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**PHEASANT RUN RESORT IS A STAY-CATION  
WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

*Leisure, corporate and family travel stays close to home*

**ST. CHARLES, III. (JULY 2008)** – Pheasant Run Resort, the Midwest’s largest entertainment resort, located less than an hour from downtown Chicago in charming St. Charles, Ill., has announced its fall and winter weekend packages as well as the return of its concert series, upcoming theater performances and seasonal events, according to Diane Rosenthal, General Manager of Pheasant Run Resort.

“We’ve always been the gem of the Midwest, but now with gas prices through the roof, and air transportation skyrocketing, leisure and business travelers are staying closer to home. Many of our guests are rediscovering Pheasant Run Resort and others are coming to us for the first time to get away. Both groups are realizing that they don’t have to go far for tremendous value and a memorable vacation or corporate event,” said Rosenthal. “We have such a wide range of activities and venue options that it’s a snap to plan a great get away here,” she added.

“We’re also very excited about the return of concerts to Pheasant Run Resort. We kick off our concert series on November 1<sup>st</sup> with one of the hottest acts from Nashville. All concerts will stage in our Mega Center,” she added.

Following is a compelling list of packages that is sure to entice anyone planning a weekend getaway, a vacation or a corporate outing.

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## **A Whole Season of Family Fun**

### **S'mores-N-More**

Rediscover the fun and warmth of a bonfire. This family event comes complete with the tasty marshmallow and chocolate treats that have long been associated with camping adventures, but in this case you can return to your well appointed guest room when the embers have faded. Guests can enjoy a sing-a-long with a direct descendent of Buffalo Bill or join the festivities and enjoy the autumn weather during a horse-drawn hay wagon ride for a tour around the resort. This package includes deluxe overnight accommodations, 4 hayride tickets, 4 S'mores kits and hot chocolates, one ticket for two crafts at the Craft Corner in the resort which features caramel apple dipping and pumpkin painting among other fun fall crafts, a \$25 breakfast voucher to the Terrace Café, use of the resort's Fitness Center, Kids Klub and indoor and outdoor pools. Available September 5 – November 23, 2008. From \$119.

### **Spooktacular Getaway**

Imagine a sunny, crisp weekend filled with pony rides, scarecrow building and haunted houses. Our Spooktacular Getaway includes four hay ride tickets at Pheasant Run Resort and 40 tickets to the Sonny Acres Fall Festival, located at a local farm just a few minutes from Pheasant Run Resort. On Saturdays, guests may decorate a pumpkin or make a life-size scarecrow. Halloween festivities on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> include a costume contest and candy parade. Ask about adding tickets to the spooky production of "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" on October 25<sup>th</sup>. This package includes access to bonfire events, including a cowboy singer on Friday and Saturday nights on the patio, one ticket for two crafts at the Craft Corner and tickets to build a scarecrow, a \$25 voucher to the Terrace Café, use of the indoor and outdoor pools and Fitness Center as well as access to the Kids Klub. Available October 3 – October 26, 2008. From \$149.

### **Santa's Workshop**

If you'd like more time for North Pole activities, join Santa's elves at Pheasant Run Resort and let them help you create your own seasonal gifts this holiday season. Build a gingerbread house and other crafts while listening to holiday classics and savoring hot cocoa and other treats. A \$25 breakfast voucher for Terrace Café is included in this package of deluxe overnight accommodations, tickets for two gingerbread houses and two crafts at our Craft Corner and use of the resort's Fitness Center, Kids Klub and indoor and outdoor pools. Available November 28 – December 21, 2008. From \$119.

## **Winter Escape**

We all want to escape in winter, especially if the temperatures are in the deep freeze. You don't have to venture far for relief and fun. This package includes our deluxe accommodations; use of the indoor and outdoor pools; a \$25 breakfast voucher for the Terrace Café; use of the Fitness Center and access to Kids Klub; free participation in our resort Scavenger Hunt and Blizzard Brain Buster activities on Saturday, as well as a Pheasant Run Resort keepsake fleece blanket. Cuddle up by the fireplace and listen to the visiting storyteller in the Library on Friday and Saturday evening. Available November 28 – February 1, 2008. From \$99.

## **Year Round Escapes**

### **Eagle Golf Getaway Package**

Keep it simple, but relaxing. Enjoy two rounds of golf with use of golf cart at Pheasant Run Resort Course. Package also includes deluxe overnight accommodations, a \$15 voucher for lunch in the Terrace Cafe and access to indoor and outdoor pools and the Resort Fitness Center. This package is available every day when the golf course is open. From \$239.

### **Signature Spa & Sport**

This new package is designed for those who enjoy both a day at the spa and on the golf course. Enjoy a round of golf for two then head over to the Mario Tricoci spa for the ultimate in relaxation. Includes deluxe overnight accommodations, with turndown service, two plush terry Pheasant Run Resort robes, two 50-minute Signature massages, a one-hour couples golf lesson with PGA Professional and Director of Golf at Pheasant Run, Robert J. Jan or two rounds of golf with your partner and the use of a golf cart. A \$40 voucher for the Harvest Restaurant, (reservations encouraged), accompanies this compelling package as well as a Mario Tricoci gift bag. From \$479 for two.

### **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun**

This package is perfect for girlfriends who are treating themselves while enjoying one another's company. Enjoy deluxe overnight accommodations accompanied by a \$25.00 voucher for room service or for use in the Clubhouse lounge. Other amenities include: two Mario Tricoci Spa Starters, which includes a classic manicure/pedicure and a 50-minute Swedish massage (reservations required), a complimentary make-up consultation and a Mario Tricoci gift bag filled with products. From \$419 for two. Customize your girls' trip with tickets to theater or Zanies performances.

## **Goddess Getaway**

This exceptional package is designed for the spa-goer with a discerning palette. This other worldly getaway includes deluxe accommodations for two, two plush terry Pheasant Run robes, a \$40 voucher for Harvest Restaurant (reservations encouraged), two B. Kamins Beyond Botox facials, two 50-minute Signature massages and a Mario Tricoci gift bag. From \$599 for two.

## **Romantic Rendezvous**

Take a break from your everyday routine and enjoy a romantic getaway at Pheasant Run Resort. Includes deluxe overnight accommodations, including turndown service, two Pheasant Run robes, a \$40 voucher for the Harvest Restaurant (reservations encouraged), two 50-minute massages of your choice at Mario Tricoci accompanied by a delightful gift bag. Finish off your relaxing stay with a sumptuous breakfast for two. From \$399 for two.

## **Theater & Comedy**

Experience the Chicago theater scene with award-winning productions by Noble Fool Theatricals in the Pheasant Run Mainstage and Studio Theaters. Laugh the night away with stand-up comedy at Zanies Comedy Club.

## **A Dinner Party to Die For**

Murder and mayhem ensue when professional actors mix undetected with resort guests to solve a murder. Prizes awarded to the best gumshoe detectives. Package includes overnight accommodations and two tickets to the dinner show. Recent reviews of our murder mystery experience have been outstanding and this is a limited engagement, so do not miss out. Available August 23 (SOLD OUT) and November 8. Overnight packages from \$249. Individual show tickets \$69.

## **Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein**

In just one evening, you'll experience a memorable revue of one of the world's best-loved musicals. This tribute to Broadway icons Rodgers & Hammerstein celebrates their songs and lyrics. September 11 – November 1, 2008. Tickets from \$27. Dinner show packages from \$49. Overnight packages from \$179.

## **Legend of Sleepy Hollow**

Take a wild ride through a ghoulish night with Washington Irving's spooky American classic. Icahgod Crane is the new schoolmaster in town, but his snooty cosmopolitan ways rub some of the residents of Sleepy Hollow the wrong way. To get rid of him, the villagers will make sure that "Icky" meets their local legend – The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow! A fun "light-fright" family show for ages 5 and up. October 25, 2008. Tickets from \$15. Add tickets to this performance onto your Spooktacular package!

### **Tony n' Tina's Wedding**

Chicago's favorite couple is getting' hitched at the #1 wedding site in the Midwest, and you're invited. Be a guest at this hysterical Italian-American wedding, where you're part of the family! Toast the happy couple, enjoy the Italian buffet dinner & dance the night away! Includes a ceremony full of mishaps and madcap comedy, cash bar, dinner, music, and dancing in one of Pheasant Run Resort's finest ballrooms. October 4, November 28, December 26, 2008. Tickets \$69. Overnight packages from \$249.

### **Put the Nuns in Charge - The Late Nite Catechism Sequel**

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the classroom, Sister returns in this spin-off of the nationally-acclaimed comedy phenomenon, Late Nite Catechism. Catholic or not, we're all in need of a funny refresher course of the Golden Rule and how it applies to the modern world. From celebrities to I-Pods, this will be the funniest course in behavior you'll ever take. November 1, 2008 – January 11, 2009 Tickets: \$27 Dinner show packages from \$49. Overnight Packages from \$169.

### **Godspell**

Presented by the NFT Youth Ensemble, the parables of Jesus Christ come humanly to life with a message of kindness, tolerance and love. Based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew and featuring a sparkling score by Stephen Schwartz including the international hit, "Day by Day." November 29, December 6, 13 & 20, 2008. Tickets from \$13.

### **A Christmas Story**

Based on Jean Shepherd's beloved memoir and award-winning film, this stage adaptation takes you back to middle-class America in the 1940's as Ralphie narrates his quest for the ultimate Christmas present. November 12 – December 27, 2008. Tickets from \$27. Dinner show packages from \$49. Overnight packages from \$179.

### **The Second City: Dysfunctional Holiday Revue**

'Tis the season to be jolly! If annoying holiday films, dreaded family gatherings and over-played Christmas songs don't get you in the holiday spirit, The Second City certainly will. Get ready to laugh off your seasonal anxieties with a raucous blend of sketches, songs and improv with a healthy dose of seasonal satire. Funny, bright and original, it's the perfect alternative to the same old holiday shows. December 19, 26 & 31, 2008. Tickets from \$27. Dinner show packages from \$49. Overnight packages from \$179. Special New Year's Eve performance. Call for details.

### **ZANIES COMEDY CLUB**

The sister room of the legendary Zanies in downtown Chicago has featured the routines of nationally known comics such as Pauly Shore, Emo Phillips, Gilbert Gottfried and Chelsea Handler along with some of the country's hottest new talents. Check Zanies.com for the schedule of upcoming comedians and ticket purchase information.

**Check [www.pheasantrun.com](http://www.pheasantrun.com) for an updated entertainment event calendar and for ticket purchase information.**

### **Live Concerts Return to Pheasant Run**

Pheasant Run Resort will be rockin' again with the return of live concerts beginning on November 1, 2008. Look for upcoming concert information on the big name country artists who kick off the series as well as other performers including Jeff Foxworthy (December 12<sup>th</sup>) and more musical talent. Overnight packages with premium seating tickets and two drink vouchers available from \$295.

### **Elegant Dining at Pheasant Run Resort**

Pheasant Run Resort has several restaurants located right on the property, as well as room service, so whatever your mood or your food preference, you'll find something that's sure to hit the spot. The resort's distinctive fine dining, Zagat rated restaurant is **Harvest**, located in the Resort's historic dairy barn. **Harvest** offers only the finest grade of Black Angus beef and Prime cuts, exceptional seafood and seasonal dishes inspired by fresh ingredients available in local markets. Award-winning Executive Chef Josef Yurisich launches a new fall menu after Labor Day which will feature seasonal specialties.

### **Thanksgiving Buffet**

Reserve your place for Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all of the traditional trimmings at our annual Thanksgiving Day buffet. November 27, 2008.

### **Winemaker Dinners**

Our own Chef Josef will inspire *your* culinary senses and tantalize your taste buds with his innovative pairings of exquisite food preparation and wines from some of America's most prestigious vineyards. Winemaker dinners are \$90 per person plus tax and gratuity.

**Heitz Cellars** will be featured on September 22, 2008 (This event is SOLD OUT)  
**Brassfield** will be featured on November 10, 2008

### **Golf Year-Round at Pheasant Run Resort**

Golf into winter, even if there's snow on the fairways! Golf enthusiasts and newcomers to the game will enjoy Pheasant Run Resort's two award-winning courses and a Practice Center that includes a driving range, complete with 50 grass hitting stations, putting and short game areas, and high-tech instructional facilities. Book online at [www.pheasantrun.com](http://www.pheasantrun.com) or contact the Golf Shop to arrange tee times at (630) 584-4914.

## **Book an Award-Winning Event**

Pheasant Run Resort also is one of the premier meeting and conference destinations in the Midwest. Recently named by *Illinois Meetings* magazine as '*One of the Best Venues Outside of Chicago*,' Pheasant Run Resort offers more than 100,000 square feet of meeting, trade show and convention space.

Additionally, the subscribers of *Corporate & Incentive Travel* magazine voted Pheasant Run Resort Golf Course and Practice Center a winner of the 2008 "Greens of Distinction" award.

Pheasant Run Resort is also a terrific venue for upcoming holiday parties. From a Bourbon Street bash to a private theater or comedy club show, Pheasant Run Resort offers many customizable party and event options to accommodate any size gathering.

## **Experience all the St. Charles area has to offer**

Guests looking to expand their visit and take in the local flavor are invited to map out activities with the **Pheasant Run Resort Director of Entertainment and Activities** who is extremely adept at assisting guests with both on and off property reservations. Whether a guest is looking for theater and dinner reservations or something outdoors such as paddleboat rides on the Fox River, horseback riding or bicycling and maybe snooping around for that elusive great antique find, the Entertainment and Activities desk can point guests in the right direction.

Located less than an hour from downtown Chicago in historic St. Charles, Ill., Pheasant Run Resort, a member of Preferred Hotel Group's Summit Hotels & Resorts portfolio of properties, is the Midwest's largest entertainment resort and offers 473 spacious rooms, several restaurants and dining options, the Mario Tricoci Hair Salon & Spa, productions by Chicago's acclaimed Noble Fool Theatricals, Zanies Comedy Club, 36 holes of championship golf and practice center, three pools, a fitness center and more than 100,000 square feet of meeting space including 45 meeting rooms, two expo centers, four distinct ballrooms, 320-seat tiered amphitheater and state-of-the-art training center. For general information about the resort, call 800.4.PHEASANT or visit [www.pheasantrun.com](http://www.pheasantrun.com).

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