

COMMUNITYNEWS

Tips for spring break travelers

CBP STAFF REPORT

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations reminds travelers planning trips across the border into Minnesota or North Dakota to anticipate heavy traffic in the United States starting Friday, which is the start of spring break for most schools in Manitoba, Canada.

CBP encourages travelers to plan trips in advance and obtain a radio frequency identification-enabled travel document such as an Enhanced Driver's License/Enhanced Identification Card, U.S. Passport Card, or Trusted Traveler Program card (NEXUS, SENTRI, Global Entry, or FAST/EXPRES) to expedite their entry into the United States and make future border crossings more efficient.

Border traffic volumes are expected to increase significantly Friday, March 28, 2014 through the first week in April; all travelers are reminded of a few simple steps they can employ to cross the border more efficiently during this year's spring break.

1. Check out the new CBP informational website at www.cbp.gov

The CBP site has been completely redesigned to help users quickly access the content they need. It also is optimized for access by smart phones and makes use of a new content delivery network that will improve access internationally.

2. Beat the border rush
Cross during off-peak times, such as before 6 a.m. or after 2 p.m. Most lines at the border start building in the morning and carry on into early afternoon.

Wait times for the ports of International Falls and Pembina, N.D., can be monitored at apps.cbp.gov. Information is updated hourly and is useful in planning trips and identifying periods of light use/short waits.

3. Keep travel documents handy

Make sure each passenger has the correct travel document accessible and ready to give to the CBP officer.

If you are a frequent international traveler and have not already become a member of a trusted traveler program, sign up now. For more information, visit the Trusted Traveler section of the CBP website.

4. Know the contents of your vehicles and be prepared to declare all items

Travelers are required to declare all items being imported into the United States from Canada. If you are not sure about what to declare, do not hesitate to ask the CBP officer.

Travelers should familiarize themselves with the "Know Before You Go" brochure or section of <http://www.cbp.gov/travel>.

5. Know what food products can be imported

Many fruits, meats, dairy, and poultry products are prohibited from being imported into the United States from Canada.

For more information, review the Prohibited and Restricted Items section of the "Know Before You Go" brochure or section of <http://www.cbp.gov/travel>.

6. Monitor the weather and road conditions

Current road conditions in Minnesota can be found at www.511mn.org. North Dakota weather and road conditions are found at www.dot.nd.gov.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, commissioners' boardroom.
- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m., north of 11th Street and west of Highway 53 (includes Terrace Lane).
- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local 159, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- After School Arts – Theater Games, 4-5:30 p.m., Backus, Room 101.
- Sunbeams and Girl Guards, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Community Band, 5 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Women of the Moose, 6 p.m., clubrooms.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., ribeyes, baked potatoes and trimmings.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Storytime, "Spring," 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Cardiac support group, 11:30 a.m., Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Flu Clinic, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching

County Health Department.

- Caring and Sharing ... a Time for Caregivers support group, 1:30 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ, Fireside Room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 4-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., chili, corn bread, fruit, Backus Community Center.
- Tacos supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse, 407 Fourth St.
- Borealis Bards, 6:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- St. Thomas Catholic School-sponsored Bingo, 7 p.m.; Bonanza, 6:45; doors open 5:45, Aquinas Hall (Lic. No. 01336).
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Serenity Sisters, Women's A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Elks Lodge Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., meatloaf sandwiches.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Chef James Shipley Cooking Class, 6:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; ribeyes supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- Fifth Annual Borderland Musical Showcase, 7 p.m., Backus Auditorium.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

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Sunday's Northstar Cash 20, 22, 26, 30, 31	Mega Ball 10
Friday's Gopher 5 7, 8, 15, 16, 38	Saturday's Powerball 13, 28, 31, 55, 58
Saturday's Hot Lotto 3, 12, 35, 36, 38	Powerball 15
Hot Ball 11	

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

Caring and Sharing group

Caring and Sharing ... a Time for Caregivers group, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Faith United Church of Christ, Fireside Room. For information, call Leslee Loop at 283-7030.

Library storytime

Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Thursday will feature stories, rhymes and songs

about "Spring" followed by "Stay and Play."

Childbirth classes

Rainy Lake Medical Center and Koochiching County Public Health will provide free Childbirth Classes for expectant mothers in or past their sixth month of pregnancy. Classes will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 3, 10 and 17 at the RLMC hospital campus. To

register, call 283-5524.

Book club

Rainy River Book Club will meet at noon Saturday at Lenard's. Books for discussion are "The Adoption of Charlie Keenan" by Peggy Ann Vigoren and "The Monuments Men" by Robert Edsel.

Knudson fund deadline

The next quarterly deadline for application to the

Marshall N. Knudson Family Community Fund is April 1. Nonprofit organizations may apply for up to \$5,000 in funds to support community needs in the International Falls area and Koochiching County. Applications are available from Randy Pozniak LTD, 213 Third St. Call 283-8148 for more information.

Musical showcase

The Fifth Annual Borderland Musical Showcase is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at Backus Community Center Auditorium. Sponsored by Tuesday Musicales and Backus, the showcase features local students, musicians and summer music camp scholarship recipients. The public is welcome to attend. Admission is a free-will offering.



Castle Backus

Royal Feast

Dinner Theater

Saturday, April 5, 2014 | 5:00 pm

Tickets: All tickets include meal & entertainment

- \$50.00 per person ROYAL COURT
- \$40.00 per person BARON/BARONESS
- \$30.00 per person VILLAGER
- \$10.00 per person PEASANT

Limited number of tickets in each group!

Tickets available at Backus or online at www.backusab.org



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www.backusab.org | Facebook: Backus AB

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BOREALIS BARDS

The night will be filled with great food, great entertainment & great laughter as we recreate the era of the Renaissance.

Costumes welcome but not required.

Cash Bar Available

SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2014 8:00-11:00 AM



a team event to fight cancer

PANCAKE BREAKFAST


Please join the members of Int'l Falls Fire/Rescue/EMS for a pancake breakfast fundraiser and silent auction to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life!

We will have great food, silent auction and t-shirt sales

Some silent auction items will include: Ash Ka Nam Resort 3 night stay, MN Twins Tickets and Autographed Winnipeg Jets Jersey by Dustin Byfuglien and much, much more!

Free will donations will be greatly appreciated for the pancake breakfast to go towards our fundraising goal and all proceeds from the event will be given to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Location:
Int'l Falls Fire Station
600 4th Street
Int'l Falls, MN 56649
218-283-2929



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Friday, March 28 4-8pm
Saturday, March 29 9am-4pm

Evangelical Covenant Church | 1631 First Avenue East | Int'l Falls

Join us for a family fun day!

Food | Games | Seminars | Vendor Booths | Prizes

Speakers

- Friday | Dave Csanda, Angling Edge Television
- Friday & Saturday Gary Clancy, Outdoor Writer
- Rodney Dehart & Doug Moss on site to score Your mount!

- Saturday | Jean-Paul Tessier, Lake of the Woods Outdoorsman & Saturday Don Breneman, Outdoor Photography

See the | Larsen Big Game Mount Collection | on display!

Admission and to win prizes is by free will offering of non-perishable food items for The Salvation Army Food shelf and/or monetary donation to the local dialysis project, however, no one will be turned away.

Visit the web for more details & speaker times **www.ifallsoutdoorexpo.org**