

77th MWF Convention Lodging Arrangements

A block of rooms is reserved at two different locations for four nights, Thursday May 4 through Sunday May 7, for those of you who may want to remain an extra day or so and explore our area.

Super 8 Brainerd/Baxter MN, 14341 Edgewood Dr, Baxter MN 56425, 218-828-4288, is located about 3 miles from the meeting site and approximately 5 miles from the show site. The block will be held until April 4 so make your reservations early. Cost per night is \$89.88 plus tax. Complimentary breakfast served from 6:00 am to 9:30 am daily. Please ask for the block reserved by Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society.

The Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel is located right on US Highway 169 about 9 miles south of Garrison. It is about 32 miles from Brainerd. The distance is farther from the show and/or meeting sites, but the amenities might interest you. The rate is \$59 for Thursday and Sunday nights and \$69 for Friday and Saturday, plus tax. No continental breakfast. However, there are a couple of restaurants on the premises. These rooms will be held until April 13, 2017. Please be certain to identify the name of the group Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Society or use Confirmation Code MID0504. Phone 1-800-468-3517 and press 1 for reservations.

RV camping is available at the show site – Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. Electric is furnished and there is a dump station on premises. Cost is \$27 per day. If you plan to camp there, please complete the appropriate section on the Registration Form and include the fee with that payment. A camping pass will be issued to you when you arrive. If you are arriving on Thursday, it will be necessary to call Marge Jensen at 218-838-8477 or Ed Opatz at 320-250-1363 so arrangements can be made to let you on the grounds.

There are also many other hotels, resorts and campgrounds in the area. A few of them are:

Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes
arrowwoodbrainerd.com
6967 Lake Forest Road, Baxter MN 56425
877-687-5634

Baymont Inn and Suites
baymontinns.com/hotel/30823
7208 Fairview Road, Baxter MN 56425
218-822-1133

Comfort Suites/Rapid River Lodge & Water Park
rapidriverlodge.com
7376 Wolda Road, Baxter MN 56425
877-543-8938

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson
countryinns.com/baxtermn
15058 Dellwood Drive, Baxter MN 56425
800-456-4000

Country Inn Deerwood
countryinndeerwood.com
23884 Front Street, Deerwood MN 56444
877-534-3303

Days Inn and Suites – Baxt
daysinn.com
14466 Dellwood Dr., Baxter MN 56425
800-634-3444

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites–Baxter Campground
brainerdhi.com
15739 Audubon Way, Baxter MN 56425
888-824-3232

Camp Holiday Resort & Campground
campholiday.com
27406 Round Lake Rd, Deerwood MN 56444
800-450-2495

As a suggestion, you may want to touch base with the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce by calling 800-450-2838 to request tourism publications. They have a wealth of information and will mail them out to you or you can check them out on-line at www.explorebrainerdlakes.com

Arriving by Air

The Crow Wing County Airport is located about five miles from the show site. There is taxi service available in Brainerd:

Grab -A- Cab
421 1/2 S 9th St, Baxter, MN 56425
(218) 270-2992

Lakes Luxury Limos
8105 Lost Lake Rd, Nisswa, MN 56468
(612) 859-6739

Brainerd Area Taxi & Delivery
709 Charles St, Brainerd, MN 56401
(218) 828-1111

If you are flying into the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, Executive Express, a shuttle service, makes up to 14 trips daily to the airport in Brainerd. This service can be reached at 320-253-2226 or 888-522-9899 or executiveexpress.biz . It is suggested that you make a reservation.

Rental car companies:

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
14695 Edgewood Dr
Baxter MN 56425
218-828-0200

Hertz Local Edition
16384 Airport Rd
Brainerd MN 56401
218-829-1832

Tanner Nissan
308 NW 8th St
Brainerd MN 56401

National Car Rental
16384 Airport Rd, Ste. 2
Brainerd MN 563401

Restaurants

Brainerd has the usual array of food and beverage establishments. There are many independent restaurants, as well as the chain eating places. Several supper clubs and fine dining, too. Take your pick – American, Chinese, Japanese and others.

Hospital

Essentia Health St. Joseph's Medical Center is located at 523 N 3rd Street in Brainerd. Telephone 218-829-2861.

FRANKLIN ARTS CENTER – CLUBHOUSE

The former Franklin School is now occupied by Crossing Arts Alliance, so there are many small shops in the building – one artisan even uses agates and stones to craft beautiful items. Stop and browse the shops while you are there. The Clubhouse is located in the lower level of this building. For those of you who have difficulty with stairs, if you drive to the back of the building and phone Marge at 218-838-8477, someone will open the back door for you.

Other

Water-oriented activities abound, and there are lots of golf courses. Also, a zip line, and numerous trails for hiking and bicycling. Crosby is one of the premier mountain biking areas in the US – those mine dumps are good for lots of things.