Frequently Asked Questions

When ::
Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 3PM

Purpose ::
An evening of fun and generosity supporting the Lutherhaven Fund, making camp available to ALL children regardless of ability to pay. Annually, over half of campers come for free or at reduced cost thanks to donors like you.

Program ::
Cruise boat ride to Lutherhaven, live fiddle music; local wine & beer tasting; meaningful program, paddle raise to support the Lutherhaven Fund & a delicious gourmet meal that will delight any foodie, catered by local chefs!

Agenda ::
3:00 Registration opens on the dock
(Complimentary Valet Parking may be available at the CdA Resort depending on availability. After you drop your car off, head toward the east boardwalk dock to get on the boat or ask a resort employee to direct you to the cruise boat loading area.)
3:30 Cruise departs the CdA Resort
4:30 Festivities begin at Camp Lutherhaven
8:45 Cruise loads to return to the CdA Resort
9:45 Arriving at CdA Resort

Paddle Raise ::
After the program, guests will have the opportunity to raise a paddle to make a pledge of support to the Lutherhaven Fund.

Attire ::
Cowboy casual with a touch of "bling!"

Meet the Band

The Hankers are a group of 5 professional musicians that have performed and toured all over the world in places such as Paris, Germany, for our troops in Japan and South Korea, and even backed up the most recognized names at the Academy of Country Music awards. They have also opened for artists such as Blake Shelton, Alan Jackson, Reba McEntire, Waylon Jennings, Brooks and Dunn, Charlie Daniels, Kid Rock, and many many more. The Hankers are a high energy group that incorporates outlaw country, southern rock, blues, and bluegrass into their unique sound. Husband and Wife lead performers, Julie and Keith Niehenke, have been playing violin and singing together since they were just 5 years old. Their stage chemistry, personalities, and long standing musical experience sets them apart and has earned them many awards including being named the Inland Northwest Country Music Association BAND OF THE YEAR two years in a row! Amongst the multi instrumental accolades, Keith is a nationally acclaimed fiddle champion, an award winning guitarist, and Julie was named the IN-CMA female vocalist of the year.
Learn more: The Hankers

Can I have more information on the overnight bundle?

Back again for 2025! This option includes all mentioned above including a shuttle to the cruise boat, overnight lodging the night of the event, and brunch the next day. This also includes complementary linens! Want to stay the whole weekend? You may also add additional nights for an additional cost.

What's for dinner?

You're in for wonderful gourmet indulgences served up by a local caterer. There are vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options! Just let us know.

Appetizers::

- Artichoke Dip Stuffed Mushrooms
- Roasted Pork Loin Crostini topped with fresh cherry chutney
- Teriyaki Chicken Skewer with Asian Slaw
- Mac & Cheese Bites

Main ::

- Sirloin Carving Station
- Grilled Chicken
- Garden Salad
- Creamy Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Fire Roasted Seasonal Vegetables
- Rolls & Butter

Dessert::

- Double Chocolate Torte
- New York Cheesecake

What does my event ticket include?
Your ticket includes a boat cruise, wine & beer tasting, meaningful programing, gourmet appetizers, dinner, wonderful dessert, and entertainment. You will also have opportunities to purchase wine and beer by the bottle and make a pledge to support camperships.

What is a Hootenanny?
hoot·en·an·ny [hoot-n-an-ee] noun, plural hoot·en·an·nies.
1. a social gathering or informal concert featuring folk singing and, sometimes, dancing.
2. an informal session at which folk singers and instrumentalists perform for their own enjoyment.
3. older use: a thingumabob. origin: 1910–15; origin uncertain.

Lutherhaven's 9th Annual Boots & Pearls Hootenanny will include fiddlers and other wonderful musicians. It'll be a time of celebration to lift up all God's done over the last 79 years. Dancing optional!

How will guests get to the event? Where do I meet the boat? Where do I park?
Guests will arrive at Camp Lutherhaven via CdA Cruise boat. The boat will depart the CdA Resort promptly at 3:30pm. Check-in opens at 3:00 at the Boardwalk cruise boat launch on the east side of the CdA Resort. Boat will return to the resort by approximately 9:45 pm. The Coeur d'Alene Resort may have complimentary valet parking depending on availability in the lot for Boots & Pearls guests. You may also

park in the Tubbs Hill paid parking lot. Should you choose to drive, check-in will be open at the top of camp near the Chapel at 4:00 pm.

The boat will dock at the Camp Lutherhaven beach where guests can choose to walk up the hill or be chauffeured by vehicles from the beach to the Dining Hall. The opening reception, fiddle band and beer and wine tasting activities will be at the Gathering Place, outside the Dining Hall. After the evening's program guests will return to the outdoor space for a delicious buffet style catered dinner! Transportation will also be available back down to the boat as well.

The attire says "Cowboy casual with a touch of bling!" What does this mean?
Think rodeo chic. Think denim and diamonds. Comfortable enough to walk the dusty trails of camp; dressed up enough to feel ready for a special evening. Anything goes!
P.S. Exciting new addition for 2026: We've got a mechanical bull! Dress accordingly to take part in this fun new activity! Liability forms required at the event.

Who does the event benefit & how can I contribute?
An evening of fun and generosity supporting the Lutherhaven Fund, making camp available to ALL children regardless of ability to pay. Annually over half of campers come for free or at reduced cost that would not be possible without donors like you! During the program, you will be asked to raise your paddle to make a pledge to support this fund.

Is this an event for children?
This event is designed to benefit the children but celebrate with adults only. Because of the wine & beer tasting, children are not invited to attend. You will be surrounded by friends 21 and over.

How will beverage service work?
The opening reception will include opportunities to choose one selection for a full-glass pour (included in ticket price). You will also have the opportunity to purchase bottles or glasses to take home or bring to your table for dinner accompaniment.

Are my tickets tax deductible?
The ticket price is not tax-deductible. All sponsorships and donations made by paddle-raise are tax-deductible.

Do you take credit cards?
Not during the event, at check-in, all guests will be provided with a paddle number. You will have opportunities to purchase wine and beer and make a pledge using your paddle number. Purchases made by paddle number will be billed by email/mail after the event. Please help us ensure we have your contact information correct. All bills can be paid by check or electronically by credit card.

Credit cards will be accepted on the boat cruise (no-host bar) before and after the program at camp.