



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 59th Escapade held? Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ.

What are the dates of the 59th Escapade? March 17 – 22, 2019 are the event dates. Early arrival options begin on Friday, March 15th, 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 \$240 with the "early bird" discount prior to Feb. 1, 2019. 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, 85747. 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 936-327-8873 (ask for Escapade registration.)
- By mail using the registration form printed from the Escapade website.
- Register early (before Feb 1st) to receive the early-bird discount on registration of \$30 and to ensure you receive your first choice of camping hookups.

Is there a honey-wagon pump-out service available? Yes. An independent mobile pump-out service will be available on site. Please schedule directly with them for a pump-out. The fee will be \$25 per pump-out. They will have a booth in Hospitality. It is highly recommended you arrive with empty holding tanks.

Is there a dump station available? Yes, the Pima County Fairgrounds has a dump station. Signs will be posted and the location will be noted on the map. Please notify the 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 laundry facility on site? Yes, there are 2 self-pay laundry facilities for attendees to use.

Is there propane on site? Yes, the fairgrounds has a propane filling station.

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. There is a very limited amount of handicap parking available. Please request this option and provide your handicap permit number to register for handicap parking.

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 at arrival 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.

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 direct you 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 Feb. 11, 2019. (requests must be submitted by midnight, Feb. 11, 2019).

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 15, and Saturday, March 16. Extended stay days are Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23. Per-night fees are: Boondocking - \$25.00, E/W - \$30, 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. If your camping options (FHU, E/W, Boondocking, etc) are not the same, then your chance of getting parked together will probably not happen at this fairground facility. Our parking team will do their best to get you parked together, but understand this is not a guarantee.

Where and how do we receive our name badges, program books and welcome bags? Upon your arrival and after you park your RV, your first job will be to visit Registration, in the Hospitality building, and 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 public. Otherwise Escapade is only open to attendees. Daily walk-in options are available for a fee. Please see registration details.

How can I become an Exhibitor or Sponsor at Escapade? 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 be updated closer to the beginning of Escapade. Seminars

begin at 8:30 am and each presentation is one hour in length. There are nearly 80 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 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 59th 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 60th Escapade in 2020. 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 wait list for 2020, 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 2020.

What is the address to have mail sent to me? Please have mail sent in the following manner:

Escapade / Your Name
c/o Pima County Fairgrounds
11300 S. Houghton Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85747

Mail will be available for pickup in the Escapade office from Friday, March 15th through Thursday, March 21st between the hours of 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Any mail arriving after that date, or not picked up by then will be returned to sender.

Are children and grandchildren welcome? Absolutely. Look for children's activities 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.) Remember, Wednesday is a free day.

What is the pet policy? All buildings at the Pima County Fairgrounds 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, on a short (8-foot or less) leash if being exercised, or in the dog park. Please remember to pick up after your pet(s) and dispose of waste properly. Expect the pet policy to be strictly enforced.

May I bring my scooter, bike, moped, or Segway? Yes, Escapade highly recommends you bring alternate transportation as vehicle parking is very limited or not available near event buildings.

Will there be courtesy transportation available between the buildings and campground? Yes, golf cart transportation will be available from Sunday evening to Thursday afternoon. Monday through Thursday hours: 8AM to 9PM.

What is the typical weather for the dates of the event? Average high temperatures are 75-85 degrees. Average low temperatures are 45-55 degrees. Average humidity is 'very dry' (normally 0%). Average wind speed is 5-10 mph, however, there can be wind gusts to 20 mph. Wind is primarily from the west. There is a 9% chance of rain.