

Grapes & Grains 101

Frankfort, KY - May 13-17, 2026 Hosts: Matt & Lisa Marquand Rally Hub: Site 91

Where

Frankfort, KY May 13-17, 2026

Elkhorn Creek RV Park 165 N. Scruggs Lane Frankfort, KY 40601 (502) 695-9154

Rally Hosts

Matt & Lisa Marquand airstream@marquand.net

Rally Mentors

Steve & Cheryl Turley Scott & Deborah Vaughan Rob Rottschafer & Kim Caves

Summary

The rally will be held May 13-17, 2026 at the <u>Elkhorn Creek RV Park</u> located just north east of Frankfort, KY, The campground provides easy access to numerous large, famous, and growing distilleries. We've held a Sip of Kentucky rally there before and it's a perfect location to visit numerous locations as a group and on your own.

The genesis of the 101 rally was to revisit our G & G roots and to provide an opportunity to build on our successes of forging close-knit communities. Sure, we love our distilleries, wineries, and breweries but at our core, we're about the Airstream Club and expanding our network of friends. Our inaugural rally in 2022 established strong bonds between many of us that continue today. Out of that original group, five of us have served and/or still serve on the Grapes & Grains Executive Board.

What makes our 101 rally different from our standard "Sip of" rallies? G & G rallies tend to sell out very quickly (sometimes even in hours) and it's very common to see the same group of friends and only a few new folks. As excited as we are to see our close friends again, it is difficult for first time rally attendees to get a seat. Many of our members have never attended a G &G rally and the 101 rally is special in that we're reserving all of the sites for those that have never attended a Grapes & Grains rally. Attending the events at International (Megatasting, the luncheon, a caravan, etc.) do not count. If this would be your first rally and you've always wondered what a Grapes & Grains rally in the heart of Kentucky is like, then join us!

To enhance your experience, we've also enlisted three rigs of seasoned G & G folks as your mentors.

The Rally Fee

The rally fee is \$415/person. It is a lot but please take a moment to browse the agenda below and fully understand what you're getting for that plus the opportunity to learn, find new friends, and enter into the Grapes & Grains club in a way we did back in 2022 when everyone was new.

You will be required to book your own campsite <u>after registering</u> for the rally. You will need to <u>call</u> the campground (phone number above) and tell them you wish to attend the Grapes & Grains 101 Airstream rally May 13-17th. Do NOT book online. We have enough sites reserved for everyone but we only have the sites until March 31, 2026. If you wish to add days before or after the rally, you will need to work that out directly with the campground.

You can register and pay your fees here: rally registration form

Cancelation & Refund Policy

Members who cancel after being registered for any event will forfeit any third-party non-refundable fees incurred by Grapes & Grains (G&G) or the event sponsor including but not limited to reservation fees, processing fees, site cancellation fees, prepaid excursion, tour, entertainment, and event fees. Any member/registrant who cancels within 30 days of the Rally start date will forfeit any prepaid rally fees and depending on the venue, potential RV site fees. Regardless of the reason or cause, if the timeliness of cancellation of your attendance does not allow G&G or it's Host(s) to find replacement attendees or obtain refunds from any of the vendors or providers, a refund will not be made, and forfeiture of those costs will be incurred by the cancelling member.

If Grapes & Grains should cancel a rally or event, all fees paid by any member/registrant will be refunded.

This Grapes & Grains refund policy is premised on the concept that the Intra-Club should neither profit from nor subsidize the cost of any member or registrant who cancels after registering for a G&G sponsored or hosted rally or event. We understand that circumstances arise where a cancellation may be necessary, and every effort will be made to minimize the financial impact on both the Intra-Club and the member/registrant.

Any member/registrant who does not agree with a refund decision made by the organizers of a G&G sponsored event may appeal that decision to the G&G Executive Board by filing a written appeal request, including the reasons for a reversal of the refund decision, within 30 days of the original refund decision.

NOTE: If you registered and must cancel - do NOT cancel your campground reservation until you've contacted your host Matt (email address above). Campground spots are very difficult to reserve and campgrounds will release your cancelled site to the public making it impossible for us to provide a replacement. This difficulty can directly affect our ability to refund your fees. Before canceling your site, please contact Matt first!

Please read the campground cancellation fees closely as well. These fees are your responsibility in the event you must cancel.

There is a \$25 fee if you cancel your reservation more than 7 days from arrival date. It is \$50 within 7 days. For holidays and special events, it is \$25 more than 30 days out and \$100 if cancelled less than 14 days prior to arrival. For monthly reservations, it is \$100 more than 30 days out and \$250 within 30 days.

Disclaimer:

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION HAS INHERENT RISKS. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IS VOLUNTARY AT ALL PARTS OF THIS RALLY. THE HOSTS, GRAPES & GRAINS, AND ACI ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR CHOICES AND ACTIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF. ATTENDANCE AT GROUP EVENTS, AT THE CAMPSITE OR OTHERWISE, IS NOT MANDATORY TO ATTEND THE RALLY. HAVE A PLAN TO GET BACK SAFELY TO YOUR AIRSTREAM.



Grapes & Grains 101 Rally Schedule

A rally of the ACI's Grapes & Grains Intra-Club

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Wednesday - May 13, 2026

- Arrival Day Check-In 1-6pm
 - Elkhorn Creek RV Park
 - 165 N. Scruggs Lane
 - Frankfort, KY 40601
- Stop by The Hub (Site 91) to pick up your tasting glasses!
- TBD Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to the pavilion for a shared light meal
- TBD Bourbon Society Presentation & Tasting at the pavilion
- Campfires at The Hub BYOB

Thursday - May 14, 2026

- 8:15am Board the Chartered Bus near the pavilion in the campground
- 8:30am Buffalo Trace explore on your own
- 10:00am Board the bus
- 10:30am Castle & Key box lunches provided
- 12:30pm Board the bus
- 1:00pm Bourbon Boat Tour one free drink ticket per person
- 3:15pm Board the Bus
- 3:30pm Buffalo Trace Tour & Tasting (tentative)
- 5:00pm Board the bus
- 5:15pm Arrive at campground
- 6:30pm Catered dinner (Honduran cuisine) at the pavilion followed by campfires at The Hub - BYOB

Friday - May 15, 2026

- Optional drive to Buffalo Trace to get the day's "rare" but be in line by 8:30am so you can get back to the campground in time to board the bus.
- 10:15am Board the Chartered Bus near the pavilion in the campground
- 11:00am Wild Turkey Tour and Tasting box lunches provided
- 1:30pm Board the bus
- 2:00pm Glenns Creek Distillary Tour and Tasting
- 4:00pm Board the bus
- 4:30pm West Sixth Farm Brewery Tour & Tasting one free drink ticket per person pizza provided
- 7:00pm Board the bus
- 7:30pm Arrive at campground

• 7:30pm - Campfires at The Hub - BYOB

Saturday - May 16, 2026

- 9am Eggs, Spam, and Pancake breakfast provided at the pavillion bring your own drinks
- Day On Your Own
- 7pm Bottle Share at The Hub bring light hors d'oeuvres and a bottle to share bring your tasting glasses!

Sunday - May 17, 2026

- Free good-bye hugs at The Hub check-out @ noon
- Safe Travels!

When securing your campsite you may find it useful to consult this map. Reserved sites have been marked with a red dot. The Hub (outside the host camper) is just to the left of site 91.

The gathering space (the pavilion) is near the bottom of the map.

