

Anniversary Party Pontoon Ride

Our 20th Anniversary Party is only a few months away. My family and I took the Adventure Tour Pontoon ride this week, and we had a great time. Here are a few helpful hints to give you information you will need. If you have any questions, please email me.

You will need to sign a waiver in order to take the pontoon ride. There will be waivers on each table in the dining room when you arrive. Please sign them, and place them on the table in one area so I can find them easily. This will alleviate everyone squeezing in the small room where the reservations are made just to sign the form.

I will have those small stickers with our chapter's name on them at the table. Put them on after the luncheon, and until you are on the boat. This makes it easy for the captain of the boat to identify us, and ensure no one has wandered onto our boat accidentally. You make take them off when the boat gets underway.

Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing. It was not hot yesterday, but it may be (okay, WILL be hot) in May.

There is 1 step getting onto the boat. The more people on the walkway, the steeper the step. The captain will tell us to only allow a few people on at a time. If I can do the step, it will not be a problem for anyone else.

You will be allowed to get up and walk around the boat at times, but do so carefully. The waiver you signed says they are not responsible if you fall off the boat. You would have to jump, not fall, off the boat, and the water is pretty shallow everywhere, so you will be safe.

The engines are a little noisy and hot. Stay towards the front of the boat if you can. The captain narrates the whole ride, and he is loud and entertaining. There is a tip bucket as you exit the boat for him and the driver. It is voluntary, so it is your decision whether to tip or not.

THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TIP!! Use the ladies room when you can. There is a restroom right after the gift shop in the main foyer. I am sure there are more, and I will have the locations at a later time. Can you imagine 25 ladies all using the restroom at the same time right after lunch? We have 30 minutes between lunch and the boat ride. The walk is about 5 minutes.

I don't know what the plan is if it rains. When I get a confirmed answer, I will let you know. In April's newsletter, I will put a map of the inside of the Plantation, walk to the Adventure Tours room, and the ladies rooms.

Looking forward to a fun celebration.

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