

Tioga's Western Trade Days!

September 2010

Dear Western Trade Day vendors,

Our last Trade Day of the season is finally upon us! And with the recent cooler days, we're hoping for a lovely fall feeling at our September Western Trade Day on the 25th!

We hope many of you can join us and help us end our season with a big bang. We'll also be celebrating – as always – Gene Autry's birthday with complimentary birthday cake in the Museum. So be sure to come in and enjoy a piece of Mom's bakery famous strawberry cake. Yummy!

If you know any musicians, please tell them we would love for them to come and share their talents with us at our September Trade Day, too.

We are uncertain about the future of our Western Trade Days next year, so we will **not** be taking applications or money for next year's season at this time. We will let you know sometime this winter or early spring whether or not we'll be continuing. Despite our best advertising efforts, Tioga's Western Trade Day has yet to grow to the level it must to put it in the profit margin.

However, we may decide to host a "Fall Fest" this year. A possible date being considered is Saturday, October 30th. This is the last Saturday in October and is also the day before Halloween. We need to hear from those of you who would be interested in participating should we decide to hold this event. Honestly, whether or not we do it, may be mostly dependent on how many vendors are interested. So please send us an email and let us know your interest.

And if we don't continue the Western Trade Days on a monthly basis next year, we could decide to hold one in the spring and one in the fall – another idea that is being considered. We will keep you posted! And again, knowing your interest would be appreciated.

We have loved getting to know so many wonderful and talented new friends! Thank you all for participating!

As always - vendors who want to arrive the night before to be ready for an early set-up can stay at Tioga's hotel and resort -- Spirit of the West. Our website homepage has a link to theirs where you can get rate information. Spirit of the West also has a fine dining restaurant called Diverso's you will enjoy. And campsites are available at nearby Lake Ray Roberts. Vendors are also welcomed to camp Friday night in their vendor space at no additional charge. Just let us know if you plan to do that.

And Tioga shops -- Pink Spur Trading Company and Tioga Mercantile -- will be open for business on Trade Day Saturday as well as the famous Clarks Outpost BBQ and Tioga's new Taco Shack. Tioga's two convenience stores also sell breakfast and lunch items.

If you weren't here in July or August, you will notice that we have a new grounds layout. This layout remains in effect for September.

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The Museum office will open at 6:30 AM on Trade Day Saturday and walk-in vendors are welcomed as long as we have spaces available. As you all know, you can register and pay online at www.westerntradedays.com or mail in your payment.

Hope to see you on September 25th!