

The Villages Convertible Club Dining-out Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to help those who are planning the monthly dining-out events or dining in conjunction with a trip. With group dining we cannot expect to be served in the same amount of time as a few couples but we need to ensure that everyone is served in a reasonable time.

When working with a restaurant for a group meal the following are key items that should be reviewed:

- Maximum number of attendees that the restaurant can handle at one time
- Separate dining area that can be used
- Appropriate staffing of wait-staff and cooks
- Enough parking available
- Tip policy
- Discount or coupons available

It may be necessary to limit the number of people for a meal depending on what the restaurant is comfortable handling. From October through April venues that will accommodate a larger number of people should be used.

For monthly dinners please check trip planning dates to avoid a conflict if possible. Part of the monthly lunches and dinners is driving together as a group. Participants should arrive at the meeting point on time. Only one meeting point will be used per event. Activities north of The Villages will use Laurel Manor Recreation Center and those south of The Villages will use Eisenhower Recreation Center. The trip/event leader will designate the meeting point.

We also need to remind members of our end of the agreements - - Restaurants have staffed for us and this is based on the number registered. If you are registered, you are expected to show up! A bit more patience is needed when dining with a large group - members are asked to relax and enjoy the socializing. Any complaints should be politely voiced to the dining-out host. We ALL represent the Villages Convertible Club when on a trip together.

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