



MRTA Branson Fun Day

*** October 10 – October 18, 2016 ***

BIG DAY: Friday, October 14

Registration Deadline: September 26

Lead Site: Lodge of the Ozarks lodgeoftheozarks.com



October in Branson is beautiful. Mark your calendar to come for MRTA Branson Fun Days; join your fellow retired educators and friends, make new friends, fall in love with the sights and sounds of the Ozarks and the fabulous fall colors. Registration is open to all MRTA members and their guests – bring along friends and family for a fun and relaxing time.

ITINERARY FOR THE BIG DAY: Friday, October 14. Chartered luxury coach for the day.

***Breakfast.** Included with your room if lodging at the Lodge of the Ozarks Hotel.

***College of the Ozarks Experience.** We'll start at the Williams Memorial Chapel to hear about School of the Ozarks, an elementary and secondary school on campus. Then we'll tour the campus experiencing a water-powered mill grinding grain, basket weaving, the greenhouses-home to the McCade orchid collection, fruitcake and jelly kitchen for a sample of the 25,000 fruitcakes and 30,000 jams and jellies made annually, and the latest additions on campus – "Lest We Forget" 9-11 Memorial and The Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial. www.cofo.edu

***Lunch:** Ending our visit to College of the Ozarks, we will lunch at The Keeter Center with a meal including ingredients grown or raised on the campus farm and prepared and served by C of O Culinary students. Entertainment provided by College of the Ozarks music students. www.keetercenter.edu



***The Duttons Show:** The Duttons are international touring and recording artists who perform bluegrass to classical music and everything in between. Their show features a variety of instruments including violin, guitar, bass, viola, banjo, mandolin, keyboard, harmonica, and drums among others. This energetic show features Mom and Dad Dutton (Sheila and Dean), their children (Tim, Jonathan, Benjamin, Amy, and Abigail) and many of their grandchildren – definitely a family affair labeled 'showmanship personified'. theduttons.com



***Back to the Lodge of the Ozarks for a short rest, hors d'oeuvres, and socializing.**

***Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner Attraction:** Billed as "The Most Fun Place to Eat in Branson", Dixie Stampede is an extraordinary dinner show with 32 magnificent horses and a cast of top-notch riders. They will thrill you with daring feats of trick riding and competition, pitting North against South in a friendly and fun rivalry all taking place while you feast on a four course meal. The 2016 show will feature the largest show enhancement Dixie Stampede has ever completed since its opening in 1995 with a new set, new opening, new songs, an aerial aspect, and a state-of-the-art panoramic experience to delight guests of all ages. DixieStampede.com



COST, LODGING, and REGISTRATION:

Total cost for all activities mentioned above for Friday, October 14 is \$135 per person. This price includes two musical shows, lunch with entertainment, dinner, College of the Ozarks tour, and luxury coach transportation for the day. For additional information about MRTA Branson Fun Days, contact Mary Lynne Grimes at 417-365-0060 or by e-mail at bob-mary@tri-lakes.net.

Lodging: Our lead site is the Lodge of the Ozarks, 3431 West Highway 76, Branson, MO
Room Cost: \$78 plus tax, double Queen room, includes hot breakfast buffet. \$10 for 3rd & 4th person
Guest Room Reservations/MRTA Fun Days Registration: If you plan to stay at the Lodge of the Ozarks, they will take care of both your lodging reservation and MRTA Fun Day registration. Contact the Lodge of the Ozarks at 417-334-7535, **ask for the MRTA Room Block.** When making your lodging reservations, remind them to send you the Fun Day registration form.
To Register for MRTA Branson Fun Days if not staying at the Lodge of the Ozarks: Contact Fun Day Coordinator Mary Lynne at 417-365-0060 or e-mail Mary Lynne at bob-mary@tri-lakes.net. **Cancellation and full refund can be made through Tuesday, October 4.**

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13: As in 2014, you will have choices for our optional day of activities. We have afternoon choices and a night show choice. You can do one or both. The afternoon activities will run approximately 1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The night show will be 7:15 to 10:30 p.m.

Thursday afternoon, October 13: Pick ONE of the following: Transportation included.

Bonniebrook-Rose O'Neill Home and Gallery.* Famed for creating the Kewpie doll, Rose O'Neill was also a painter, sculptor, philanthropist, and women's suffrage activist who wrote novels, music, and poetry. Tour the Kewpie Museum/Gallery with 100's of Kewpie's, the O'Neill Victorian home, and stroll the homestead grounds. **Cost: \$15 www.roseoneill.org

Auto & Farm Museum.* 90,000 square feet featuring 200 classic and collectable vehicles and 180 farm tractors, implements, and buggies. You might find one to buy. **Cost: \$30 bransonmuseum.com

National Tiger Sanctuary.* One hour feeding tour and information film. Animals you will see include lions, tigers, leopard, and mountain lion. The tour is a one hour feeding tour with a short informational film. **Cost: \$30 www.nationaltigersanctuary.org

Thursday night, October 13: Cost: \$40 per person. Transportation included.

Million Dollar Quartet Show: That night they made rock and roll history. On December 4, 1956, one man brought *Johnny Cash*, "*The Man in Black*"; *Jerry Lee Lewis*, "*The Killer*"; *Carl Perkins*, "*The King of Rockabilly*"; and *Elvis Presley*, "*The King of Rock and Roll*" together to play for the first and only time. His name was Sam Phillips; the place was Sun Records. The result was a legendary jam session that has yet to be duplicated. This show is all about having a good time and is perfect to get your MRTA 2016 Branson Fun Days off to a rockin' good time.

PAYMENT: Once you receive your registration form to register for MRTA Branson Fun Day activities, you will complete the form and return it to Angie at Ozarks' Kirkwood Tour and Travel. The registration form will include Angie's address – mail the form back to Angie. No charges will appear on your credit card until after the October 4 final cancellation date. If paying by check, include the check with the form, check made payable to Ozarks Kirkwood Tour and Travel. Lodging room charges at the Lodge of the Ozarks will not be charged until you check out. Anthony, Angie, and Mary Lynne will coordinate all through this process. **Those registered will receive a letter from Mary Lynne approximately October 5 with specific details.**

OCTOBER 10 – 18: As in past years, discounts will be available to you for many other Branson shows and attractions. These discounts will be available October 10 – 18. To receive the discount, you will need a discount card to present to those theatres – that card will be mailed to you with the letter Mary Lynne will send October 5 to all Fun Day attendees. A complete list of the shows and attractions participating in this option is on Page 3

DEADLINE REMINDERS

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 26, 2016
Cancellation and full refund deadline: Tuesday, October 4, 2016

COME ON DOWN! The Tri-Lakes RTA
Unit looks forward to meeting you.



DISCOUNTED ATTRACTIONS/MUSEUMS/SHOWS
MRTA Branson Fun Days for Retired Teachers, October 10 - 18, 2016

<u>Name: Attraction/Show</u>	<u>Show Time*</u>	<u>Regular Price</u>	<u>Discount Price</u>	<u>Phone</u>
*M = morning show, A = afternoon show, N = night show				
ATTRACTIONS/MUSEUMS				
Branson Segway Adventure Center	10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.)			417-336-2744
	10 minutes	\$18.99	\$10.00	
299 State Highway 165	15 minutes	22.99	15.00	
(Off the strip at Gretna)	20 minutes	25.99	20.00	
The Butterfly Palace	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	\$18.95	\$14.95	417-332-2231
4106 West Highway 76				
Main Street Lake Cruises	9 South Boardwalk (Branson Landing)			417-239-3980
Lake Queen Boat Cruise	11:45 a.m. or 1:45 p.m.	\$34.71	\$29.50	
Lake Queen Lunch Cruise	11:45 a.m.	44.71	38.00	
Princess Yacht Dinner Cruise	4:45 p.m.	49.95	42.46	
Parakeet Petes at Branson Landing	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.			417-827-0061
Waterfront Zipline & Balloon Ride Combo all day pass		\$49.95	\$34.95	
Zipline only – single ride		24.95	22.95	
Steampunk Balloon only – single ride		18.95	11.95	
Ride the Ducks	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	\$25.00	\$20.00	1-877-887-8225
2320 West Highway 76				
The Branson Ferris Wheel	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	\$12.00	\$10.00	417-334-1612 x17
Track Family Fun Parks #4	(later on weekends)			
3345 West 76 Country Blvd.				

SHOWS

Andy Williams Performing Arts Theatre, 2500 West Highway 76				1-800-666-6094
Rick Thomas, Illusionist	A, N	\$39.00	\$27.00	
The Lettermen	N, A	\$39.00	\$27.00	
God and Country Theatre, 1840 West Highway 76				417-334-6806, x1 (ask for Dawn)
This theatre has over 15 shows – here is a sampling. Check godandcountrytheatre.com				
Alabama Rolls on Tribute	N	\$32.00	\$20.00	
Best of Neil Sedaka, Capt&Tenille, Carpenters	M	\$32.00	\$20.00	
God & Country Sampler Show	N	\$32.00	\$20.00	
Jerry Presley “Elvis Live” Concerts	A, N	\$32.00	\$20.00	
Statler Brothers Revisited	N	\$32.00	\$20.00	
Thank You for the Music Tribute to ABBA	A	\$32.00	\$20.00	
50’s Rock, Roll, & Reminisce	A	\$32.00	\$20.00	
Waylon, Willie, & Good Ol’ Boys	M	\$32.00	\$20.00	
King’s Castle Theatre (formerly Branson Variety), 2701 West Highway 76				417-334-2500
Dublin’s Irish Tenors - Celtic Ladies	M, A, N	\$39.00	\$26.00	
New Jersey Nights	M, A, N	\$39.00	\$26.00	
Puttin’ on the Ritz	M, A, N	\$39.00	\$26.00	
The White House Theatre, 2255 Gretna Road				417-335-2396
The Legend of Kung Fu	A, N	\$38	\$20.00	

HOW THIS WORKS

1. Make reservations in advance for attractions & shows – be sure to mention that you have a discount.
2. The discount card will be mailed to you by October 5.
3. Present the discount card at the theater. Most theaters require tickets be picked up two hours in advance. Check out the attractions and shows at explorebranson.com.