

GOURMET GLAMPING: CAMPFIRE FEASTS FOR FOODIES AT LAKEDALE RESORT AT THREE LAKES

San Juan Island resort announces two culinary weekend getaways in 2010

Friday Harbor, Wash. (March 23, 2010)—Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes, in partnership with Chef Joseph Foriska of The Bluff Restaurant Bar Terrace at Friday Harbor House, will take glamorous camping, “glamping,” to the next level with two “Gourmet Glamping” weekends taking place on May 14-15 and September 24-25, 2010.

These two-night getaways include accommodations in a canvas cabin at one of Lakedale’s 13 “glampsites,” a bottle of sparkling wine upon arrival, a chef’s hat and apron, and the opportunity to prepare and indulge in a multi-course feast prepared over the campfire.

“With such varied accommodation types including real log cabins, a majestic lodge, a vintage Airstream, luxurious canvas cabins and one of the state’s most popular campgrounds, Lakedale has something for everyone,” said Scott Hale, general manager at Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes. “Looking ahead to next year, we’ve decided to go one step further and offer our guests this unique culinary experience hosted by one of San Juan Island’s most renowned chefs.”

The fun begins on Saturday evening at 4 p.m. when the gourmet “glampers” converge at the campfire ring where Chef Joseph will explain the menu and divide guests into teams. Under Chef Joseph’s guidance, each team will be responsible for preparing a course on the dinner menu:

Appetizers

Westcott Bay Oysters

Entrees

Apple Cider Marinated Chicken Breast
Marinated New York Strip steak

Sides

Corn skewers finished with a Poblano Compound Butter
Fingerling Potato and Rosemary Salad
Island Green Salad
Campfire Baked Beans

Couples will work closely with Chef Joseph to learn the tips and tricks of gourmet campfire cooking. At the end of the meal guests will circle the campfire for a s’mores symposium, where they will learn how to create the perfect s’more with Plush Puffs gourmet marshmallows and ingredients that replace the traditional standards of graham crackers and chocolate.

Each custom-built 225-square-foot canvas cabin features a queen bed with pillow-top bedding, a full-size sleeper sofa or two lounge chairs, pillows and a flannel duvet, a table and four chairs, one cordless lantern and bath linens. Every “glampsite” also includes two Adirondack chairs, a picnic table and a fire ring.

Rates for the Gourmet Glamping weekend start at \$349 based on double occupancy and reservations must be made two weeks in advance. Continental breakfast is included. The Lakedale “glampground” is open annually from May 1 to September 30. Standard “glamping” rates start at \$149 a night. To make reservations call 1-800-617-2267 or visit www.lakedale.com.

Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes

Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes is nestled between Roche Harbor and Friday Harbor on San Juan Island in Washington State, accessible by passenger and auto ferry or air. Situated on 82 wooded acres, Lakedale Resort offers four accommodation options: The Lodge, with cozy, romantic guestrooms; family-friendly log cabins; canvas cabins with real beds and linens; and campsites for the nature lover. The resort’s setting – adjacent to Neva Lake, Dream Lake and Fish Hook Lake – provides an abundance of outdoor activities: fishing, biking, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and boating. This range of opportunities makes the resort an ideal destination for memorable vacations, dynamic meetings and retreats, intimate weddings and other events. The resort is located at 4313 Roche Harbor Road in Friday Harbor, Wash. www.lakedale.com

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