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MEETING AND CONFERENCE PLANNING GUIDE



GRINNELL CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU



Grinnell is the perfect choice for meetings or conventions. Grinnell boasts over 300 lodging rooms ranging from historic bed and breakfasts to contemporary motels. With the conference capabilities of Grinnell College and Iowa Valley Community College, Grinnell's convention capacity extends to over 1000. Grinnell's remarkable dining choices offer a variety of catering options. Being easily accessible from the Interstate, and less than an hour's drive from all of Iowa's major metropolitan areas, makes Grinnell an affordable and unique choice.

DISTANCE

Cedar Rapids	84 miles
Davenport	123 miles
Des Moines	54 miles
Iowa City	68 miles
Waterloo	69 miles
Dubuque	154 miles
Chicago	287 miles
Minneapolis	287 miles
Kansas City	250 miles
Omaha	189 miles
St. Louis	325 miles

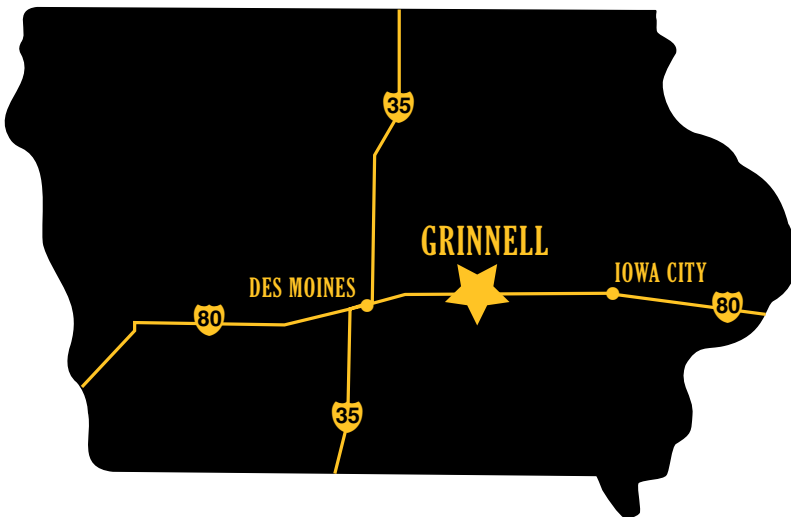


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Did You Know? In 2009 Grinnell was selected by Budget Travel as "One of the Coolest Small Towns in America" (ranked 3rd in the nation). The Criteria? A Population under 10,000; a place that's beginning to draw attention – and new residents – because of the quality of life, arts and restaurant scene, and proximity to nature; cool, not quaint, towns with an edge.



GROUP TOURS



Grinnell tour options are as varied as your groups. Experiential tourism is our specialty in Grinnell. From historic architecture to eco-tourism, from an up close look at Grinnell's industry to getting into the action through hands-on art experiences, Grinnell offers a unique, fresh approach to group ventures. Tours can be customized in a variety of different ways. Let Grinnell do the work with personalized step on guides and complete planning and implementation services. We can't wait to exceed your hospitality expectations by delighting and entertaining your guests!

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

How it's Made

Get an insider's tour of varied industries for an up-close look at modern American manufacturing.

- Jeld Wen Windows & Doors
- Priority Plastic Containers
- Pulmone Wildwood Natural Products
- Monsanto Global Seed Production Facility
- ASI Signs

Make it Take it!

Learn something new! Hands-on workshops in Grinnell's great studios let you explore your artistic side, go home with a great project, and discover a new hobby.

- Dragonshire Stained Glass
- Grinnell Art Center
- Grinnell Fiberworks Quilt and Bead Shop
- Bates Flowers
- Flowers on Fourth

Art, Architecture & History

See the incredible art of Grinnell's galleries, view the wonderful architecture and go back in time as you listen to the amazing stories of Grinnell's beginnings.

- Faulconer Gallery, Grinnell College
- Grand Homes of Grinnell
- Grinnell Historical Museum
- Historic Louis Sullivan Jewel Box Bank

Go Green

From hands-on gardening workshops to environmental tourism, get your green on in Grinnell!

- Conrad Environmental Research Area (CERA)
- Mariposa Herb Farm
- Grinnell Farmer's Market
- Master Gardener's Club
- Drake Library – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design award winner

Taste of Grinnell

Grinnell is truly a dining destination with more independent restaurant choices than any city of its size in Iowa. Sample delicious creations from restaurants, experience wonderful cooking demonstrations by Grinnell's own celebrity chefs, and take home secret recipes to try on your own.

Mix and Match

Create your own itinerary by putting any of the tours or workshops together in different combinations or visit www.grinnellchamber.org for even more ideas!

Did You Know? Grinnell is called a "Walkers Paradise," scoring 98 out of 100 on Walk Score – a website that rates the walkability of nearly every address in the country.



MEET ME IN GRINNELL!

MEETING SPACES

Best Western Pioneer Inn

2210 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6116
Fax: (641) 236-0486
Contact: Laureen Keahna
Email: pioneerinn@iowatelecom.net
Maximum Seating Capacity: 50

Country Inn and Suites

1710 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-9600
Fax: (641) 236-1719
Contact: Dan Badger
Email: grinnell.countryinn@yahoo.com
Maximum Seating Capacity: 50

Days Inn and Suites

1902 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6710
Fax: (641) 236-5783
Contact: Jay Patel
Email: grinnelldaysinn@iowatelecom.net
Maximum Seating Capacity: 70

Depot Crossing Restaurant

1014 3rd Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6886
Fax: (641) 236-6886
Contact: Don Schrack
Email: dschrack2@msn.com
Maximum Seating Capacity: Upper level 210; Lower level 42

Drake Library (available after Nov 15)

930 Park Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-2661
Fax: (641) 236-2667
Contact: Lorna Calkins
Email: grinlib@iowatelecom.net
Maximum Seating Capacity: 100

Godfather's Pizza

800 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6516
Contact: Barb Howell
Maximum Seating Capacity: 30

Grinnell State Bank

814 W 4th Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-3174
Private board room plus
large meeting room
Seating Capacity: 100

Grinnell Steakhouse

2110 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-0555
Contact: Laurie Hauser
Email: info@grinnellsteakhouse.com
Maximum Seating Capacity: 120

Grinnell College

Office of Conference Operations
Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 269-3178
Fax: (641) 269-4650
Contact Rachel Bly
Email: bly@grinnell.edu
Maximum Conference Capacity: 1000

Iowa Valley Community College

123 6th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-0513
Fax: (641) 236-0036
Contact: Diane Karr
Email: diane.karr@iavalley.edu
Maximum Seating Capacity: 75

St. Francis Manor Social Center

2021 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-7592
Fax: (641) 236-9202
Contact: Dion Schrack
Email: dschrack_sfm@iowatelecom.net
Maximum Seating Capacity: 180

Stewart Art Center

Coming January 2010
P.O. Box 657, Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone (641) 236-3203
Contact: Judy Arndt
info@grinnellarts.org
Maximum Seating Capacity: 350

Sullivan Room

Wells Fargo Bank
833 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-7575
Fax: (641) 236-6928
Contact: Michael Allen
Email: michael.r.allen@wellsfargo.com
Maximum Seating Capacity: 60

Strand Theatre

921 Main Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-7501
Contact: Chris Riddle
Email: strandtheatre@iowatelecom.net
Maximum Seating Capacity: 335

The Elk's Lodge

720 3rd Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-3520
Maximum Seating Capacity: 200

Veteran's Memorial Building

834 Broad Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-2620
Fax: (641) 236-2626
Contact: Tracy Rosburg
Maximum Seating Capacity: 60

B G Voertman Theatre

City of Grinnell
927 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-2620
Fax: (641) 236-2626
Contact: Tracy Rosburg
Theatre Seating Only
Maximum Seating Capacity: 350

West Side Family Dining

229 6th Avenue W. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-5939
Contact: Bruce or Laura Blankenfeld
www.westsidfamilyrestaurant.com
Maximum Seating Capacity: 70

Seating capacity depends on room arrangement. Audio and visual equipment is available at all locations.

Did You Know? Grinnell was listed as "One of the 100 Best Small Towns in America" in Norm Crampton's Nationwide Guide to the Best in Small Town Living.



MEET ME IN GRINNELL!



Seconds from everything and an hour from everywhere! Everything in Grinnell is right at hand and we're less than an hour from Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Iowa City. Grinnell offers hundreds of rooms through a host of affordable hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts. Amenities include high-speed wireless internet, indoor swimming pools, hot tubs, workout facilities, complimentary breakfast, and free parking. Grinnell is an easy, unique getaway!

LODGING OPTIONS

Best Western Pioneer Inn

2210 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6116
Email: pioneerinn@iowatelecom.net
www.bestwestern.com
Total Guest Rooms: 58
Constructed in 2009. The best of the best in Best Western's system.

Carriage House Bed and Breakfast

1133 Broad Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-7520
Email: irishbnb@iowatelecom.net
www.bedandbreakfast.com/bbc/p216752.asp
Total Guest Rooms: 6
A Queen Anne style Victorian inn, each guest room with a private bath. Full gourmet breakfast each morning.

Comfort Inn & Suites

1630 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-5236
Email: Gm.ia127@choicehotels.com
www.choicehotels.com
Total Guest Rooms: 65
Grinnell's newest hotel. Stay with us and let us prove why our guests keep coming back.

Country Inn & Suites

1710 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-9600
Email: grinnell.countryinn@yahoo.com
www.countryinns.com
Total Guest Rooms: 60
Come be our guest where our home is your home.

Days Inn & Suites

1902 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6710
Email: grinnelldaysinn@iowatelecom.net
www.daysinn.com
Total Guest Rooms: 50
Highest quality 5 sunburst.

Four Winds Motel

808 6th Avenue W. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-1255
Contact: Connie Goetzinger
Total Guest Rooms: 12
An older, extremely clean Mom and Pop motel.

Marsh House

833 East Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (515) 236-0132
Email: lindap@iowatelecom.net
www.marshhousebandb.com
Total Guest Rooms: 3
A meticulously restored 1892 Victorian Queen Anne style home. The entire house has been furnished with period antiques.

Super 8 Motel

2111 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-7888
Contact: Lori Pollock
www.super8.com
Total Guest Rooms: 54
Continental breakfast and swimming pool.

The Guest House

3970 50th Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 990-0844
Email: mdbeck@pcpartner.net
Total Guest Rooms: 5
Bed and breakfast country escape.

Did you know? At one time, the Monroe Hotel at the corner of Park Street & 3rd Avenue was the largest hotel west of the Mississippi River. It had silver dollars embedded into the floor of the lobby.



MEET ME IN GRINNELL!

CATERING

Bourbon Street

924 Main Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-0334
Contact: Scott Hirschman
www.barmuda.com/bourbonstreet/grinnell
Cajun, Creole, and American fare.
In house catering, maximum 20 people.

Café Phoenix

834 Park Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-3657
Contact: Kamal Hammouda
www.thephoenixcafe.com
Party for 20? Reception for 300?
No job is too big or too small.

Comeback Café

804 Commercial Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-0176
Contact: Lisa Stewart
Fresh salads, sandwiches, wraps,
and baked goods.

Danish Maid Bakery

818 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-4145
Contact: Bill or Suzi Hansen
Delicious cream-filled coneys and
pink champagne cakes!

Depot Crossing Restaurant

1014 3rd Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6886
Contact: Don Schrack
www.depotcrossingrestaurant.com
Certified Angus Beef steaks and burgers,
seafood, pasta, sandwiches, and
appetizers.

Godfather's Pizza

800 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6516
Contact: Barb Havel
www.godfathers.com
In addition to our legendary pizzas, we
offer salads, breadsticks, desserts, and
much more.

Grinnell College Catering

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA 50112
Contact: Fonda Benson
Phone: (641) 269-3665
Email: bensonf@grinnell.edu
Special events of all sizes, from small
coffee calls to lunches, dinners, and
receptions.

Grinnell Steakhouse

2110 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-0555
Contact: Laurie Hauser
www.grinnellsteakhouse.com
A grill your own steak restaurant,
bar & grille.

Hy-Vee

320 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-6584
Contact: Scott Gilbert
www.hy-vee.com
We will meet and exceed every
expectation.

McNally's Super Valu

1021 Main Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-3166
Contact: Randy or Julie Smith
Limited catering services available,
ex: party platters.

Montgomery's Sandwich Shop

712 6th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-3463
Contact: Tami Ford
Serving the best loose meat
sandwiches since 1933.

Pagliai's Pizza

816 5th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-5331
www.pagliais.com
Authentic Italian classic pizza
baked in a stone hearth.

Saturday Cinnamons

919 Broad Street (Back Entrance)
Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-7657
Contact: Judy Lebeck
"Cinn-fully" delicious cookies, cakes,
desserts, breads, etc.

Taco John's

1020 West Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-4863
Contact: Steve or Pam Comer
www.tacjohns.com
We offer dip trays with 24 hour
advance notice.

Thai Basil

1108 West Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-3200
Contact: Ken Malaythong
Authentic Thai cuisine.

West Side Family Restaurant

229 6th Avenue W. Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-5939
Contact: Bruce or Laura Blankenfeld
www.westsidfamilyrestaurant.com
Full service catering, delicious food,
and friendly service!

Yumi's Bakery & Deli

829 Broad Street Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-4317
Contact: Heidi Rockwell
yumis@iowatelecom.net
Dedicated to serving fresh baked
goods to our customers.

Did You Know? If JB Grinnell sold you property in the original Grinnell plat and you were to sell liquor by the drink, your land would revert to him. As a teetotaling Congregational minister with his brethren, they were known as the Saints by various people who lived in the area of Grinnell Regional Medical Center.



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MEETING SERVICES

AWARDS, CUSTOM DESIGN

Awards Unlimited

931 Main Street Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-4615
www.awardsunlimited1.com
 Custom screen printed and embroidered clothing, awards, trophies, and engravables. Authorized distributor for promotional products.

PAW Marketing, Inc

110 N. Orchard Street Brooklyn, IA 52211
 Phone: (641) 522-7229
 Contact: Perry Wehrle
www.pawmarketing.com

COPYING, SHIPPING, GRAPHIC DESIGN

Premier Printing

803 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-7800
 Email: mkrumm@iowatelecom.net
 For all your copying, binding, and mail preparation needs.

Total Choice Shipping Graphix & Printing

812 Commercial Street Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-7447
 Email: Grinnell@totalchoiceshipping.com
www.totalchoiceshipping.com
 Offering the latest products and services in packing, shipping, printing, and design for all business and personal needs.

Zandergraphics

815 5th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-9637
 Email: design@zandergraphics.net
www.zandergraphics.net
 Website and print design studio.

ENTERTAINMENT

Strand 3 Theatre

921 Main Street Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-7501
www.fridleytheatres.com/grinnell.html
 Three movie screens under one roof!
 Catch a flick today!

FLORAL

Bates Flowers and Greenhouse

1012 Broad Street Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-3197
www.batesflowers.net
 The finest floral arrangements and gifts.

Flowers on Fourth

813 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-7554
www.floweronfourth.com
 Delivery available Mon through Sat.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Cory Hall Photography

811 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-3741
www.coryhallphoto.com

Lora Patten Photography

3584 Highway 63 Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (641) 990-4469
 Email: lorapatten@hotmail.com

SIGNS

Rees Vinyl Signs and Designs

920 Main Street Grinnell, IA 50112
www.reesvinylsigns.com
 We specialize in custom-made signage.

TRANSPORTATION AND TOURING

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

410 West Street S. Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone: (515) 262-2222

Val's Ventures

429 390th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
www.travelnetworkingpartners.com
 Offers group travel opportunities and day tours.

COMPREHENSIVE MEETING AND CONVENTION PLANNING AND CUSTOMIZED CONCIERGE SERVICE

Grinnell Convention and Visitors Bureau

833 4th Avenue Grinnell, Iowa, 50112
 Phone: (641) 236-6555
 Contact: Angela Harrington
 Email: exec@grinnellchamber.org

Did You Know? Broad Street is wide enough to turn around a wagon and team of horses.



GRINNELL COLLEGE



Grinnell College was founded in 1846, and is a private liberal arts college with approximately 1600 undergraduate students, generally from all over the United States and about 50 countries. The 120-acre residential campus boasts 64 buildings, including 19 residence halls (5 air-conditioned), a central facility with dining space and several meeting rooms, three main academic buildings with classrooms of varying shapes and sizes, and large athletic facilities with gymnasium and pool space. There is also a 650-seat chapel which occasionally serves as a concert venue, three auditoriums, several large spaces that can be used as reception halls, open green spaces, and athletic fields. The campus also owns a 365-acre environmental research area located approximately eleven miles west of Grinnell.



MEETING AND EVENT SPACES

On the following pages are many of our most popular venues for conferences and events, but it is not an exhaustive list. Please contact Rachel Bly at Grinnell College for more information: phone: 641-269-3178, fax: 641-269-4650, email: bly@grinnell.edu.

Alumni Recitation Hall and Other Classroom Buildings

Alumni Recitation Hall (ARH) is one of Grinnell's main classroom buildings. Seminar rooms and classrooms are supplemented with one large lecture room, a small lecture room, and a 175-seat lecture room/theatre space. The building also houses the Meredith Audio-Visual Center, and three computer labs.

A limited number of classrooms and lecture halls are also available in Carnegie Hall, Steiner Hall, and Mears Cottage.

Joe Rosenfield '25 Center

The "campus living room," the Rosenfield Center houses our central dining facility, campus restaurant, mail room and multiple classroom spaces. The Laurel Leaf Lounge offers comfortable seating in a quiet, open room, while our multipurpose room features extensive AV equipment, lovely wood paneling, and views of campus. The Rosenfield Center is situated around an open courtyard with brick patio.

Room	Sq. feet	Capacity
101	2279	250
209	968	52
Classrooms	400-570	16-22

Robert N. Noyce '49 Science Center

Newly renovated in 2008, the Noyce Science Center contains several flexible classroom spaces ranging in size from 16-36 people, complete with AV equipment. Traditional lecture and seminar rooms are also available for use. A courtyard and a lovely atrium offer small reception and casual event possibilities. Labs and other non-traditional spaces may be available with special permission. Please inquire if you believe your group might be in need of these rooms.

Did You Know? Robert Norton Noyce, nicknamed "the Mayor of Silicon Valley", co-founded Fairchild Semiconductor in 1957 and Intel in 1968. He is also credited (along with Jack Kilby) with the invention of the integrated circuit, or microchip. Noyce was an Iowa native, valedictorian of his class at Grinnell High School, and an alumnus of Grinnell College.



GRINNELL COLLEGE



Harris Center

During the school year, the Harris Center is a hub of student activity, especially on weekends. During academic breaks, the multipurpose Concert Hall is a great venue for wedding receptions, performances, vendor fairs, and more, while the 400-seat Cinema works well for large plenary sessions, movie showings, and other events. A lounge is also available for relaxation or group headquarters, while the atrium and outdoor patio offer extra space for social hours and refreshments.

Room	Sq. feet	Capacity
Concert Hall	5351	100 -500
Cinema	2833	400
Lounge	773	25

Bucksbaum Center for the Arts

For large and unique spaces, Bucksbaum Center for the Arts is the place to look. The building, designed by famed architect Cesar Pelli, features a 325-seat recital hall, 450-seat theatre, two multipurpose black box theatres, four seminar rooms, and one 50-seat lecture hall.

Bucksbaum is also home to the Faulconer Gallery, featuring fine art exhibits throughout the year. While the gallery is not available for rent, special arrangements may be made for tours and other activities, and we invite you to visit while you are on campus.

Room	Sq. feet	Capacity
Flanagan Theatre	2001	125
Lawson Lecture Hall	1467	52
Roberts Theatre	2695	450
Sebring-Lewis Hall	4179	350
Wall Theatre Lab	1308	75
Classrooms	432 - 626	16-32

Herrick Chapel

Cathedral ceilings, carved wood, and rows of pew seating give Herrick Chapel an impressive aura. Herrick has been the location of numerous weddings, public speakers, and music performances throughout its over-100-year lifespan. With a capacity of 650 people, the chapel is one of our largest venues, and may be used for religious or non-religious activities.

Old Glove Factory

For a space with a mix of historical and contemporary architecture, the college-owned Old Glove Factory fits the bill. Situated apart from campus in downtown Grinnell, the Old Glove Factory is home to the Pioneer Room, a multipurpose event space that may be used for board meetings, lectures, and banquets up to 100 people. A small seminar room is also available. The glass-enclosed atrium is a lovely space for a pre-reception cocktail hour, and has even hosted a small wedding ceremony.

The Old Glove Factory is a prime location for events during the academic year, due to its distance from campus and ample parking availability.

Did You Know? Grinnell is classified as a more selective institution by the Carnegie Foundation and is ranked fourteenth among liberal arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report. In 2004 it received the "Best All-Around" college rating from Newsweek magazine.



GRINNELL COLLEGE



ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Athletic Buildings

For sports practices and physical activities, Grinnell College is pleased to offer our athletic buildings. The wide open spaces may be used for vendor fairs and other events by special arrangement.

Darby Gymnasium in the Athletic and Fitness Center has the largest capacity for indoor seating on Grinnell's campus. A traditional gymnasium with retractable bleacher seating, it can be used for special sporting events, practices, or events involving large numbers of people. The Auxiliary Gym in the same building may also be used for practices and other events of that nature. Special arrangements may be made for use of the fitness center.

An indoor track, indoor gym spaces, pool, and other spaces may also be available.

Athletic Fields and Outdoor Spaces

Need a soccer field? Grinnell has three! Our fields are known for their high quality, and we welcome inquiries for use of the fields by sports camps and other athletic activities. Other fields may be available with special permission.

Other outdoor spaces throughout campus are great places for picnics, gatherings, and informal outdoor games like Ultimate Frisbee, and more. Consider beautiful Central Campus or one of our building courtyards for your outdoor wedding!

Did You Know? In 1889 Grinnell College defeated the University of Iowa 24-0 in the first intercollegiate football game west of the Mississippi.



GRINNELL COLLEGE



SPECIAL FACILITIES & FEATURES

Conard Environmental Research Area

Consider our Conard Environmental Research Area (CERA) for your outdoor classroom. Situated eleven miles west of Grinnell, CERA contains several acres of prairie restoration, and is available for hiking, bird watching, photography, painting, drawing, and other facets of the study and enjoyment of nature. The LEED Gold-Certified Environmental Education Center is situated on the site and contains two classrooms. A 50-kilowatt wind turbine generates electricity for the building.

Computer Labs

Computer labs may be available for workshops, sessions, or special needs for your group. Use of computer labs requires special arrangements and permissions in order to access computers and the Internet.

Features of Campus

Features of campus available to our guests include outdoor grills, sand volleyball courts, and an outdoor basketball court. In the Rosenfield Center, an email lounge offers quick and easy Internet access for checking email. Games rooms and other special facilities may be available upon request.

EQUIPMENT & SERVICES INFORMATION

Grinnell has many equipment and service resources at our disposal. We are pleased to be able to offer them for your events. Some requests may incur an additional fee, others may be complimentary. Your proposal will reflect charges for equipment if communicated with us in the preliminary stages. As always, the sooner we receive your request, the more likely we will be able to accommodate your needs.

- Many classrooms, lecture rooms, and some auditoriums are outfitted with certain types of audio-visual equipment.
- Our state-of-the-art Audio-Visual Center has portable equipment that may be made available in rooms and spaces where equipment is not standard.
- Tables and chairs in a variety of sizes.
- Lecterns/easels.
- Shuttle services.
- Water, ice, cups, and trash pick-up (usually for use by groups outdoors in hot weather).
- Pool usage with lifeguard.
- Fitness Center use by persons over 16 years of age.
- Use of game room and equipment.
- A specially designated staff person for specific tasks.
- Other possibilities. Please ask!

- We are proud to offer top-notch dining facilities and services for groups eating regular meals on campus. For that special luncheon, reception, banquet or refreshments, our Catering Services serve up the best. Grinnell hosts an independent Dining and Catering Services department; all meals are prepared on campus by our College staff. Preparation facilities are designed to minimize waste, and our staff is committed to offering quality options using locally cultivated foods when possible.
- Grinnell College's Catering Services welcomes the opportunity to assist campus guests with special events of all sizes, from small coffee calls to lunches, dinners, and receptions.
- Over 350 beds are available in our air-conditioned East Campus dormitories and select North Campus dormitories. An additional 800 beds are available in our traditional, non-air conditioned Oxford-style dormitories featuring Gothic architecture. A limited number of apartment-style suites are available for families and other groups.

Did You Know? Grinnell College created the first Department of Political Science in the United States and the student newspaper, *The Scarlet and Black*, is the first college newspaper west of the Mississippi.



ATHLETIC FACILITIES



Between Grinnell College, Grinnell School District, and the Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Complex, Grinnell can accommodate even the largest of sports tournaments. Athletic facilities include swimming, soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, and track venues.



Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Complex (GARC)

Full gymnasium, multiple soccer fields, multiple baseball fields, playground, sand volleyball courts, shelter houses, walking path, driving range, tennis, and basketball courts.

City of Grinnell Recreation Department
927 4th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112
Phone: (641) 236-2620

Grinnell College

Indoor track, Darby Gymnasium, swimming pool, soccer fields, and track & field spaces.

Office of Conference & Operations
Grinnell, IA 50112

Phone: (641) 269-3178

Fax: (641) 269-4650

Email: bly@grinnell.edu

Maximum Conference

Capacity: 1000

Grinnell Golf and Country Club

933 13th Avenue Grinnell, IA 50112

Phone: (641) 236-3590

Fax: (641) 236-5264

Contact: Galyn Gohlmann

Email: gohlmann@iowatelecom.net

Maximum Seating Capacity: 100

Oakland Acres Golf Course

13476 Hwy 6, Grinnell, IA 50112

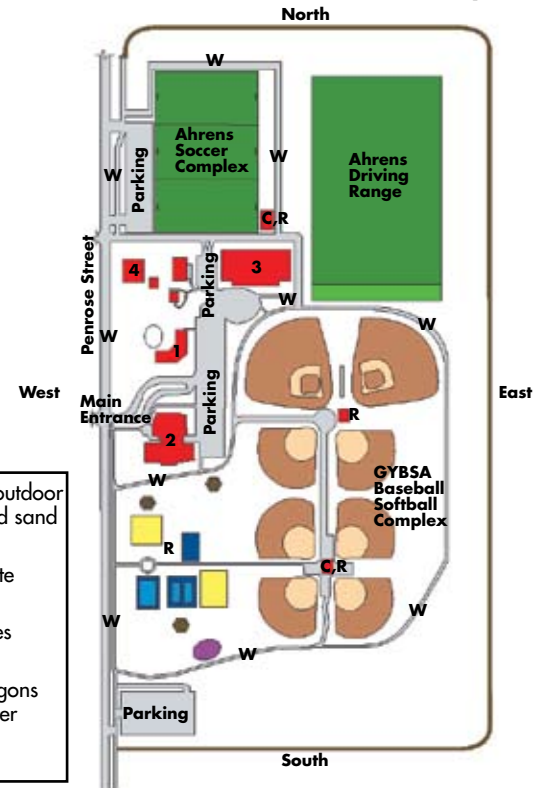
Phone: (641) 236-7111

Contact: Greg Mielak

mielak@iowatelcom.net

Grinnell Aquatic Center Coming June 2010!

Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Complex



- 1** = Administrative headquarters
 - 2** = Ahrens family center
 - 3** = Grinnell Athletic & Recreation Center
 - 4** = Iowa Parks & Recreation Association Headquarters
 - R** = Public restroom facilities
 - C** = Concessions
 - P** = Parking
 - W** = Walking Paths
- Blue** areas indicate outdoor tennis, basketball, and sand volleyball courts
 - Yellow** areas indicate playgrounds
 - Purple** area indicates sledding hill
 - Dark Brown** Hexagons indicate outdoor shelter areas

Did You Know? Arbor & Nyanza Lakes were built by the railroad for steam engine water. Arbor Lake was where Grinnellians went to swim in the 30's and it had a large club house along the lake.



COOL THINGS TO DO



ATTRACTIONS

- Check out "Eclipse", a mural by David Loewenstein.
- Visit Carroll's Pumpkin Farm for some October fun.
- Grinnell College's historic Herrick Chapel is available for weddings throughout the year.
- Keep an eye out around town for Grinnell's famous Glitter Truck, maintained by Tilly Woodward of the Faulconer Gallery, Grinnell College!
- See the stars at Grinnell College's Grant O. Gale Observatory or take a tour of the beautiful campus.
- The Grinnell Railway Express Model Railroad Club features an interactive railroad display of Grinnell in the 50's.
- See a live performance at the historic B G Voertman Theatre.
- See the oldest fire engine west of the Mississippi.
- **New** Grinnell Aquatic Center coming June 2010.
- **New**, state-of-the-art LEED Gold-Certified Drake Library coming Fall 2009.
- **New** Grinnell Arts Center coming Spring 2010.

EVENTS

- Come fly a kite during Kites Over Grinnell, Grinnell's international kite flying competition and showcase.
- Summer at its best — Friday Festival street dance, live music, shopping, and beverage garden — first Friday of every month May – October.
- Celebrate Ag Appreciation Day every September with great speakers, an outdoor cookout, and tractor parade!
- Listen to great live music in Central park every Thursday evening May – October.
- Our Fourth of July Celebration boasts a fabulous fireworks show, live music and one of the largest Independence parades in the state of Iowa!
- Join five thousand or so of your closest friends in downtown Grinnell for Happy Days – classic and vintage car show, carnival, art show, craft fair, live music, and great Iowa food!
- Take in the industry expo and home show.
- Buy baked goods, fresh fruits & veggies, and homemade crafts at the Farmer's Market, Thursdays and Saturdays May – October.
- Join the Grinnell Fire Department for Foam Days at Central Park.
- Get ready for the Grinnell Area Annual Bike Ride every September.
- Cheer on the Pioneers at a Grinnell College baseball, basketball, or football game.
- Watch the excitement of the Grinnell Twilight Criterium downtown bike race.
- See the one of the largest Homecoming parades in the state and cheer on the home team at Grinnell High School athletic events throughout the year.
- Have a blast at the Poweshiek County Fair.
- Enjoy exercise and fresh air with 2nd Saturday recreation trail events!
- Check out all of Grinnell's events at www.grinnellchamber.org.

Did You Know? In the spring of 2005, Grinnell embarked upon a renovation project designed to make its downtown area more inviting for residents and visitors. The renovation encompassed new water mains, restoration of two-way traffic flow, brick crosswalks, and a median strip at each intersection designed with Grinnell's distinctive Jewel Box pattern.



COOL THINGS TO DO



TOURS

- Learn Grinnell's history with an Architectural Landmark Walking Tour.
- Take a Global Sign Tour at ASI Signs.
- Discover the best (secret) places to hunt in Poweshiek County on a guided Hunting Tour.
- Explore Grinnell College's beautiful campus on a student-led Campus Tour.
- Go green with a Grinnell Watershed Ecological Tour.
- Take a tour of Mariposa Herb Farm, which supplies herbs to eight different states.
- Tour Priority Plastics to discover where your plastics come from.
- Visit the new, state-of-the-art LEED Gold-Certified Drake Library. Coming Fall 2009.
- View an exhibition at Grinnell College's Faulconer Gallery.
- Take a trip through time at the Grinnell Historical Museum.
- Go inside Louis Sullivan's Jewel Box Bank (now home of Grinnell's Chamber of Commerce).

WORKSHOPS

- For family fun, sign up for one of the Art Center's Hands-on Art Projects.
- Be inspired by Rande Jones Negro Spiritual Tales.
- Make a stained glass window catcher at Dragonshire Stained Glass Studio.
- Get in the act with hands-on jewelry and quilt making at Grinnell Fiberworks.
- Make your own flower arrangement at Flowers on Fourth or Bates Flowers.
- Get creative with a Scrapbooking Clinic.
- Make homemade apple cider at the Grinnell Historical Museum.
- Bake your own scones with Saturday Cinnamons.
- Customize an arts experience with the Grinnell Area Arts Council

Did you know? In 2004 the American Institute of Architects named the Merchants National Bank Building (home of the Grinnell Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce) the architectural building of the decade 1910-1919.



COOL THINGS TO DO



RECREATION & FITNESS

- Take an afternoon off at the 18-hole golf course at Oakland Acres.
- Be a part of 2nd Saturdays - choose between a 5K, 10K, and 1 mile fun run!
- Need more golf? Grinnell Country Club has a 9-hole course.
- Get your own bucket of balls at the Ahrens Park driving range.
- Take advantage of the fabulous Ahrens Park, with youth softball and baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts, and a toddler pool for the little ones.
- Hike the trails of Arbor Lake!
- Rent a bike from Bikes to You.
- Spend an afternoon bowling at Bowladrome.
- Visit CERA - The Conard Environmental Research Area of Grinnell College.
- Bike or hike the 6 mile Grinnell Area Recreation Trail.
- Explore the plains with Grinnell College's Prairie Walk.
- Slip down a waterslide or relax on the lazy river – SPLASH! Grinnell Mutual Aquatic Center coming June 2010.
- Get in the game with the Grinnell Recreation Department's incredible programming.
- Cross country ski or fish at Krum Nature Preserve.
- Have a blast on Lake Nyanza's frisbee golf course.
- Splash around in Grinnell College's Olympic-size swimming pool.
- Go on a field trip with Prairie Fire Gymnastics and bounce on a giant trampoline.
- Ride the bike trail to Rock Creek State Park, and paddle boat, fish, boat, bike, and hike.
- Swim indoors at 5 area motels.

SHOPPING

- Hunt for your next great find in eclectic boutiques and unique stores.
- Visit the farmer's market for Iowa grown produce, baked goods, crafts and more.
- Whether it's fine art or funky, explore your artistic side in numerous art galleries and studios.
- From big boxes to jewel boxes, from thrift and affordable to luxury and indulgent, shopping is an experience in Grinnell!

Let us handle the details! For a custom itinerary, contact us today!

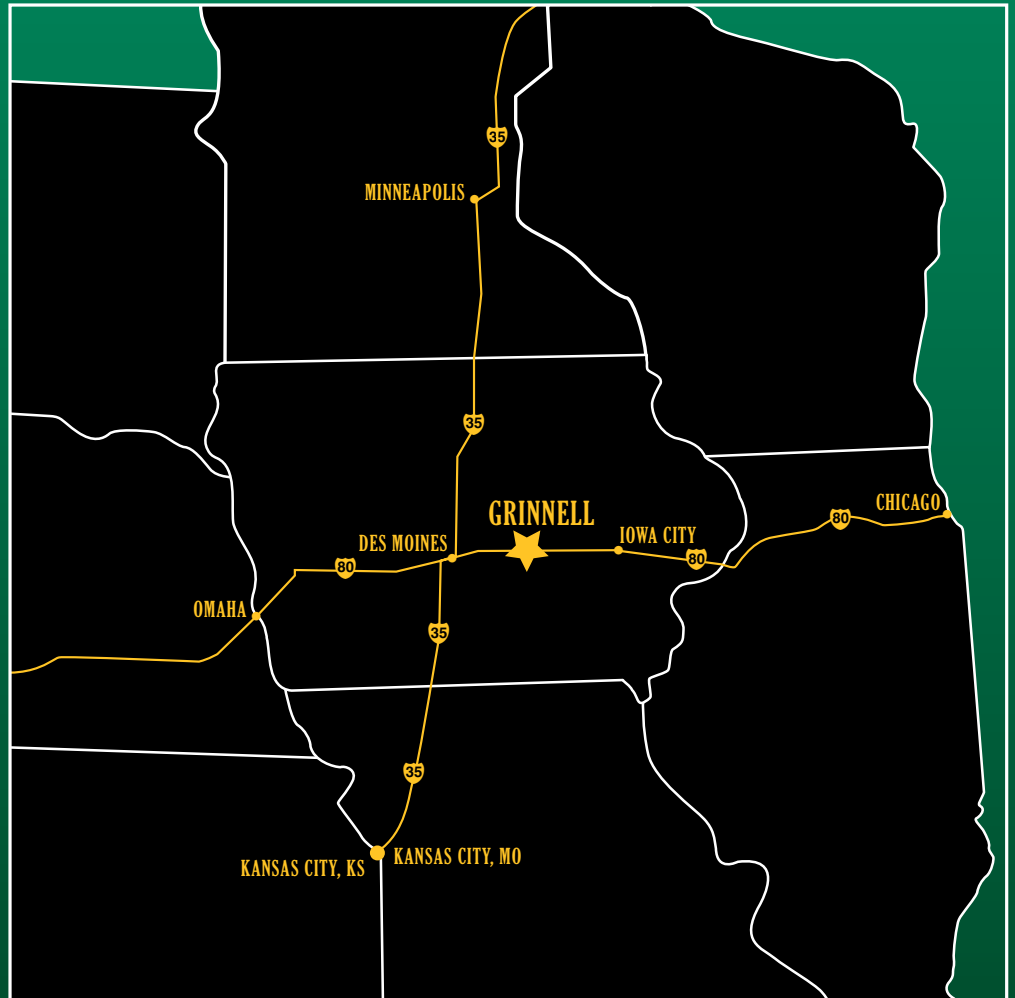
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