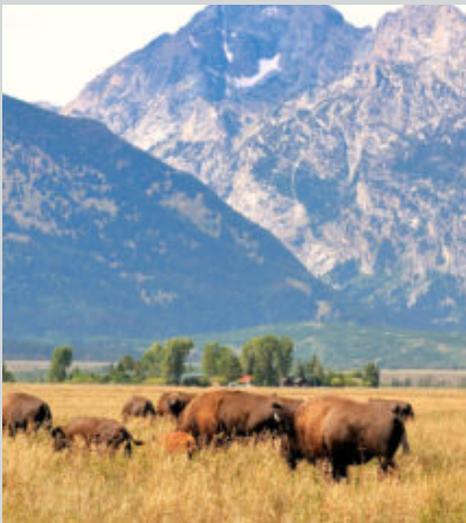


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PRIVATE TOURS

YELLOWSTONE, GRAND TETON, SNAKE RIVER

One of the highlights of our upcoming RV journey will be the private tours we've built into the itinerary. The plan right now is to enjoy two full-day tours and one half-day adventure.

The full-day tours will run from early morning through dinner, giving us a deep dive into the very best of each national park. With expert guides leading the way, we'll hit the iconic sights, learn insider stories, and take time for those picture-perfect stops — all without the stress of planning every detail ourselves. These tours will be spaced throughout the trip so we can balance exploration with time to relax and soak in the campgrounds.

To close out the adventure, we'll end on a peaceful note with a group rafting trip, designed to be calm and relaxing rather than adrenaline-packed. As we gently float along, we'll enjoy brunch together and take in the scenery one last time before heading back to Bozeman to prepare for departure. It's the perfect way to wind down — a shared moment of reflection and celebration before we wrap up an unforgettable journey.

New RV Outfitter

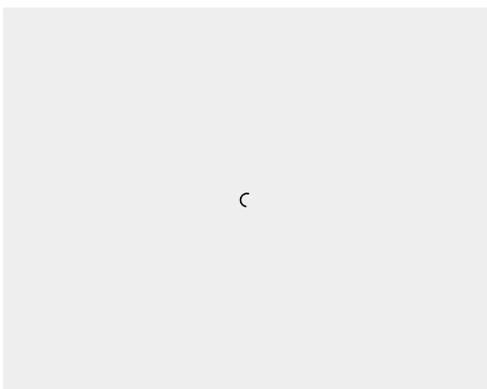
BLACKSFORD RV

After a lot of research and a few back-and-forths, I've decided to switch the RV outfitter we'll be using for our adventure. The company we'll be booking with is Blacksford, based right out of Bozeman, Montana — and I couldn't be more excited about the change. I recently spoke with one of their coordinators, who was not only incredibly helpful but also a great resource in thinking through the details of our trip. From everything I've learned, they seem like an excellent fit for our group and a step up in quality and service compared to the other options I had been considering.

A big part of the appeal is their inclusive pricing model, which takes so much of the guesswork out of planning. With Blacksford, mileage and generator usage are included in the cost, along with all the basics we'll need — bedding, utensils, dinnerware, and more. That means we can show up with much less to pack and be ready to hit the road almost immediately. They also provide enough vehicles for groups our size — we'll likely have seven RVs total, all booked next summer, and most of them will be similar models.

Another advantage of working with Blacksford is the convenience factor. Since they're based in Bozeman, we can fly in and out of the same city without the extra hassle of hauling RVs from Salt Lake City. They'll even provide transportation from the airport to their location and back again when we return, making the logistics much smoother. To reflect this change, I've also adjusted our itinerary to include a campground near Bozeman both at the start and end of the trip. This way, we'll have an easy arrival and departure while still maximizing our time in the national parks.

All in all, switching to Blacksford feels like the right move — more inclusive, more convenient, and ultimately better suited for the type of trip we're planning. I think everyone will appreciate the streamlined process, and it should set us up for a more relaxed and memorable experience.





WEATHER

As we get ready for our trip, it’s helpful to know what kind of weather to expect in the parks. In Yellowstone, the third week of June can bring chilly nights that sometimes dip into the upper 20s °F, with daytime highs reaching the low 80s. By the 4th week, nights warm slightly to the mid-30s, while days remain comfortably in the upper 70s to low 80s. It’s a wide range, but that’s part of the magic of Yellowstone in early summer — you’ll want layers for frosty mornings and lighter clothes for sunny afternoons.

In Grand Teton, conditions are just a touch milder. During the 3rd week of June, expect days around the upper-60s to low-70s and nights in the upper-30s to low-40s. By the 4th week, highs climb into the mid-70s, while nights settle into the low- to mid-40s. In other words, you can look forward to cool, refreshing mornings, warm afternoons perfect for exploring, and crisp evenings ideal for campfires.

Temp	High	Low	Average
Yellowstone	83 F	30 F	Days around 68–72 °F, nights in the 40s
Tetons	75 F	40 F	Days around 72–76 °F, nights in the low to mid-40s

MEALS



Speaking of campfires... let's talk about food! One of the best parts of RV life is gathering together in the evenings, and we'll keep that tradition alive with group dinners each night. Two of those dinners will already be included with our all-day guided tours, so in reality each RV will only need to plan, prep, and serve one dinner for the whole group during the trip. That way, everyone gets to enjoy both cooking and relaxing without feeling like they're running a full kitchen every night.

For the rest of the day, meals will be simple and flexible. Breakfast will be ad hoc, with each family deciding what works best for them — whether that's a quick bowl of cereal, pancakes on the griddle, or just a cup of strong coffee before hitting the trails. Lunch will be on the fly, usually something easy we can pack up and take with us while we're exploring or moving between stops. This balance keeps us light on planning while making sure the evenings stay special with shared meals and laughter.

It's also important to set expectations now: two of our campgrounds do not allow campfires because of their location near national forests, wildlife, and denser areas. While we won't be able to cook over the fire those nights, we'll still have group dinners — they'll just take on a slightly different feel with propane stoves, grills, or pre-prepared meals doing the heavy lifting. The important part isn't how we cook, but that we come together at the end of each day to swap stories and enjoy good food.

By the end of the trip, we'll each have contributed a meal, shared countless laughs around the table, and enjoyed a taste of both campfire classics and easy RV cooking. The mix of casual breakfasts, on-the-go lunches, and festive dinners will give us a rhythm that's relaxed, practical, and memorable.



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TRAILING THOUGHTS

THE LITTLE THINGS

As much as this trip is about seeing Yellowstone and the Tetons, I keep coming back to the little things I know will stay with us. I picture us bundled up in fleeces, mugs of coffee in hand, watching the first light rise over the Tetons. I can already hear the laughter of campfire stories drifting into the night, and imagine the quiet rhythm of kids working on crafts together while the rain taps on the RV roof.

There will be those unexpected moments too — like spotting a bear or bison from the road, joining the line of RVs pulled over in a makeshift wildlife viewing party. Or maybe it's as simple as swapping seats in each other's rigs for a ride between stops, turning the drive into a chance for new conversations. These aren't the things you'll find printed on an itinerary, but they're the glue that holds a trip like this together. They're the stories we'll be telling long after the maps and schedules are packed away.

If you haven't already, I'd love to hear your thoughts:

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You can answer via this form:

- What is your experience with RV travel?
- Are you planning on driving one of the RVs, or would you prefer to ride along?
- What are your biggest concerns or questions about this trip?
- Is there anything you're especially excited about or hoping to do?
- Have you been to Yellowstone?
- Have you been to Grand Teton?
- Have you been to Jackson Hole?

