchildren can enjoy fun-filled programming while experiencing the spirit of service, culture, and sisterhood that defines our organization.

Make this a family vacation, sisterhood celebration, and legacy-building experience all in one.

Register your Kindling today and secure the bundle for maximum value, convenience, and unforgettable fun!



ATTENTION DRIFTERS FAMILIES!

NEED SOMETHING FUN FOR THE KIDS?



WHILE YOU ENJOY THE CONFERENCE,
WE'VE GOT CAMP COVERED!

SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN!



AGES 6-12

(MAY ACCOMMODATE UP TO AGE 15)

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

LUNCH INCLUDED

LOCATED NEAR
CONFERENCE HOTEL

SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS!

JULY 23



WASHINGTON PARK ZOO

JULY 24



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GARDENS

CAMP INCLUDES:

- SPORTS & RECREATION
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- GAMES & GROUP ACTIVITIES
- WEEKLY THEME PROGRAMMING
- SUPERVISED FIELD TRIPS



**A SAFE, FUN, AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
YOUR KIDS WILL LOVE!**



PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE DRIFTERS
TO MAKE YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE
GREAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

See you in
Michigan City! 29



Anchored in Legacy

Driftwood Experience Guide

**Sail Into Brotherhood, Celebration, and Unmatched Value
at the 70th National Drifters Convention**

Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa | Michigan City, Indiana

Welcome Driftwoods

This year, the Greater Michigan City Chapter proudly invites Driftwoods from across the nation to experience a convention designed with you in mind. From premium social events and brotherhood experiences to exciting excursions and exceptional hospitality, this convention offers the perfect blend of relaxation, connection, and unforgettable memories.

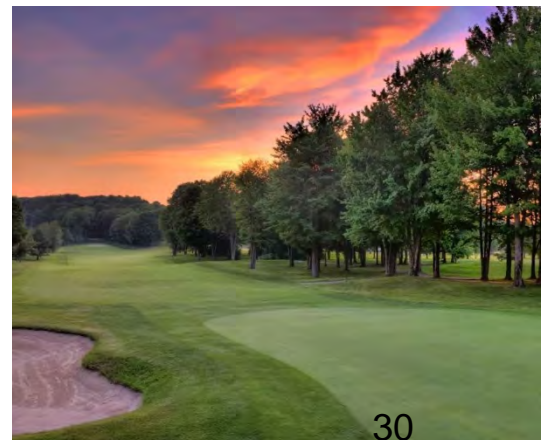
Whether you are reconnecting with brothers, building new relationships, or simply enjoying all that Michigan City has to offer, this is your opportunity to be part of a historic 70th Annual Convention while maximizing your experience through our exclusive Driftwood Bundle.

Why Choose the Driftwood Bundle?

One Price. Full Access. Maximum Experience.

Driftwood Bundle – Only \$350 Includes:

- Full access to all evening signature convention events
- Hospitality Suite Access
- Transportation access on Thursday and Friday
- Brotherhood networking opportunities
- Premium entertainment and social experiences
- Best overall value for the full convention experience



Evening Signature Events Include:

- Opening celebrations
- Social gatherings
- Scholarship & Awards Luncheon access
- Formal Gala: *A Platinum Affair*
- Exclusive hospitality experiences

Bottom Line:

The Bundle delivers convenience, savings, and the complete convention experience.

Exclusive Driftwood Activity Options

Customize Your Convention Adventure

Michigan City Municipal Golf Experience (2 Days) – \$100

- Thursday & Friday | 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- South Course access
- Transportation included
- Perfect for fellowship on the green

Olympia Bowling, Pool & Cards Social (2 Days) – \$70

- Thursday & Friday | 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- Bowling, cards, pool, and social camaraderie
- Transportation included
- Relaxed and fun atmosphere

Brew Bus Tour with Cigars – \$135

- Saturday | 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- Stops at top wineries and distilleries
- Food tastings included
- Complimentary cigars provided by Michigan City Driftwoods
- Premium brotherhood excursion





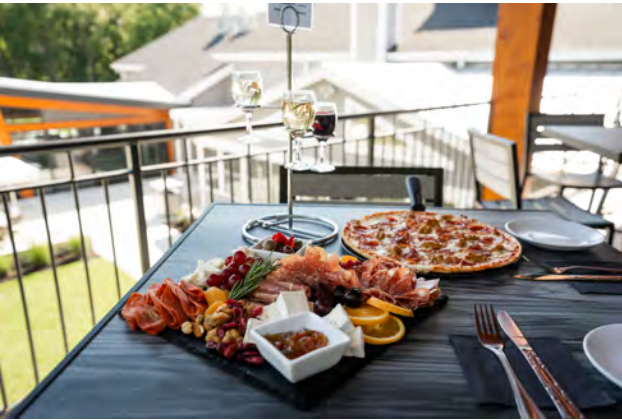
Tours

Experience beer & wine craftsmanship

All Guest Winery & Distillery Brew Bus Tour

Friday | 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Sip, explore, and unwind along the Harbor Country trail. This curated tour features four standout stops — from craft brews to award-winning wines — including Zorn Brew Works, Shady Creek Winery, St. Julian, and Round Barn.



Guests will enjoy a relaxed, scenic experience with time to taste, shop, and take in the best of the region's beverage scene.

Includes:

- Transportation to and from Blue Chip Casino
- Four unique tasting destinations
- A perfect mix of wine, beer, and local flavor

Limited availability.

Driftwood Brew Bus Tour

Friday | 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

A laid-back, elevated experience designed exclusively for the men of Drifterdom. The Driftwood Tour features four premium stops — Zorn Brew Works, Shady Creek Winery, Round Barn, and Journeyman Distillery.

Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, strong pours, and good company, with added touches like complimentary cigars.

Includes:

- Transportation to and from Blue Chip Casino
- Food and tastings at select locations
- Complimentary cigars
- Distillery, winery, and brewery experience

Limited availability.





Harbor Country Adventures

Drifter Lake Michigan Cruise

Friday | 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

\$50 per person | Includes 1 drink ticket

Experience Michigan City from the water aboard a scenic **Lake Michigan cruise with Harbor Country Adventures**. Departing from Millennium Plaza near Washington Park, this relaxing excursion offers sweeping shoreline views, fresh lake air, and a front-row look at the city's iconic lighthouse and the Indiana Dunes coastline.

Guests will cruise past Washington Park Beach and into the open waters of Lake Michigan aboard the **Emita II**, a two-level vessel with both outdoor viewing space and an indoor lounge. A full-service bar and light snacks are available onboard, making this an easy and memorable afternoon outing.

Whether you're here for the views, the photo opportunities, or simply a peaceful ride on the lake, this is one of Michigan City's signature experiences.



Downtown Experience

+ Block Party

Food, Music, Entertainment - Family Fun

BRING CHAIRS.
BRING FRIENDS.
PLUG IN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE PLUG-IN

Reconnecting Our Neighborhoods

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY

PLUG IN AT THE PLAZA



LIVE DJ STARTS 5:30 PM



KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE!



FEATURE PRESENTATION GOAT BEGINS 8:15 PM



FRIDAY JULY 24



7TH STREET PLAZA
7TH & FRANKLIN STREET



GOOD NEIGHBORS. STRONG COMMUNITY. TOGETHER, WE GOAT THIS!

PRESENTED BY





Friday | Explore at Your Leisure

Complimentary Transportation • Shopping • Dining • Attractions

Enjoy a free afternoon to discover Michigan City at your own pace with complimentary transportation available to key destinations throughout the city.

Washington Park + Zoo

Spend time along the shores of Lake Michigan at **Washington Park**, home to the beach, marina, and the beloved **Washington Park Zoo**, one of Indiana's oldest zoos and a charming lakeside attraction perfect for a relaxed visit.

Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets

A favorite shopping stop for visitors, **Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets** offers national retailers, fashion brands, accessories, and gifts just minutes from downtown.

Downtown Experience

Explore Michigan City's growing downtown district, featuring local boutiques, coffee shops, restaurants, and nightlife.

Club 70

VIP Perks & Privileges





Club 70 grants you access to:

- VIP Registration Status — Skip long lines and ensure your experience is seamless. Plus, receive special gifts throughout the conference.
- EasyEntry Status — Enjoy the privilege of priority, with front-of-line access at all venues and events, throughout the duration of your stay.
- Free entry into Blue Cash Giveaway — Automatic entry into the \$100 Blue Chip Gift card Giveaway. Treat yourself to all things Blue, premium on campus dining, “Spa Blu” Spa treatments & amenities, Convenience & Shopping at “The Gift Box” store.
- Exclusive Seating — Always have the best view, with reserved VIP seating at all events.
- Recognition — Your name proudly displayed as a Drifter supporter & Club 70 Member, in the convention center.



Transportation Essentials

70th Annual National Drifters Convention

Anchored in Legacy: Sailing Toward the Future

Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa | Michigan City, Indiana | July 22–26, 2026

Welcome to Michigan City!

We are delighted to welcome you to the 70th Annual National Drifters Convention hosted by the Greater Michigan City Chapter. As you prepare for an unforgettable week of sisterhood, celebration, and legacy, we want your travel experience to be seamless from arrival to departure.

Major Airport Access:

Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD)

- Approximately 75–90 minutes from Michigan City
- Private shuttle, limousine, and ride services available

Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)

- Approximately 75–90 minutes from Michigan City
- Executive transportation and shuttle options available

South Bend International Airport (SBN)

- Approximately 45 minutes from Michigan City
- Convenient regional airport with direct transportation services



Rail Access:

South Shore Line

Reliable rail service connecting Chicago to Michigan City.

Website: <https://mysouthshoreline.com>

Ideal for attendees traveling from downtown Chicago or surrounding areas.

Convention Travel Tips:

- Schedule airport transportation early
 - Coordinate group arrivals when possible
 - Confirm return transportation prior to departure
 - Keep contact numbers accessible during travel
 - Consider premium transportation for group comfort
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Travel in comfort. Arrive in style. Celebrate in sisterhood.

Transportation Provider Directory

Local & Regional Transportation Services

Ride NWI

Phone: 219-771-7433

Website: <https://www.ridenwi.com>

Joy Riding by Amy (Amber)

Phone: 219-229-9914

Raw Express

Phone: 219-321-5587

Priva Drive

Phone: 219-229-8156

Website: <https://primadrivenwi.com>

Michigan City Airport Transit

Phone: 219-214-6213

Website: <https://www.mcatservice.com>

Taxi by the Lake

Phone: 219-809-3267

Executive & Limousine Services

Epic Limo

Phone: 219-462-5466

Website: <https://www.epiclimoinc.com>

Chief Chicago Limo

Phone: 847-454-4183

Website: <https://www.chiefchicagolimo.com>

Stretch Limousine, Inc.

Phone: 866-425-0976

Website: <https://www.stretchlimochicago.com>

Limo 66 Chicago

Phone: 866-880-4655

Website: <https://www.limo66.com>

All Around Limousine Services

Website: <https://allaroundlimousineservices.com>

Second Nature Limousines

Website: <https://secondnaturelimos.com>

Limo Chicago

Phone: 773-234-5010

Website: <https://www.limochicagoland.com>

Echo Limousine

Phone: 773-774-1074

Website: <https://echolimousine.com>

South Bend Limo Car Service

Phone: 574-383-6767

Website: <https://www.southbendtaxi.com>



Host Hotel Destination

Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa

777 Blue Chip Drive
Michigan City, Indiana

Your destination for luxury accommodations, convention events, and unforgettable fellowship.

Greater Michigan City Chapter

A separate registration will be required if Michigan City offers a charter bus from O'Hare or Midway Airports. Registration will go out Sunday, May 17, 2026, and will end Friday, June 19, 2026.

Anchored in Legacy: Sailing Toward the Future



*Restaurants &
Other things to do*

Go farther in the region



Hokkaido

Japanese hibachi, sushi, and Asian cuisine.



Mucho Mas

Modern Mexican cuisine, tacos, margaritas, and elevated Latin-inspired dishes.



Burn 'Em Brewing

Craft brewery known for beer, burgers, sandwiches, and casual pub fare.



Shoreline Brewery

Local brewery and restaurant serving American comfort food, steaks, seafood, and house-brewed beer.



The Ritz Klub Tavern

Classic tavern atmosphere with mouthwatering burgers, American fare and cocktails.



Leeds Public House

Upscale American dining, steaks, seafood, and specialty cocktails.



Café Farina

Italian-inspired cuisine, pasta, and wine.



Rocco's Tavern

Prime steaks, chops, & burgers — plus full bar.



Bartlett's Fish Camp

Fresh seafood, fish dishes, and casual lakefront dining.



Royale with Cheese

Stylized gourmet burgers and casual American comfort food.



The Heron Bistro

By-the-book crafted cocktails, various upscale French bites.



Galveston Steak House

A local icon — prime cut steaks, seafood, hearty dishes, & daily specials in a unique western, laid-back, family-owned atmosphere. Plan ahead, just minutes from the lakefront, wait-list grows fast on summer nights.



Prince Lakefront Experience

\$25 | Live at the Lakefront

Jul 24, 2026, 8:00 PM

Step into an evening inspired by style, sound, and unforgettable atmosphere with the Prince Experience at Michigan City's lakefront. Set against the stunning backdrop of Washington Park Beach and the marina district, this experience blends lakeside beauty with iconic energy.

Get tickets: <https://www.liveatthelakefrontvenue.com/events/the-prince-experience-starring-gabriel-sanchez-3>



Opening just days before you arrive

The Obama Presidential Center



*50 minutes by car.
1.3 hours by train.*

Be among the first to experience something historic.

The Obama Presidential Center

Less than an hour away by car — or a scenic **1 hour and 20 minute ride aboard the South Shore Line** — one of the nation's most anticipated cultural destinations awaits on Chicago's South Side: the **Obama Presidential Center**.

Set across a **19.3-acre campus in Jackson Park**, the Center is designed as more than a museum. It is a place built to inspire possibility — where history, culture, community, and the future come together.

Be among the first to explore the **one-of-a-kind Museum**, featuring immersive exhibits and the breathtaking **Sky Room**, where panoramic views stretch across Chicago's South and West Sides. Browse Chicago's newest public library branch, gather with friends on the **Great Lawn**, or experience **Home Court**, a dynamic space for recreation, events, and connection.

Rooted in the place where President and Mrs. Obama began their journey in public service, the Center invites visitors from around the country to reflect, connect, and imagine what comes next.

While you're here for the Drifters National Convention, this is a rare opportunity to experience a landmark destination that celebrates leadership, community, and the power of change.

Museum tickets open to the general public on May 6, 2026. Advance reservations are strongly encouraged. Visit [Obama.org](https://www.obama.org) for tickets and visitor information.

Visit from Michigan City

By Car: Approximately **50 minutes**

By South Shore Line: Approximately **1 hour 20 minutes** to Chicago, with convenient connection access to the South Side

Explore Chicago's Museum Campus



A Must-See While You're in the Area

If you're planning to extend your stay or take a quick trip into Chicago, the Museum Campus is one of the city's most iconic destinations. Set along Lake Michigan with unbeatable skyline views, it's home to three of the country's top cultural institutions — all within walking distance of each other.

Whether you're into history, science, or just looking for something memorable to experience, there's something here for everyone.

Top Attractions:

• Field Museum

One of the largest natural history museums in the world. Home to "Sue," the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever discovered, along with expansive exhibits on ancient civilizations, global cultures, and the natural world.

• Shedd Aquarium

A must-see for animal lovers. Featuring thousands of aquatic species from around the globe, including sharks, dolphins, sea otters, and vibrant coral reef habitats. Interactive exhibits and live presentations make it an engaging experience for all ages.

• Adler Planetarium

America's first planetarium, offering immersive space exhibits, hands-on science experiences, and breathtaking sky shows. Perfect for anyone curious about astronomy, space exploration, or the universe beyond.

Good to Know:

- Located along Chicago's lakefront with scenic walking paths and skyline views
- Museums are independently ticketed
- Easily accessible by car or South Shore Line

Thank You for Your Registration

We look forward to welcoming you to Michigan City.

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