

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association

2016 Florida Reunion Gathering!

Dates: Friday, 4/8 - Saturday, 4/9/2016

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Hey Family!

Hoping that you can come to the Florida Gathering Reunion next month! I know it's a bit of a hop over to Ocala, Florida, but we sure would love to have you! So far, folks are coming from as far as Carlsbad, NM, Houston and DFW! Would love to have you here and honor us with your presence! And, bring the family! Some are making plans on coming and doing an extended thing. Buesh Gardens in Tampa is only 1 hour 20 minutes away and Disney Parks are 1 hour away...

Though the Gathering and the dinner will be at our home on Saturday, 4/9/16 we were trying to put together a couple of extra things for those coming in Thursday, 4/7/16. For some of the folks, I have a bass fishing charter set up for early Friday morning. Sorry folks, but in planning this event and talking with others, I only have 1 seat left on the excursion. This is my treat and may give the possibility of the largest big mouth you've ever caught. The last trip gave us a 12 lb. and 10 lb. in the mix... get this, not one single throwback... all over 4 lbs. So, it's first come first serve on this last seat! If there are several wanting to come fish and means you won't come – let me know and I'll figure it out!

For the rest of our sisters and brothers, Friday can be a day spent at beautiful Silver Springs State Park doing the glass bottom boats, zoo and a world of other things! You know, they made a James Bond movie there. Go to www.silversprings.com and you will see what I mean.

A second choice that is in our backyard as well, for those who want a little wetter experience, is the Rainbow Springs River. Go to www.floridastateparks.org/Rainbow-Springs Very neat place my family has enjoyed for years. You can kayak (single or double) or tube down the river. (We prefer tubing)! The water is always just right... They take you up river and let you go on your rented kayak or tube (not expensive) and then you stream down river to the pick-up.

For both of these places, Google to get more info. They both also have camp out grounds for the more adventure minded folks if a hotel just doesn't work. Both attractions are 15 – 18 minutes from our home and hotels. Please let me know your desires so I can maybe get some special rates. Or, maybe you might want to do your own thing? Plenty going on around here...

Saturday, 4/9/2016, we will all be gathering at our home and it will be very casual... like shorts, jeans and tee shirts! Now we are OK with tattoos, but hopefully if you're "show boating" they will be in nice places. (Bobby & Bill Sarpalius, that means you cannot show yours)!

Bring the kids or grand kids and your swimming suit. We have a cement pond... Everything will pretty much happen in the back yard with a fire pit in the evening. There is a rumor that some entertainment might drop by...

Below is a list of hotels that are centrally located. The first two listed have given us some special rates. Most all the hotels here are fairly close together. All include free breakfast and Wi-Fi. Every chain from Hilton to Motel 6 is here, so take your pick.

- 1) The one most recommended: Hampton Inns & Suites – 3601 SW 38th Ave., Ocala, FL, 34474. Reservations have to be made by 3/30/2016 @ (352) 867-0300. Special rate for double with 2 queens is \$109.00 plus 10% Taxes per night. Use the code "Cal Farley" when you call. Regular rate is \$139.00
- 2) Country Inns & Suites (Carlson Property) – 3720 SW College Road, Ocala, FL, 34474. Reservations have to be made by 4/1/2016 @ (352) 237-0715. Special rate for double with 2 queens is \$108.00 plus 10% Taxes per night. Use "Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni FL Gathering" as your code for special rate. Regular rate is \$144.00
- 3) Holiday Inns & Suites – 3600 SW 38th Ave., Ocala, FL, 34474, (352) 629-9500 (Very nice)
- 4) Courtyard Marriott – 3712 SW 38th Ave., Ocala, FL, (352) 237-8000 (\$107.00 - \$169.00)
- 5) Homewood Suites (Hilton) – 4610 SW 49th Rd., Ocala, FL, 34474 (352) 369-4610 (\$98.00 - \$159.00)
- 6) Hilton – 3600 SW 36th Ave., Ocala, FL, 34474, (352) 854-1400 (Vintage but nice) \$119.00 - \$209.00

Note: There is a Howard Johnson's that is nice that runs around \$49.00 - \$69.00 (Google it) and other privately owned properties that have lesser rates. Google "Hotels / Motels Ocala, FL. Lastly, my backyard has room for several tents... you are welcome!

If you are flying, the following airports are fairly close by and the distance from Ocala is as follows: Orlando International (MCO) - Around 1 Hr. 15 minutes. Sanford Florida International – Around 1 Hr. 15 minutes. Tampa International – Around 1 Hr. 30 minutes. Gainesville Florida International – Around 45 minutes. Allot of airports, but if you're shopping you might be surprised.

If you are driving, there really is only one way here... From everything West of Florida, you'll want to get on I-10 to I-75 South. You will come to the Ocala exits. Email me for additional directions, but the GPS will bring you right where you want to be...

It is very important that you RSVP with me and let me know how many will be in your clan. Need to know how many calves or hogs to dress! There will be some of the greatest, slow

smoked Bar-B-Que you Texas Ex's or maybe still there ever had! And, I know there will be some great fresh bass from the day before expedition! **DON'T MISS MUSTER!** NO EXCUSES!

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