



SONS OF NORWAY 2010 SPRING VIKING REGATTA

The 3rd annual Spring Viking Regatta in historic St. Augustine hosted by the award-winning Gateway to Florida Lodge is fast approaching. The fun starts Friday afternoon with a tour of the Fountain of Youth followed by a casual and relaxing welcome reception and then dinner on your own to explore the city's varied cuisine. Saturday guests can explore the city, have lunch across from the historic fort and racing location and then conclude with the banquet in an unusual venue sailing aboard the Black Raven, one of the area's top tourist attractions. St. Augustine is the nation's oldest and most charming city where visitors can meander through the delightful historic district with its cobblestone streets, quaint cafes and unique shops.

Friday Events

Your weekend includes a visit to Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth, a national archaeological park, at 4 p.m., two blocks from the hotel. This is North America's first historical site where Ponce de Leon came ashore to landmark and record for all time the first moment of our nation's history – the discovery of North America. **Please indicate your participation on the reservation form and include your \$6.50 fee.** Then meet up with friends at the Hospitality Room at the hotel from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and enjoy assorted appetizers, finger food and beverages. Visitors can select from a wide range of restaurants for dinner, many within walking distance.

Saturday Breakfast and Lunch

Start your Saturday with a hearty breakfast buffet in the hotel restaurant that includes two juices, scrambled eggs, sausage, Danish, toast, mixed fruit and coffee/tea for \$7. This is offered at a special rate for SON members and is payable at the restaurant. Please reserve your preferred seating for either 8 a.m. or 8:45 a.m. on the reservation form. Prior to the race Saturday, you can enjoy lunch on the patio of the White Lion Inn directly across the street from the Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine's Spanish Fort built in the late 1600s. The patio is reserved for SON from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own from a select menu. Priority seating for the rowers is from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Regatta

Bring your Viking boat and crew for an exciting display of Nordic rowing, sailing and overall sportsmanship. If you have a boat and need a crew, let us know and we'll find rowers. The Viking boats will launch from the boat ramp at 12 noon and proceed to the Fort. The Captain's meeting will be at 1 p.m. at the docking platform in front of the Fort, followed by the Viking Regatta in the bay directly in front of the Fort on the Matanzas River. There will be men's and women's heats. This is free to the public. If the waters are too choppy, the Regatta will be moved to Aunt Kate's Restaurant along Rt. A1A. Maps will be provided. To confirm a change contact Marianne Gruber at 904-607-0325.

Banquet/Dinner Cruise on the Black Raven

The banquet takes a different twist from traditional regattas with a pirate cruise from 6-8 p.m. leaving from the Marina. Trolleys will depart the hotel lobby at 5:30 p.m. and return to the hotel after the cruise at about 8:30 p.m. The trolley ride is included with the dinner cruise price. Experience high caliber entertainment, performed by the best professional pirate actors in Florida. Sing along with the pirates; take part in the interactive skits and instrumental music. Listen to true stories about pirate attacks on the city. The menu includes assorted meat, cheese, fresh fruit and vegetable platters; shrimp cocktail; assorted pinwheels; and chicken salad and crab salad with crostinis. A cash bar is available. The ship is 72 feet and is powered by two diesel engines. The evening will conclude with recognition and awards to the winning teams and brief remarks from Sons of Norway dignitaries. **Reservations with payment must be received by March 16.**

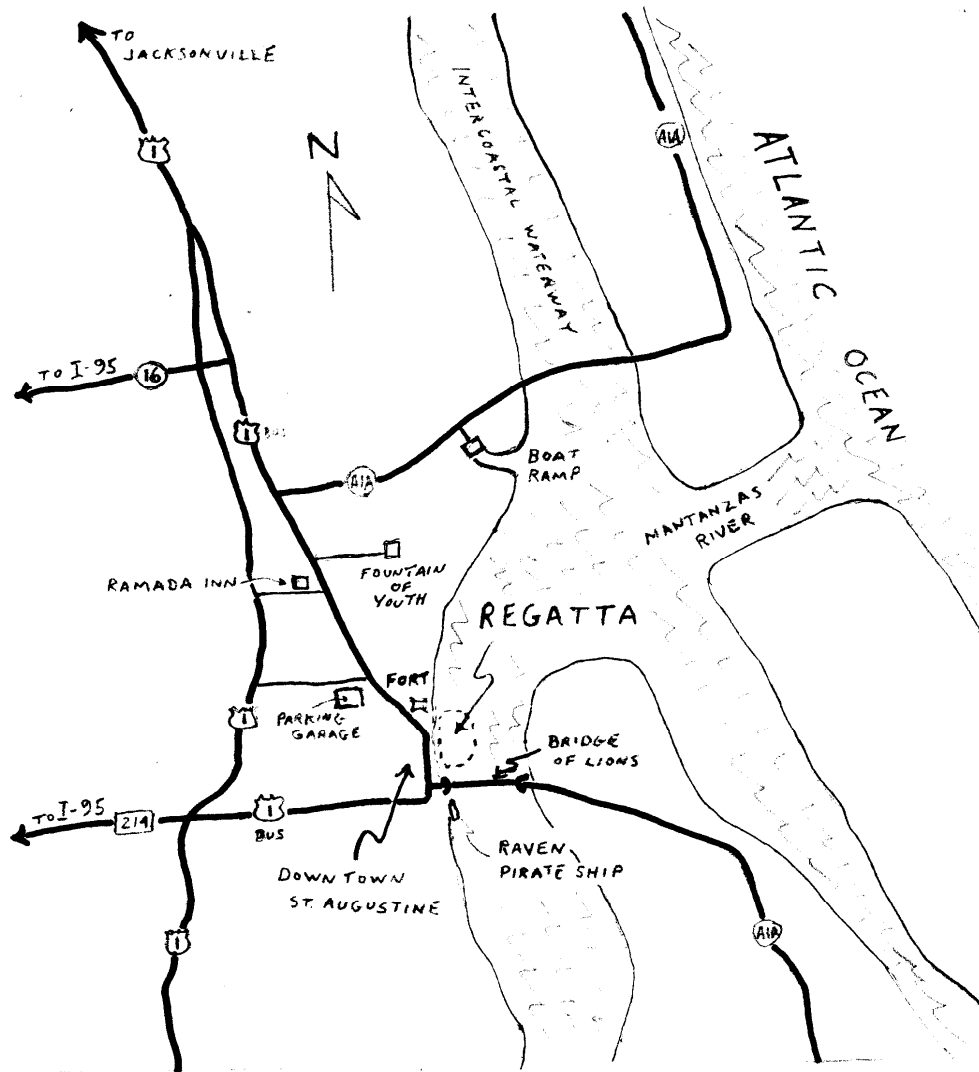
Hotel Accommodations

For our out-of-town guests planning to stay in St. Augustine Friday/Saturday nights, rooms are reserved at the Ramada Historic, 116 San Marco Avenue, St. Augustine, FL, 32084 with a rate of \$79 plus tax per night. These are non-smoking

rooms. Call the Ramada directly at 800-575-5289 for reservations and request the Sons of Norway group rate. **Since this is the very busy spring-break weekend, the rooms will be held until March 1.** They will provide extra parking for the Viking boats. Other hotels are nearby but we do not have a rate.

See map locating the Regatta area, parking structure, Fort, boat ramp, Ramada Inn, Fountain of Youth, Raven Pirate Ship Ramada Inn and the City Marina. **For Regatta questions call Marianne Gruber at 904-607-0325 or Marty Iverson at 904-726-0626. For the special events, contact Kent Larson at 904-260-4064.** Check these web sites for additional information: blackravenadventures.com; www.sonjax.com, and www.augustine.com.

SONS OF NORWAY 2010 SPRING VIKING REGATTA MAP St. Augustine, FL March 19-20



RESERVATION FORM
SONS OF NORWAY SPRING VIKING REGATTA-ST. AUGUSTINE
Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, 2010

Make checks payable to Sons of Norway and return this reservation form with payment to Kent Larson, 4013 Moresburg Court East, Jacksonville, FL, 32257. Phone: 904-260-4064. Deadline for reservations is March 16.

Tour the Fountain of Youth– Friday, March 19 at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$6.50 and should be included with your banquet check. The Fountain of Youth is located at 11 Magnolia Avenue, one block from the hotel.

Names _____

E-mail and telephone: _____ Amount _____

Regatta Dinner Cruise – Saturday, March 20 at 6 p.m.

Name(s) of Those Attending _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Number of Adults _____ @ \$42 per Adult Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast Reservation
\$7 – Payable at Breakfast

_____ 8 a.m. seating _____ 8:45 a.m. seating

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