

Flanders' Road Trip to Midwest – Summer 2001

All Itinerary Details Subject to Change without Notice

Saturday, August 18

- Diabetes Walk T-shirts/ denim shorts
- Tyler, TX → Little Rock, AR (250 mi)
- Little Rock, AR → Branson, MO (150 mi)
- Reservations made with APEX (2 nights) “computer accepts 5”
- Information Center #417-335-4710

Sunday, August 19

- Royal blue T-shirts/ denim shorts
- Branson, MO → Mansfield, MO → back
- See Branson + show?

Monday, August 20

- Yellow Polos/ blue jeans
- Branson, MO → Independence, KS (200 mi)
- Little House on the Prairie
- City Park (5-cent carousel, 25-cent train rides, \$1 Putt-Putt golf)
- Independence, KS → Overland Park, MO (150 mi)
- Hotel check-in:
Amerisuites (p. 408) 913-451-2553
From jet I-435 and exit 79, ½ mi S on Metcalf Ave, to 112th St, then just E. 6801 W 112th St
2 doubles + sofa sleeper, microwave, refrigerator + dishes/ flatware
Includes deluxe continental breakfast. Cancel 4pm day of arrival. \$85 (gov. rate)
Confirmation # P13335700

Tuesday, August 21

- Kelly green T-shirts/ blue jeans
- Overland Park, MO → Des Moines, IA (175 mi)
- Des Moines Art Center – free (p. 49)
- Des Moines, IA → Austin, MN (150 mi)
- Lois & Lloyd
- Austin, MN → Rochester, MN (50 mi)
- Tour Mayo Clinic (free shuttle 6am – 10pm)
- Hotel check-in:
Best Western Soldiers Field (p. 439) 507-288-2677
Just S of Mayo Clinic, 4th Ave SW at 401 6th St SW
2 Queen beds for 2 adults (kids free) \$75.60 (AAA rate)
Includes continental breakfast 6am-9am M-F
Confirmation # 18036

Wednesday, August 22

- Hunter green Polos/ khaki shorts
- Rochester, MN → Minneapolis, MN (50 mi)
- visit Aunt Lois and Uncle Lloyd
- Shop Mall of America

- Minneapolis, MN → Sioux Falls, SD (225 mi)
- Great Plains Zoo (p. 251) Open 9am-7pm.
- Hotel check-in:
Comfort Suites (p. 570) 605-362-9711
Just NE of I-29, exit 77 (41st St.) 3208 S Carolyn Ave.
2 Queen beds + sofa sleeper, non-smoking. Computer accepts 4 to room – fire code.
Includes continental breakfast. \$84.95 (AAA rate)
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Thursday, August 23

- Red Polos/ khaki shorts
- Sioux Falls, SD → Mitchell, SD (60 mi)
- Corn Palace (p. 241) Open 8am-8pm. Free.
- Enchanted World Doll Museum (p. 242) Open 8am-8pm.
- Mitchell, SD → Keystone, SD (300 mi)
- Hotel check-in:
Econolodge @ Mt. Rushmore (p. 548) 605-666-4417
SR 40, 1 mi E of jct US 16A, 908 Madill St.
2 Queen beds + sofa sleeper, refrigerator. \$125 (AAA rate)
Includes continental breakfast 7am-9am.
Confirmation# 7248238103
- See Mount Rushmore/ hike?

Friday, August 24

- White Polos/ khaki pants
- Take Christmas picture? (Bring tri-pod!)
- Explore this area
- Wildlife Loop in Custer Park (bring carrots or grain for “begging burros”)
- National Museum of Wood Carving
- Jewel Cave? Tour guide Jenny?
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Homestake Gold Mine in Lead?
- Spearfish, SD → Worland, WY via (275 mi)
- Hotel check-in:
Comfort Inn of Worland (p. 360) 307-347-9898
On US 16, 1 ½ mi E 100 N Road
2 Double beds, non-smoking for 2 adults, 8 children. \$89.95 (AAA rate)
Includes continental breakfast.
Confirmation #1 119779

Saturday, August 25

- Get up early!
- Blue stripes/ khaki pants
- Worland, WY → Greybull → Cody (Buffalo Bill museum?) → Yellowstone National Park via (180 mi)
- Stop for groceries (picnic supplies + breakfast food for the morrow)
- Explore Yellowstone
NE entrance has beautiful, snow covered pass
“Snow plow may not necessarily be in the right lane”
“If you are out after 4 pm, nobody will look for you until next morning”
- Yellowstone → Moran, WY (Teton National Park)
- Hotel check-in: by 5:00!!

Cowboy Village Resort @ Togwotee (p. 322) 307-543-2847

16.5 mi E of Moran, jct US 26 and 287

Log cabin with 2 Queen beds + sofa sleeper, refrigerator, BBQ pit on porch, housekeeping, phone and TV for 3 adults + 7 children. \$140.24. 7-day cancellation policy for 95% refund.

General manager, Jeff, from Beaumont, TX, graduated SFA

NO BREAKFAST included – bring stuff for frig or grill?

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- 5:30 Horseback Dinner Ride – 2 hrs. 15 min. Hour long ride, followed by cook-out with entertainment (cowboy poet, guitarist, dog tricks). Wear sweatshirts, jackets, long pants. 1 adult/ 3 children on horses, 1 adult/ 5 children on wagon. Steak dinner for 2 adults + 3 oldest children, hot dog dinner for youngest 5 children. \$40pp adults, \$30pp ages 8-12, \$20pp ages 4-8, free under 3 = \$220 total.

Sunday, August 26

- Army green T-shirts/ khaki shorts
- Hike and explore!! (Dad with boys in early morning/ Mom cooks breakfast at cabin?)
- Grand Tetons, WY → Rawlins (250 mi)
- Dubois – see Sheep Mountain?
- Stop Independence Rock/ Devil's Gate on way (off 220- 20 mi north of 287)
- Hotel check-in:
Sleep Inn (p. 347) 307-328-1732
I-80, exit 214, 14 00 Higley Blvd.
2 double beds, non-smoking. \$55 (Gov. rate)
Includes breakfast??
Confirmation # 106184

Monday, August 27

- Niagara Falls T-shirts/ blue jeans
- Visit Wyoming Frontier Prison in Rawlins (p. 167)
Tours daily 8:30am-5:30pm. \$15 family rate. Allow 1 hour.
- Rawlins, WY → Laramie, WY (100 mi)
- Visit Territorial Prison & Old West Park. Daily 10am-6pm
- Laramie, WY → Denver, CO (150 mi)
- View State Capitol
- Hotel check-in:
Lowes Geiorgio Denver (p. 277) – 4-star hotel -303-782-9300
I-25, exit 204, 1 mi N on Colorado Blvd, just E 4150 E Mississippi
2 double beds \$130. Includes breakfast for 2 adults
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Tuesday, August 28

- Lime green T-shirts/ blue jeans
- Six Flags Elith Gardens in Denver
Open 10am-10pm. Free with season passes
- Children's Museum? In morning? Free with DSP card. 2-hr Skiing/Snowboarding lessons?
- Denver, Co → Colorado Springs, CO (65 mi)
- Hotel check-in:
Comfort Suites (p. 227) 719-536-0731
I-25, exit 150, just S on Academy to 1055 Kelly Johnson Blvd
2 Queen beds, non-smoking, for 2 adults, 8 children. \$85 (Gov. rate)
Includes continental breakfast
Outdoor heated pool + water slide

Wednesday, August 29

- Orange T-shirts/ blue jeans
- Explore Colorado Springs
- Visit Focus on the Family
- Visit Garden of the Gods
- See Olympic Center?
- See Air Force Academy Visitors Center
- See Pikes Peak
- Colorado Springs, CO → Amarillo, TX via I25 to Hwy 64/ Hwy 87 (300 mi)
- No hotel reservations (in case Doug wants to drive through)

Thursday, August 30

- New Orleans T-shirts/ blue jeans
- Amarillo, TX → Tyler, TX (400 mi)