



Welcome to the Cascadia Chapter of RVing Women!

Whether you found us through the website, through a friend or just stumbled upon us, we're glad you're here! As a prospective member, we've put together this packet which we think will be useful to you. Cascadia RVW events are arranged for women interested in, or currently enjoying, the RV lifestyle; however, you don't have to own an RV to be a part of us. Most parks now have rental units available, or you might take advantage of a nearby bed & breakfast or motel. This weekend will be a great opportunity for you to learn about all types of RVs, as our members have owned just about everything on wheels at one time or another. If you ask, they'll happily share experiences (good and bad) to help you on your quest to find the perfect RV or offer a helping hand with a problem. They would also love to share their favorite RV/camping spots for your future travels. So enjoy your time with us and take part in our famous Cascadia camaraderie!

A Typical Event Weekend

Our volunteer event coordinators plan a variety of activities for us to enjoy. However, please know that you are not required to participate in everything. Your time is your own but, of course, we do hope you will want to play with us! You should have received a detailed schedule of events complete with times, but a typical weekend event looks like this:

Friday Evening

- Happy hour and meet & greet
- Potluck appetizers
- Cards games and/or organized activities
- Sometimes a campfire after dinner

Saturday Morning

- Bring your coffee to the clubhouse, breakfast sometimes provided
- Occasionally an educational seminar
- Book Club

Saturday Afternoon

- On your own to do whatever you wish, or
- An organized activity planned by the event coordinators

Saturday Evening

- Happy hour
- Potluck supper
- Card games, board games and/or an organized activity

Sunday Morning

- Bring your coffee to the clubhouse, breakfast sometimes provided
- Rig welcoming/christenings
- Head for home

The detailed weekend schedule will be posted outside the clubhouse on Friday afternoon **and available on the website prior to the event.**

Questions & Answers

Hopefully you've found the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Cascadia website, but if not, here are a few things you'll want to know.

Potlucks – What do I bring?

You'll want to bring your own place setting, napkins, beverage, and some food to share (enough for about 6 people). Check the event page on the website for food themes for the meals. Alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Activities – Do I have to do everything?

No! We'd love to have you participate in as many activities or as few or as you are interested in. Whatever you are comfortable with will be fine with us.

Joining RVW and Cascadia – How does that work?

You're allowed to join us for two events to "check us out." After that, you'll need to join the RVW national organization. Check out www.rvingwomen.org to learn how to join national. After you are a member of national, we'd love to have you join the Cascadia chapter. Dues are only \$10 per year per person. You are not required to join the chapter, but we hope you will! Chapter dues are used to pay park deposits, provide meals several times per year, prizes and decorations, and that sort of thing. Where else can you have this much fun for \$10 a year?

Rig Welcoming/Christening – What’s that about?

On Sunday mornings we toast those members who have a new, or new-to-you, rig with a sip of apple cider. We’ll ask you to tell us a little about your rig, what its name is (if it has one) and then we’ll wish you and your rig “happy trails.”

Name Tags

Everybody wears ‘em to the organized activities. You might even get charged 25 cents by “The Sheriff” if you’re caught without a name tag. But then again, she might cut a newcomer some slack. We’ll even provide them for you. Look for them at the information table in the clubhouse.

Pets

We are a very pet-friendly group! More than half of our members travel with their pets – dogs, cats, and even a bird or two! Cascadia takes great pride, though, in ensuring that our members carry pet waste bags with them and clean up after their pets so that we maintain great working relationships with the park owners. But, please, keep your pets on a leash for their own safety, no matter how friendly they are. And always ask before letting your dog approach another dog, just to be sure.

Hi There Gals, Captains and Divas, – What’s that about?

Hi There Gals will welcome you as you arrive to the park. Captains plan a particular weekend’s activities. Divas help that weekend’s captain by setting up chairs & tables, carrying out events, that sort of thing. All of these roles are for the weekend only – not for the whole season. Our group runs on volunteer power!

Campfire and other Outdoor stuff

Bring your own lawn chair to campfires and other outdoor activities where you might want to sit a while.

More Questions?

Don’t hesitate to contact any of the board members with any additional questions you might have.



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Please be sure to check out the national RVW website for everything there is to know about **RVing Women**. There you’ll find information about rallies being held at all 16 chapters around the country, the annual national convention, as well as a Member Forum where you can ask questions, express concerns, introduce yourself and meet new people.

RVing Women National Website: rvingwomen.org

Cascadia Website: cascadiarvw.com