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- Fish the Iowa Great Lakes
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- Ride the Spirit of the Lakes Excursion Train
- Go horseback riding
- Enjoy a sunset on the water
- Dine out
- Try the challenge course at Kenue Park
- Enjoy the fall colors and crisp Autumn air of Okoboji

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Spend an Indian Summer with Us!

As the summer begins to wind down, Okoboji and the Iowa Great Lakes has much to offer during the Indian Summer Session. Late summer and early fall offers a great opportunity for antiquing, great gift shop buys, golfers, bikers, fisherman and fairgoers. Check out our fall packages for Indian Summer and the Clay County Fair inside the newsletter. If you're looking for a relaxing or romantic getaway, you can also find that here at The Inn At Okoboji! You'll enjoy great rates and hospitality without the summer crowds. The Inn is your number one choice for a fabulous Indian Summer vacation!

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2005 SEASON: MAY - OCTOBER



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Are you looking for the perfect gift to give for birthdays, anniversaries, or even Christmas presents? Gift certificates from The Inn At Okoboji are a great way to treat your co-workers, family members or clients to a relaxing getaway. Certificates are available for the Stars and Stripes Cafe, Marjories Gift Shop or for one of our overnight accommodations. They can be purchased year-round by contacting Shari at 1-877-265-4386, ext. 142. We're only a phone call away!

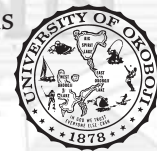
Thank you for staying with us!

2005 PACKAGES

GREAT SAVINGS FOR A SPECIAL GETAWAY

Indian Summer Session \$80.00* per night

Standard accommodations on reservations made after August 1, 2005. Individual reservations only, upgrades available**
Offer valid Aug. 21 - October, 2005
Sunday - Thursdays only
Not valid on holidays or weekends



Golf Okoboji 2005 per person*/per night

\$99* (off-season); \$162* (in-season)

- Two night stay in standard unit
- Play two 18-hole rounds of golf at a choice of courses
- Breakfast for two each morning
- Dinner for two in our Stars & Stripes Café
- Gift bag
- Based on double occupancy

Clay County Fair \$96.00* per night

One night stay in standard accommodations
Individual reservations only, upgrades available
Receive two adult general admission tickets to the Clay County Fair and breakfast for two in the Stars & Stripes Cafe
Offer valid Saturday, Sept. 10 - Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005
Vendors ask about our weekly rates!

Labor Day Special

End your summer "The Inn Way." Come on up Friday after work and get the most out of your holiday. Book two nights at our regular rate and receive the third night half price. May not be combined with other discounts or coupons.

Pamper Yourself 2005

\$189* (off-season); \$296* (in-season)

- One night stay in our King Jacuzzi Unit
- Dinner for two in our Stars & Stripes Café
- Champagne and Two Keepsake Glasses
- Goodies Handmade Chocolate Truffles
- Romance Gift Bag

Ask about adding the "Pamper Yourself" Package to any stay with us!

Package A la Carte

Add a little excitement to your stay with one or more of our package add-ons. Add-ons are based on availability and can be added to any room type.

Afternoon Picnic Bike Ride
Picnic Lunch and bike rental for four \$94

Pizza and Movie
Movie passes, pizza and pop for four \$49

Pamper Yourself
(Dinner for two, Romance Gift Pack and Champagne) . . . \$69

Treasure Village Children's Theatre and Miniature Golf for four \$34

Kart Ranch passes for four \$42

Queen II tickets for four \$32

Family Package \$399.00*

The perfect package focused on family time and family fun.

- Two night stay in a family suite
- Ranch Park or Treasure Village Passes for four
- Queen II passes for four
- Breakfast for four each day
- Gift bag

Package is good Sunday - Thursday now through Labor Day.

* plus tax
** additional fee

SEPTEMBER 2005

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Polar Swim at The Inn MEXICAN NIGHT	2 Fun Run at The Inn <i>Sing-a-Long with Marie</i> FISH FRY Movie Night at The Inn	3 Flea Market/ Antique Show Cardboard Regatta at The Inn <i>Sing-a-Long with Marie</i> BREAKFAST BUFFET Polar Swim
4 Flea Market/ Antique Show Block Party Lakefront, 6 pm <i>Sing-a-Long with Marie</i> BREAKFAST BUFFET	5 Labor Day BREAKFAST BUFFET OFF-SEASON RATES BEGIN JAZZ NIGHT	6 Polar Swim at The Inn	7 Barbary Coast Dixieland Band <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i>	8 Polar Swim at The Inn	9 Fun Run at The Inn Barbary Coast Dixieland Band FISH FRY U of O Couples Golf Tournament	10 Clay County Fair Polar Swim BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O Couples Golf Tournament
11 BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O Couples Golf Tournament	12 Billie James <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i>	13 Polar Swim at The Inn	14 <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i> Clay County Fair	15 Polar Swim at The Inn	16 Movie Night at The Inn <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i> FISH FRY	17 Polar Swim at The Inn BREAKFAST BUFFET
18 BREAKFAST BUFFET Clay County Fair	19 Billie James <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i>	20 Polar Swim at The Inn	21 <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i>	22 Polar Swim at The Inn	23 FISH FRY Movie Night at The Inn <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i> Lakes Area Community Theatre Performance	24 Polar Swim BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O Bike Ride
25 BREAKFAST BUFFET Lakes Area Community Performance	26 Billie James <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i>	27 Polar Swim at The Inn	28 <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i>	29 Polar Swim at The Inn	30 <i>Fun Run at The Inn</i> Movie Night at The Inn	

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AUGUST 2005

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 JAZZ NIGHT	2 PASTA NIGHT	3 WILD WEST NIGHT	4 MEXICAN NIGHT BLOCK PARTY 6 pm, Lakefront <small>Okoboji Summer Theater</small>	5 Fashion Show FISH FRY	6 BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O 3.5 m Open Swim MAU MARINE POKER RUN
7 Marilyn Maye BREAKFAST BUFFET <small>Okoboji Summer Theater</small>	8 JAZZ NIGHT	9 Marilyn Maye PASTA NIGHT	10 Marilyn Maye WILD WEST NIGHT	11 MEXICAN NIGHT BLOCK PARTY 6 pm, Lakefront <small>Okoboji Summer Theater</small>	12 Fashion Show <i>Sing-a-Long with Marie</i> FISH FRY	13 Boji Fun Run 5K, 10K at The Inn BREAKFAST BUFFET <i>Sing-a-Long with Marie</i> Old Iron Car Show
14 BREAKFAST BUFFET Vettes in the Park <small>Okoboji Summer Theater</small>	15 JAZZ NIGHT	16 PASTA NIGHT	17 WILD WEST NIGHT	18 MEXICAN NIGHT	19 FISH FRY	20 BREAKFAST BUFFET Art in the Park U of O Softball
21 Indian Summer Session Begins BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O Softball <small>Okoboji Summer Theater</small>	22 JAZZ NIGHT	23 PASTA NIGHT	24 WILD WEST NIGHT	25 MEXICAN NIGHT	26 FISH FRY	27 BREAKFAST BUFFET
28 BREAKFAST BUFFET	29 JAZZ NIGHT	30 PASTA NIGHT	31 WILD WEST NIGHT			

Maye Sings Ray



Marilyn Maye celebrates the music of the legendary Ray Charles at The Inn on Sunday, August 7, Tuesday, August 9, and Wednesday, August 10, 2005. Marilyn Maye has been an Inn tradition for over 40 years. She will entertain groups of all ages with jazz and swing classics and her love of the Okoboji area. Since her start in Kansas City she has made more appearances than any other singer on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show"—seventy-six times. Tickets are available at a rate of \$25 (plus tax) per person by calling The Inn at 877-265-4386 or 712-332-2113.

Performing Live at 8:30 pm in the Lakeview Room
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Barbary Coast Dixieland Band

The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band will start off Okoboji's Indian Summer for the third year in a row. Barbary Coast punctuates each concert with whimsical and zany comedy. Since 1967, they have set thousands of toes tapping throughout Minnesota, Iowa and even Japan. Incredible vocals and a variety of special numbers are the seasoning to a well-blended performance.



The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band will be performing two shows in the Lakeview Room on Wednesday, September 7, and Friday, September 9. Cocktail service will be available throughout each show. Advance tickets are available for \$8 per person. To make reservations, please contact us at 877-265-4386 or 712-332-2113.

The World's Greatest County Fair Clay County Fair, Sept. 10-18

For the last 87 years, the Clay County Fair has taken place in Spencer, Iowa. The Clay County Fair is considered one of the largest county fairs in America and has an added honor of being considered the most rural-oriented fair still in operation. The Clay County Fair is located minutes from the Iowa Great Lakes Area offering fairgoers the opportunity to enjoy a great entertainment line-up, exhibits, showcases and the fall foliage surrounding the lakes. Besides the grandstand entertainment, the Clay County Fair offers a wide variety of FREE entertainment for the entire family throughout the whole week! For more general information and ticket information on Clay County Fair happenings, check out www.claycountyfair.com.

2005 Grandstand Line-up

Saturday, Sept. 10 ZZ Top
Sunday, Sept. 11 Extreme Monster Truck Nationals
Monday, Sept. 12 Sawyer Brown
Tuesday, Sept. 13 Barnes PRCA Rodeo
Wed., Sept. 14 Chuckwagon Races
Thursday, Sept. 15 LeAnn Rimes & Phil Vassar
Friday, Sept. 16 Brad Paisley
Saturday, Sept. 17 Trace Adkins & Tracy Byrd
Sunday, Sept. 18 ... Super Nat'l Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pulls

Fair Special Coupon

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Stephanie and Rich Graves with 12-year old son, Trevor, and 22-month old son, Aiden.

Rich and Stephanie Graves were the winners of a three night/four day vacation package.

Rich Graves, was chosen to receive The Inn's "Proud to be an American" giveaway based on his wife Stephanie's letter to The Inn. An excerpt from Stephanie's letter appears below.

"My husband recently returned from a 14 month deployment with the 267th Ordinance Company of the Nebraska Army National Guard. He was stationed at Camp Speicher, Iraq, located near the city of Tikrit. This was by far one of the most trying times our family has ever faced, especially in light of the fact that our son was born only three months before my husband's deployment and we also had a 12-year old son. However, despite whatever was happening within his unit, to him personally, or with the overall tense situation in Iraq, my husband always maintained a positive, upbeat attitude, making his deployment much easier on myself and our sons.

My husband returned home in February 2005. It is just recently that I have learned of the horrible conditions he experienced while in Iraq. During a very emotional welcome home ceremony, I realized how honored I was to be married to a person willing to give everything he has to defend not only his country, but also to allow others the opportunity to live the life that we take for granted everyday. His selflessness and compassion for others is matched by few other people that I have known throughout my life."

The Inn At Okoboji wishes to thank everyone who shared their stories with us and all servicemen and women who have given so much back to our country. May God Bless and Keep You Safe!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				Okoboji Summer Theater	1 Sing-a-Long with Marie Fashion Show FISH FRY	2 Volleyball Tourney at The Inn Sing-a-Long with Marie BREAKFAST BUFFET Flea Market
3 FIREWORKS BIG SPIRIT Sing-a-Long with Marie BREAKFAST BUFFET Flea Market Okoboji Summer Theater	4 FIREWORKS WEST LAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET Great American Cook-Out Flea Market	5 PASTA NIGHT	6 WILD WEST NIGHT	7 MEXICAN NIGHT Okoboji Summer Theater	8 Fashion Show FISH FRY	9 BRASL BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O Tennis
10 BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O Tennis Okoboji Summer Theater	11 JAZZ NIGHT	12 PASTA NIGHT	13 WILD WEST NIGHT	14 MEXICAN NIGHT Okoboji Summer Theater	15 Fashion Show Sing-a-Long with Marie FISH FRY	16 BREAKFAST BUFFET Sing-a-Long with Marie U of O Homecoming
17 BREAKFAST BUFFET U of O Homecoming Okoboji Summer Theater	18 JAZZ NIGHT	19 PASTA NIGHT	20 WILD WEST NIGHT	21 MEXICAN NIGHT Okoboji Summer Theater	22 Fashion Show FISH FRY	23 BREAKFAST BUFFET Beach Boys Concert Greenspace
24 BREAKFAST BUFFET BLOCK PARTY 6 pm, Lakefront Okoboji Summer Theater	25 JAZZ NIGHT RAGBRAI	26 PASTA NIGHT	27 WILD WEST NIGHT	28 MEXICAN NIGHT Okoboji Summer Theater	29 Fashion Show Polaris Victory Rally FISH FRY	30 BREAKFAST BUFFET Polaris Victory Rally Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show
31 BREAKFAST BUFFET BLOCK PARTY 6 pm, Lakefront Polaris Victory Rally						

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In mid-September the Farley's & Sathers sales force will gather at The Inn At Okoboji. The members of the outside sales force travel into Okoboji from all over the U.S. for their national sales meeting. The Inn At Okoboji has proven to have professional and friendly service plus the down home atmosphere that the outside sales force longs for. The combination of the area's upscale restaurants and relaxed tourist hotspots makes The Inn At Okoboji a great place to hold a meeting.

Call today and let us help your company build a corporate package in Okoboji. 1-877-BOJI-FUN.

Red, White & Brew Espresso Bar
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We have added a full service espresso bar to Marjorie's Gift Shop and the coffee is on. We serve coffees brewed from beans freshly roasted in the Black Hills of South Dakota and shipped directly to The Inn. The beans are 100% Arabica and you won't find a better cup of coffee on this side of Italy.

From the true espresso drinker to the hot chocolate lover, we have a drink you will fall in love with and want to come back for. Try our White Hot Mocha, made with Giardelli white chocolate, fresh espresso and steamed milk in either skim or 2%. Top it off with some whipped cream and you have White Hot Heaven! Our Jet tea fruit smoothies are a huge hit in Strawberry, Mango, Green Apple, Watermelon, Peach and more.

Located at The Inn at Okoboji, Marjorie's has been completely remodeled and Red, White & Brew is included in their space. Our all new Coffee Counter is inspired by the old wood boats that graced Okoboji's blue waters for years. Marjorie's now offers a full line of coffee drinks and a complete line of nautical gifts. We continue to offer unique gifts, Ty Products, Tervis Tumblers, fun summer jewelry, University of Okoboji clothing and gifts, and a corner just for kids.