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2006 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

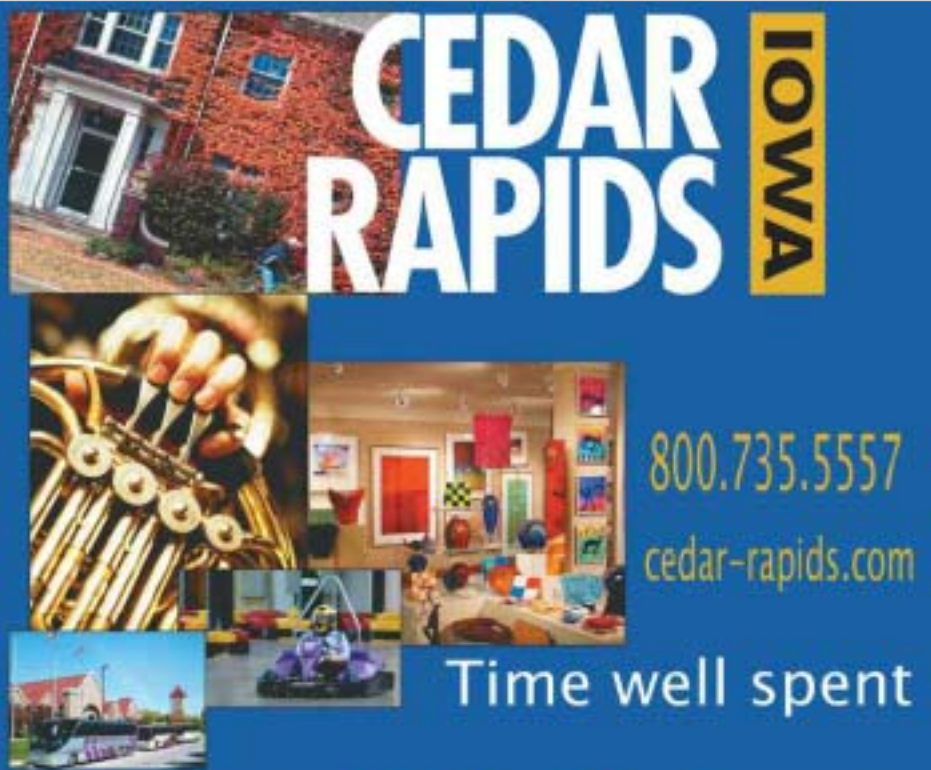
- Ushers Ferry Trains Day - June 4
- Grand Celebration of Brass Bands - June 17
- Fairy Tale Festival - June 25
- Wild West Weekend - July 8 & 9
- Folk Festival - Aug. 12
- Civil War Weekend - Sept. 16 & 17
- All Things Scottish - Sept. 23
- Apple Festival & Craft Show - Oct. 7 & 8
- Safe Halloween at Ushers Ferry - Oct. 22
- A Night at Ushers Scary - Oct. 27 & 28
- Thanksgiving Candlelight Tour - Nov. 24 & 25



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Cedar Rapids

www.cedar-rapids.com

Just 17 miles north on highway 151, Cedar Rapids offers a variety of cultural, historic and ethnic attractions, including the National Czech and Slovak Museum, Brucemore Mansion, African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa, IMAX Theatre, Cedar Rapids Museum of Arts and Ushers Ferry Historic Village. Cedar Rapids Kernels Baseball and Rough Riders Hockey offer semi-professional sports. Contact Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 319-398-5009 or 800-735-5557.

Iowa City and Coralville

www.iowacitycoralville.org

Home of the University of Iowa and internationally recognized University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City and Coralville are located 18 miles to the east. The University of Iowa offers several museums, including Iowa's first capital building. Downtown Iowa City provides shopping, art and entertainment and dining experiences. The Iowa Children's Museum is located in the Coral Ridge Mall. Contact the Iowa City/ Coralville Convention & Visitors Bureau at 319-337-6592 or 800-283-6592.

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West Branch

www.nps.gov/heho/

Located 30 miles west of Amana is the home of our nation's 31st president, Herbert Hoover. Visit the changing exhibits at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library/Museum and National Historic Site. Another must see is Hoover's birthplace cottage, his father's blacksmith shop, Quaker Meeting House and the grave sites of both President and Mrs. Hoover. For more information call 319-643-2541 or 319-643-5301.

Iowa City/Coralville
Convention and Visitors Bureau

While visiting the Amana Colonies stay in nearby Iowa City/Coralville...only 15 minutes from the historic villages of Amana and home to The University of Iowa, the Coral Ridge Mall, and the state's richest supply of arts/cultural venues.

For everything you need to know about the Iowa City/Coralville area please visit www.iowacitycoralville.org or call: 800-283-6592

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confusion of identities

Two unique religious groups were attracted to the fertile agriculture soil of southeast Iowa in the mid-1800s: the Old Order Amish in Kalona, in 1846, and the Community of True Inspiration, (the church of the Amana Colonies) in 1855. Both groups sought isolated, sparsely populated areas with adequate economic opportunities to preserve and develop their respective separatist communities.

But the Amana people and the Old Order Amish are two distinct groups of very different historical traditions and religious teachings. There is, furthermore, no ethnic relationship between the two groups, or has there been much interaction over the years. Still, the fact that these two groups settled within 50 miles of one another, eight years apart, held separatist viewpoints, spoke German and dressed in similar styles, has caused numerous visitors to confuse the two groups.

There is often a misconception that the people of the Amana Colonies are Amish – this is not the case. The residents of the Colonies live a contemporary lifestyle – you will not see horse-drawn buggies.

This confusion has been accentuated in recent years as both the Amana Colonies and Kalona have become major visitor attractions.

Many people think that the Inspirationists and the Amish are one and the same ethno-religious group, or that they are two denominations of one

major religious affiliation. Others have decided that the word “Amish” is simply a form of the word “Amana.” The two names certainly sound similar. The Amana Colonies and the Old Order Amish are, however, not related at all, in any historical or contemporary sense.

Source: *The Amana Colonies & Kalona's Old Order Amish: Two Unique Cultures in Southeast Iowa*, Rod. A. Jansen

Just 30 miles from the Amana Colonies, Kalona is the largest Amish settlement west of the Mississippi. Also known as “The Quilt Capital of Iowa” – Kalona is home to many unique shops; from quilting supplies and antiques to upscale home accessories and furniture. Visit the Kalona Historical Village with 13 buildings, Wahl House Museum and Mennonite Museum and Archives. Call 319-656-2660 or visit www.kalona.org for more information.

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