



On Pace for Indy

“Home Again in 2010” is the theme for the Junior National Hereford Expo that will be July 4-10 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

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More than 700 Hereford youth and their families are expected to exhibit more than 1,200 head of Hereford cattle in Indianapolis July 4-10, 2010, at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). While leadership and personal development competitions and the cattle shows will set a fast pace for the week, families looking to carve out a little time for sightseeing will find several family-friendly attractions in Indy.

Established in 1821, Indiana’s capital city is home to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which hosts the two largest single-day sporting events in the world: the Indianapolis 500 each May and the

Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. The Speedway was built in 1909 with the first race held in 1911. Today, part of the facility includes the Hall of Fame Museum, where you can walk among the more than 30 cars on display that have won the 500 and check out the 75 classic and antique passenger cars. You can also hop aboard a bus for a narrated trip around the famed 2.5-mile racetrack.

Another Indy favorite — among kids and anyone young at heart — is the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis — the largest of its kind in the world. Its five stories house 110,000 artifacts in 11 major galleries — a popular one being the Dino Discovery Lab. In the museum you can also get your hands dirty at an archaeological dig and ride the full-size carousel.

Located downtown, the Indianapolis Zoo often earns

acclaim for its combination of exhibits featuring the zoo, an aquarium and a botanical garden. The dolphins tend to steal the show here, as the zoo is home to the second-largest, fully enclosed dolphin pavilion in the world.

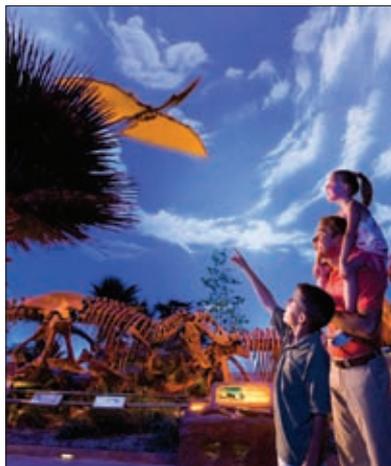
Also downtown is White River State Park, a 250-acre urban state park featuring the Indiana State Museum with an IMAX theater, the NCAA Hall of Champions for college sports lovers, and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art — a \$14 million adobe-style museum that houses pieces from notable artists including Frederic Remington, Georgia O’Keeffe and Charles Russell.

At the park you can enjoy a quiet afternoon riding paddleboats or walking along Canal Walk, a



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The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is about to celebrate its Centennial Era, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the facility in 2009 and the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race in 2011.



The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis is the largest children’s museum in the world. Dinosphere is one of the largest displays of real juvenile and family dinosaur fossils in the U.S.



The Indianapolis Zoo has grown into a world-class facility hosting a million visitors each year and playing a major role in worldwide conservation. The completely submerged dolphin dome is the first of its kind in the world.

renovated 10-block canal featuring gardens, parks and decorative bridges.

Food favorites

Great food is a staple of Hoosier hospitality; here are a few popular options:

Scotty's Brewhouse, located in downtown Indy in the Allen Plaza, features an extensive menu of classic American fare, including salads, sandwiches, burgers and wraps. The plaza portion of the property serves as an 8,000-square-foot patio with seating for 150. The patio features a waiting/lounge area with couches and an 8-foot fire pit.

Taste of Tango, an Argentinean steakhouse, serves authentic cuisine brought to your table by fedora-topped servers. See details at www.thetasteoftango.com.

Shapiro's Delicatessen has been serving Indy's taste buds since 1905. More than 2,000 customers drop in each day for breakfast, lunch and dinner at its two locations. Among the favorites are corned beef and pastrami piled high on rye or egg bun as well as matzo ball and



White River State Park, Indiana's only urban state park, offers an awesome array of attractions, entertainment and recreation including the Indianapolis Zoo, Victory Field and the NCAA Hall of Champions.

chicken noodle soups. Like any great deli, there are also Swiss steak, baked chicken, meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, and high-rise pies, cakes and pastries.

For more information, contact the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association at www.visitindy.com or 800-323-INDY. **HW**



The Indianapolis Zoo includes Indiana's largest aquarium, open exhibit areas with 350 different animal species and seasonal pony, train and family roller coaster rides. The complex also includes the 3.3-acre White River Gardens.

Neat to know about Indy

Indianapolis is second only to Washington, D.C., in number of memorials.

Crest toothpaste was invented in Indianapolis at the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

Jane Pauley and David Letterman began their television careers in Indianapolis.

John Gruelle, political cartoonist for *The Indianapolis Star*, created the Raggedy Ann and Andy characters in his children's books.

Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd U.S. President, lived in Indianapolis. His restored home is open to the public. **HW**