



friendship force

CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY

Calendar of Events

- March 1** World Friendship Day
2:00PM Marion Christian Church
- March 9-13** Nebraska Sandhill Crane Journey
- March 24** CR/IC FFC Board Meeting
- April 6 - 11, 2026** Out Going Journey to Birmingham, Al
- April 24-26 2026** North American Conference Memphis TN
- April 29 5:00PM** LEO Copper Boar North Libery
- May 15 7:00PM** Club Zoom Trivia
- May 28 - June 4** Incoming From Western Washington/North Idaho
- July 13-18, 2026** Quilting Journey
- August TBD** Club Day Trip
- Aug 22-23 2026** Outgoing Journey to Peru
- Sept TBD** LEO
- Oct 7-14, 2026** Incoming Journey from Utah

CEDAR RAPIDS-IOWA CITY FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB

www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org

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Cedar Rapids- Iowa City Friendship Force

March 2026

President's Message

Welcome to March!

As our news has talk of war, let us remember why we joined Friendship Force. From the Friendship Force International page:

Friendship Force International connects people with its mission to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people. Through home-hosting and meaningful travel experiences, participants learn about other cultures, develop a better understanding of our world, and discover our shared humanity.

We as members are the roots of helping our world to develop peace. We have met and become friends with others across the world. We are interested in their lives and culture. Let us continue to do our part. Let us pray that others will see the good in our fellow world citizens and work toward peace for all.

Stephanie

LEO April 29 Copper Boar in North Liberty

We are heading to North Liberty for our next LEO (lets eat out). It is set for the **Copper Boar** at **575 Cameron Way, North Liberty, IA**. The fun starts at **5:00PM on April 29**. Feel free to bring friends to show them how much fun we are to hang with. There will be a signup Genius sent so we can give the restaurant a heads up as to how many will be attending.



Check out their website and menu at:
<https://copperboar.com/>

Zoom Trivia May 15

The next Club Zoom trivia will be **May 15 at 7PM**. As usual an email with the Zoom link will be sent. Come join the fun. It is always a learning experience. Looking forward to seeing you.



JOURNEY COORDINATOR SEARCH

A committee is being developed to find a new Journey Coordinator. The board is looking for volunteers to be on this committee. If you are willing to help, contact Stephanie Schulte 319-350-5279 sschulte08@gmail.com



CONSIDER BEING THE JOURNEY COORDINATOR

We are still looking for a new Journey Coordinator– How about you?

Journey Coordinator Job Description:

1. Coordinate all incoming, outbound, mystery, Open World activities; This means finding Ambassador Coordinators/Host Ambassadors/Home Hosts and supporting them through journey planning and implementation
2. Actively seek out Journey opportunities by establishing contacts and communicating with clubs worldwide; This would include filling out matching requests for International, attending and networking at FF conferences, build relationships with other FF members across the world.
3. Follow the “FFI Journey Guidelines”; Inform Board and get approval when needed
4. Collect and present applications of Journey coordinators to the board.

If you are interested in finding out more about this, please contact Stephanie Schulte, Patty Potter, or Judy Frascht-Miner. There are many rewards with this position. Please consider.

SPECIAL JOURNEY'S WITH FFI

Did you know that Friendship Force has Special Journeys to interesting places around the world? If you login to your member portal, scroll down and on the left hand side is an icon called **journeys**. If you click on it, you will be connect-ed with a page showing “View All Group Journeys” and “View All Independent Journeys”. In the “View All Group Journeys” are club to club journeys and Spe-cial Journeys that are set up by International. These are Special Journeys that will take you to very interesting places and give you some memorable experi-ences. Below are a couple of new Special Journeys posted and the links to the information about them. Check them out and you my find yourself on your way to Morocco or Guatemala.

Discover Morocco's Hidden Treasures #26002*

October 11-25, 2026

[https://
friendshipforce.myshopify.com/
products/discover-moroccos-hidden-
treasures-26002](https://friendshipforce.myshopify.com/products/discover-moroccos-hidden-treasures-26002)



Guatemala: Where Mayan Tradition meets Modern Life #26453*

November 8-16, 2026

[https://
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products/26453-guatemala-where-mayan-tradition-meets-modern-life?
variant=50914041069874](https://friendshipforce.myshopify.com/products/26453-guatemala-where-mayan-tradition-meets-modern-life?variant=50914041069874)



Friendship Force North American Regional Conference 2026 Memphis, USA

**Experience the spirit of Friendship Force in Memphis—
networking, discovery, and community at the
2026 Regional Conference.**

April 24 - 27, 2026 · Hyatt Centric Hotel

The registration for the North American Regional Conference is now open. **Open up your member's Portal to access the registration information.** There you will be able to see the agenda, speakers, hotel information and sign-up for the special excursions. Check with other club members to see about car pooling and possible room sharing. A riverboat cruise is offered at the conclusion of the conference. It looks to be a great event.



Journey Calendar by Judy Frascht-Miner

MARCH 9TH-13TH 2026- SANDHILL CRANE JOURNEY WITH NEBRASKA

Christine Allen is the Ambassador Coordinator. Everyone is ready to go!!!! Have Questions, contact Christine callenivy@gmail.com 319-330-3536 .



DATE CHANGE - APRIL 6-11, 2026 - OUTBOUND TO BIRMING-



HAM, ALABAMA Jerry and Carol Burke are the Ambassador Coordinators. **There are a couple of openings** and they are accepting applications now. Are you interested??? Contact Jerry and Carol 563-939-0190 jbcburke@yahoo.com Journey # 26188.

MAY 28 - JUNE 4TH 2026 - INBOUND FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON/

NORTHERN IDAHO - Jerry and Carol Burke are the Ambassador Coordinators. A committee has been formed and they are busy planning the itinerary. Contact Jerry and Carol if willing to be involved! jbcburke@yahoo.com



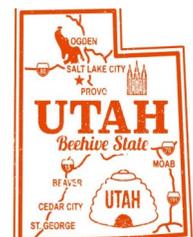
JULY 13 - 18 2026 - QUILTING JOURNEY - This is a Special/ Global Journey, which means it is posted on the International Website and is open to applicants from across the world. It will be exciting to see where our guest will be coming from. How about home hosting or driving? Curious, contact Patty Potter pattyspotter1001@gmail.com 319-551-5179.

DATE CHANGE - AUG 22/23 - AUG 28TH 2026 - OUTBOUND TO LIMA PERU -



The date was changed due to a conflict the Peru club has. Christine Allen is the Ambassador Coordinator who is already busy negotiating plans. It is full right now. Two add-ons are being planned with this journey, a boat trip down the amazon and a trip to Cusco. Everyone is excited. Any questions contact Christine callenivy@gmail.com. 319-330-3536. Journey #26068

- 3 **OCTOBER 7 - 14, 2026 - INCOMING FROM UTAH** - Nancy York and Tom Hess, Host Coordinators, are putting together a planning committee. Contact Tom and Nancy. 319-929-8208 stampingtoncy@gmail.com and 319-213-7762 tomhess8@gmail.com. Journey # 26135



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