

Frequently Asked Questions about Escapade!

Take a few moments to read the FAQs and learn more about Escapade!

What is Escapade? Escapade is five fun-filled days of education, entertainment, and fellowship with RVers from across the USA and other countries. Escapees members renew old friendships, make many new RVing friends, participate in the diverse seminar and workshop presentations, shop the Escapade market, and visit the many Chapters and BoFs represented at the event as they socialize, enjoy evening entertainment, door prizes and have fun throughout the week. It's the perfect time to experience the full support network of Escapees RV Club.

Why should I attend? Many attendees cite the valuable educational, technical, lifestyle, and travel seminars as the number-one reason for attending. A close second is shopping the Escapade market to fulfill your RV "wish-list," while socializing with like-minded RVers and getting to know folks from local Chapters is at the top of many folks' list. There is something for everyone at Escapade.

Where is the 57th Escapade held? Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, AZ.

What are the dates of the 57th Escapade? March 19-24, 2017 are the event dates. Early arrival options begin on Friday, March 17, for those desiring to get parked and settled before the event kicks off.

What is the cost for the event? Basic registration (five nights boondocking and all events access) is \$235 with the "early bird" discount, before January 30, 2017. Please visit [Escapade registration details](#) for complete event registration pricing.

How do I get to the event location? The physical address is 11300 S. Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ. Located a short distance from Interstate 10 off exit 273 (Rita Rd). Detailed directions will be included with your arrival documents and emailed to you prior to event arrival.

How and when do I register? You may register as follows:

- Online at [Escapade registration](#).
- Via telephone by calling 1-888-757-2572 (ask for Escapade registration.)
- By mail using the registration form printed from the Escapade website.
- Register early (before January 30) to receive the early-bird discount on registration of \$25 and to ensure you receive your first choice of camping hookups.

Is there a honey-wagon pump-out service available? Yes. If you are registered for Electric/Water you will receive one pump out. The day of your pump out will be determined by your arrival date. Please plan accordingly to conserve your tanks. Boondockers will have the option to pay for a pump-out in advance should they need it at a cost of \$35. Must be paid through registration prior to the event, or paid not less than 24 hours in advance at Escapade. Please note: pump-outs will be limited and you must get on a list in advance and are not guaranteed you will get the day you prefer.

Is there a dump station available? Yes, there is 1 dump station available that can accommodate 2 RVs at a time. Location will be noted on the map. Please notify the Awesome Parking Crew if you need to dump prior to being parked. It is highly recommended you arrive with empty holding tanks so as not to delay having your rig parked.

Are there showers on site? Yes, there are showers and restrooms at the facility for attendee use.

Is there a handicap parking area? Yes, there is a handicap RV parking section, available to registrants possessing and displaying a valid state-issued handicap permit, on a first-come first-served basis. Please request this option and provide your handicap permit number to register for handicap parking. Handicap RV parking is in the electric/water/pump-out section.

What is the “E-ticket” and “parking designator”? The E-ticket is your entry ticket and proof of registration for admission upon arrival at Escapade. Please print and have it available for presentation to the parking greeters when you first arrive to be parked. The parking designator indicates your selection of hookups for campground parking and has a large letter designating your paid selection (B for boondocking, E for electric, H for handicap, etc.). Please print and place the parking designator prominently in your driver’s side windshield so the parking team can identify the correct area and direct you to your site quickly.

When do I receive my E-ticket and arrival information? Approximately five weeks prior to the event, E-tickets and parking designators will be emailed to you, along with detailed arrival information and early editions of the *Escapade Extras*.

What if I cannot print my E-ticket or parking designator? Please call registration in Livingston at 888-757-2752 and advise that you are unable to print your E-ticket and arrival documents, and they will make accommodations for you to receive these onsite.

May we arrive and register onsite at the event? Yes, you may register for Escapade upon arrival at the grounds. You may advise the parking greeters that you are not registered, and they will divert your RV to Customer Service to complete the registration process.

What happens if I have to cancel? A cancellation fee (\$25) is automatically deducted from all refunds. All refund requests must be in writing, and absolutely NO refunds after February 13, 2017 (requests must be submitted by midnight, February 13, 2017).

Will I be able to arrive early or stay over after the event, and what are the nightly fees?

Early arrival days are Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18 and extended stay days are Friday, March 24 and Saturday, Mar 25. Per-night fees are: Boondocking - \$25.00, Electric - \$30.00, FHU - \$35.00.

Is “group parking” available? Yes, if you arrive together & select the same camping option.

Groups of six or more rigs, please email the parking chair at escapadeparking@escapees.com to advise the number of rigs in your group and an approximate time of your group’s arrival. Please place the same color ribbon or flag on the driver’s side mirror of each rig so the parking team may identify your group.

Where and how do we receive our name badges, program books and welcome bags? Visit registration on Saturday or Sunday to exchange your E-ticket for your name badge, program book and welcome bag.

What are the hours of the Escapade market? Market hours are Sunday, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Are the exhibits open to the public? Wednesday is Community Appreciation Day with free admission to the market, outdoor exhibits and club booths. Otherwise, your Escapade name badge must be worn to enter all events and exhibits.

How can I become an exhibitor in the marketplace? Contact Duane Mathes at duane@escapees.com or 907-715-7505.

Is there a published seminar schedule? Yes, a sample schedule is published on the Escapade website and will updated closer to the start of Escapade. Seminars begin at 8:30 am and each presentation is one hour in length. There are 80-plus seminars scheduled.

Do I have to sign up for seminars or crafts? Seminars are open to all attendees but may be limited to available seating. Most craft classes are limited and require sign-up, which is usually held on Sunday during registration. Some craft classes have a small fee to cover supplies.

How can I volunteer at Escapade? There are two ways to volunteer at Escapade:

- 1) Visit the Volunteer Booth in the hospitality area near registration upon arrival to sign up for one of many volunteer jobs at Escapade. Sign up to help serve popcorn, drive golf cart transports, hand out ice cream, and many other tasks. It's a lot of fun and you'll earn the 57th Escapade volunteer pin in exchange for volunteering at least three hours of your time.
- 2) Visit the Escapade office during the event to sign up for the potential volunteer staff for the 58th Escapade in 2018. Volunteer staff positions for the current Escapade in Tucson are lined out at the previous year's event. If you would like to be added to the potential volunteer staff waitlist for 2017 in Tucson, please send an email to jean@escapees.com with the following information:
 - your phone number
 - your SKP number
 - confirm that you have attended at least one prior Escapade

Your name will then be placed on the potential staff list, and as the year progresses, if vacancies arise, volunteers on the list are contacted with offers to join the volunteer staff at Escapade in Tucson.

What is the address to have mail sent to me? Please have mail sent to arrive not before Friday, March 17, nor after Wednesday, March 22 (all mail received after Wednesday will be returned to sender), to:

Your name, SKP #

C/O Escapade, Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Rd, Tucson, AZ 85747

Are children and grandchildren welcome? Absolutely. Look for children's activities/ Kidscapade in the Escapade program book.

I have friends that would like to visit for a day to learn more about Escapees; can they come to Escapade? Yes, day passes are available from registration or customer service. (See event price list.) Wednesday is also Community Appreciation Day and everyone is welcome and not charge.

What is the pet policy? All buildings (including the market areas and the ROW) are pet-free (with the exception of certified service animals in working mode). If your pet is outside, it must be in a carrier, restrained in an appropriate manner, or on a short (8-foot or less) leash if being exercised. Please remember to pick up after your pets and dispose of waste properly.

May I bring my scooter, bike, moped, or Segway? Yes, Escapade highly recommends you bring some alternate transportation as vehicle parking is very limited near event buildings.

What is the typical weather for the dates of the event? Average temperatures range from the highs in the mid-70s and the lows in the mid-40s.