

PRIDE AT THE DRAGON

Whether it's your first time on the Tail of the Dragon or spending time with 300 other LGBTQ+ car enthusiasts, we've got you! We encourage you to learn more about the Tail of the Dragon, the [official website](#) is a great resource and there are countless videos of corner carving on YouTube.

EAT

- All cabins have kitchens with full size appliances and all rooms in the lodge have microwaves and fridges; consider packing food if you're ballin' on a budget.
- Except for Saturday night dinner (included in your ticket), you're fendin' for yourself.
- Many of the group drives have scheduled lunch stops, be sure to look at the itinerary.
- Fontana Village has [two restaurants](#), their hours vary but the food is good!
- Ingles, a grocery store in Robbinsville, is about 30 minutes from the resort.



LODGING

Consider checking the 'Roommates' channel in the PATD Discord for options to join a cabin with available space

- [Roommates Channel](#) on Discord
- [Why join us on Discord?](#)

If you're booking on your own, be sure to call Fontana Village to take advantage of the Pride at the Dragon group rate, while it lasts.

EV?



There is *extremely* limited charging capacity at Fontana Village and the surrounding areas. Sharing is caring, please don't hog the few ports that are available.

PACKING LIST

This is just to help give you an idea. You do you!



- Weather appropriate clothes—remember, it's springtime in the mountains and the weather can be moody!
- Swimsuit/towel/flip flops or Crocs (boat day on the lake and the pool!)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Any medications you take, EPIpen, allergy meds/cough drops
- Water bottle (stay hydrated!)
- Cash (some places may not take cards—suggested \$100-150 in cash)
- Camp chair
- Roasting sticks for weenies and marshmallows
- Games—feel free to host a game night!
- If you plan on washing your car, grab those items! There are 2 washing stations onsite.
- Whatever electronics you choose to bring and their respective chargers (don't forget memory cards for cameras)
- Those satellite walkie talkies? Yeah, grab those and their charger. Like right now.



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BUDGET

💰 Pricing for PATD5 registration and optional activities are available [here](#). Costs for lodging will vary based on your sleeping arrangements. Check out the average price for gas in [North Carolina](#) and [Tennessee](#). Consider incidentals, like purchasing photos from [Killboy](#) (\$9/photo) or [129 Photos](#) (\$10/photo). Remember you'll have to feed yourself, whether it's the Wildwood Grill or in-cabin PB&J's. It's not a bad idea to have a little bit of cash on hand.

🔍 HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

Join one of the ask-us-anything meetings to quiz PATD veterans and organizers on anything else you're wondering about. Details for these meetings will be sent via email and announced on Discord.

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE HITTING THE ROAD TO PATD

- We're basically glamping:
- You'll be in the Great Smoky Mountains, so it's best to come prepared for however Mother Nature may choose to act
 - Keep an eye on the [weather for Fontana Dam](#) in the weeks leading up to the event
- Handheld radios:
- Get the scoop on all things walkie-talkie [here](#)
 - Important messages will be broadcast via walkies and having one is **mandatory** for drivers
- Booze (sober choices are cool, no judgment!):
- We **do not** tolerate or encourage drinking and driving. Any abuse of this will result in barring from future events.
 - You are responsible for whatever libations you bring (and/or choose to share), please do so responsibly
- Drivers, look over your cars:
- The Dragon *will* challenge your car
 - Brakes, tires, and fluids must be up for the journey to Fontana and any drives you take while at PATD
 - There is virtually no roadside assistance and even fewer mechanics
- Download Google Maps:
- You'll want to save a substantial portion of the area offline, [here](#) are instructions. We've created a [list](#) with important locations you can save

