



Friendship Force Utah

MAY - JUNE 2026

Creating Global Unity Through Personal Connections

Calendar

General Meeting & Potluck:

May 19 (Tues), 5:30pm

SL Gov. Complex 2100 S State
(bring your plate, utensils& cup)

Presentation - Patagonia trip by
Jeanne & Marv Goldstein

June restaurant get-together:

TBD Watch for an email

Summer Picnic: Potluck

July 14 (Tues), 5:30pm

Washington Park lower pavilion
in Mt. Dell, up Parley's Canyon.
(bring your plate, utensils& cup)

RSVP to Judy

judycohen@xmission.com

INBOUND FF visitors:

September 8-15, 2026

Florida Sun Coast

More helping hands needed.

Contact Judy and Betsy

Upcoming FF Utah meetings:

Sept 15 (considering changing
to Sept 14 to be Florida farewell
and Sept mtg combined)
Watch for further info.

November 17

OUTBOUND FF Journey:

October 7-14

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Iowa

Contact Judy

December: Holiday party at a
restaurant

We had a great March meeting on St. Paddy's Day!

- We fed everyone pizza along with our regular potluck fare. (Thanks to Jeanne for ordering it)
- Susan explained our options as a club under FFI's new strategic plan and increased fees.
- Annie lead a wonderful presentation with a great photo slideshow, about FF Utah's trip to Peru last August.



Message from the Leadership Team



*We are often asked why
we don't get Outbound International trips.*

There are fewer international clubs to host all the clubs who want to travel internationally.

And currently there are zero INBOUND journeys from other countries due to global concerns regarding U.S. border control and government policies. International clubs are afraid to visit the U.S. right now.

We did not get an OUTBOUND International journey for 2026 nor 2027, but...you can always go on the FFI website and reach out to other FF clubs who have OUTBOUND International journeys. They might have slots open.

FFI sent out journey matches for 2027. Utah will host Baton Rouge, Louisiana in June next year. Our OUTBOUND journey will be to Greater Atlanta, Georgia in October 2027.

Jeff Driggs shared this
**opportunity to visit Vietnam
with Westminster College.**

Scroll down the page and click on
the purple box that says "Explore
Vietnam with Westminster."

<https://westminsteru.edu/about/alumni/alumni-benefits/westminster-alumni-travel.html>

Treasurer's Report May 2026

The current balance in the club
account is \$ 4100.

\$200 was donated to schools in
Tanzania in memory of Jennifer
Allred (previous FF Utah pres.)
Donna Mirabelli delivered the
donation.

Our annual permit to operate as
a 501C3 organization in the State
of Utah has been approved. A fee
of \$18 was paid to the state.

Our OUTBOUND FF journey to Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Iowa October 7 – 14, 2026



Don't miss out on an opportunity to experience America's heartland.

We have 5 signed up so far, but need a few more to make this happen.
It is open to regional FF members also, so claim your spot soon.

Cedar Rapids and Iowa City sit on the great Cedar River. Together they have a rich cultural and agricultural history. The itinerary provided by our hosting club (FF of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City), will provide us with a taste of all they have to offer.

The following itinerary lists more than can be covered in our time there. And there is more to see that is not listed.

- *Visit the area's Amish and Mennonite communities. Learn how they differ and how they are similar.
- *Tour the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library.
- *Visit the studio of the famous regional artist Grant Wood who painted the iconic "American Gothic".
- *Tour the National Czech and Slovak museum, honoring the history and contributions of Czech and Slovak immigrants.
- *Shop and walk the Czech Village/New Bohemia district.
- *Climb Mt. Trashmore, a large nature trail built atop a former landfill.
- *Tour the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.
- *Find fossils in the Devonian Fossil Gorge
- *Tour the Paramount Theater, one of the last 300 movie palaces left in the U.S. and is now the home of the symphony orchestra.

Sign up for this journey with the Utah journey coordinator
Judy Cohen.

Email her at judycohen@xmission.com

Another Travel Opportunity

Rocky Mountain Rendezvous will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park from October 19-22. This three-day event will be a great opportunity to mingle with Friendship Force members from all over our region.

If interested, contact **Judy Cohen** judycohen@xmission.com



October 19th - 22nd 2026

Estes Park, Colorado
YMCA of the Rockies

SHARE IDEAS, EXPERIENCES & STORIES

- Morning session topics to include: Member Recruitment, Club Development, Accessing FFI Resources & Creating Community Partnerships
- Afternoons free - to visit Estes Park & Rocky Mountain National Park, or to join group activities
- Monday evening Welcome Buffet & Wednesday Farewell Dinner with Program

Total cost for lodge room, breakfasts & shared dinners under \$450

Deposit of \$50 Contact Judy for more info.

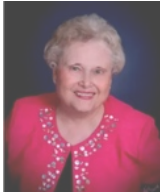
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PIKES PEAK • UTAH • WESTERN COLORADO

Fun Things To Do This Month

Living Traditions - May 15 - 17 in library square on 200 East and 400 South. Come enjoy the food from one of the many nations represented at the festival. Enjoy the art, crafts, and music too.
For information google Salt Lake City Arts Council.

Utah Food Festival - May 16-17 at the Natural History Museum of Utah. Free with admission to the museum.
Enjoy a weekend long celebration of our region's rich culinary heritage, from ancient ancestral foods to contemporary delicacies.
For more information go to
<https://nhmu.utah.edu/programs/utah-food-festival>

Remembering former FF Utah members



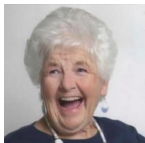
Barbara Chapman

a former FF past president

September 4, 1931 - February 25, 2026

<https://ninde.com/tribute/details/3187>

and



Cosette Joesten

another former FF Utah member, known for her fun
house parties

November 22, 1936 ~ March 13, 2026

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/saltlakatribune/name/cosette-joesten-obituary?id=61162148>



Leadership Team 2026

To contact an officer below
(if you don't have their direct
email), put their name in the subject
line at

UtahFriendshipForce@gmail.com

Team Leader -- Judy Cohen
Secretary -- TBA (any volunteers?)
Treasurer -- Judy
Membership -- Susan Worley
Social Chair -- Jeanne Goldstein
Member-at-Large -- Carol Milliken
Newsletter Editor - Annie Eastmond

Technical Support -- Betsy Heath

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**See you at the May 19
potluck meeting
and Patagonia Trip presentation**

**Watch for more info about
a June restaurant get-together**

Mark your calendars



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picnic potluck at Mt. Dell.
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