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Freedom Club News



October has arrived, bringing unusually warm weather. It may not feel like fall yet, but the signs are all around us. The football season is in full swing, and the combines are busy in the fields. As the beans come out, those pesky Asian beetles and stubborn little pirate bugs make their annual appearance. Before long our first frost will sweep in and take care of our unwelcome visitors! In the meantime, we're wishing all the farmers and their families a safe and successful harvest.

We made some great memories with our Freedom Club members this year. July came and we ventured north to Duluth, MN, for 5 days. Our surprise stop while traveling was at the home of Ruth Klossner where she shared her collection of 22,000 cows. I think she has it all!! In Duluth we packed in as many sights as we could. To list a few favorites: Glensheen Mansion, Canal Park, a boat cruise on Lake Superior, Great Lake's Aquarium, Richard I Bong Veteran's Historical Center, and William I Irvin retired freightliner. We encountered some rainy days, but we did not let it stop our plans! Luckily the sun came out for us to enjoy our day outside!! The North Shore Scenic Drive took us to Two Harbors, Splitrock Lighthouse, Silver Bay and Tettegouche State Park. At Gooseberry Falls we captured some beautiful pictures of the falls and our Freedom Club travelers.

On September 19, we set out on our longest trip of the year-an 11-day adventure to explore the East Coast. One unexpected stop was in Buffalo, New York, where Audra reshuffled our morning plans so we could stop at Niagara Falls. We arrived early, before the park opened, and were treated to a peaceful morning with hardly any crowds or traffic. The quiet beauty of the falls made the early start more than worth it!

Fall in Vermont was beautiful, even though the area was experiencing a severe drought. During our visit a much-needed rain finally arrived and continued on and off throughout the week. It almost felt like the rain was following us wherever we went. Killington, Vermont, known as one of the premiere ski destinations in the U.S., is home to the annual World Cup Downhill Ski Competition and offers countless ski resorts, schools, and winter activities. While in town, we were welcomed to a pork loin supper hosted by the local church, where the hospitality was as warm as the meal itself, complete with small-town charm and wonderful conversation. We also visited the homestead of Calvin Coolidge, which proved to be educational. We came away with a deeper appreciation for this "silent" president, remembered for his conservative values and focus on the people.

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As we made our way into New Hampshire, the fall colors deepened. Along the way, we stopped in Bath to see the state's longest covered bridge, the Basin, and took a gondola ride up Loon Mountain. While heavy clouds kept us from enjoying the sweeping views at the summit, we still managed to capture some beautiful photos at the base of the mountain.

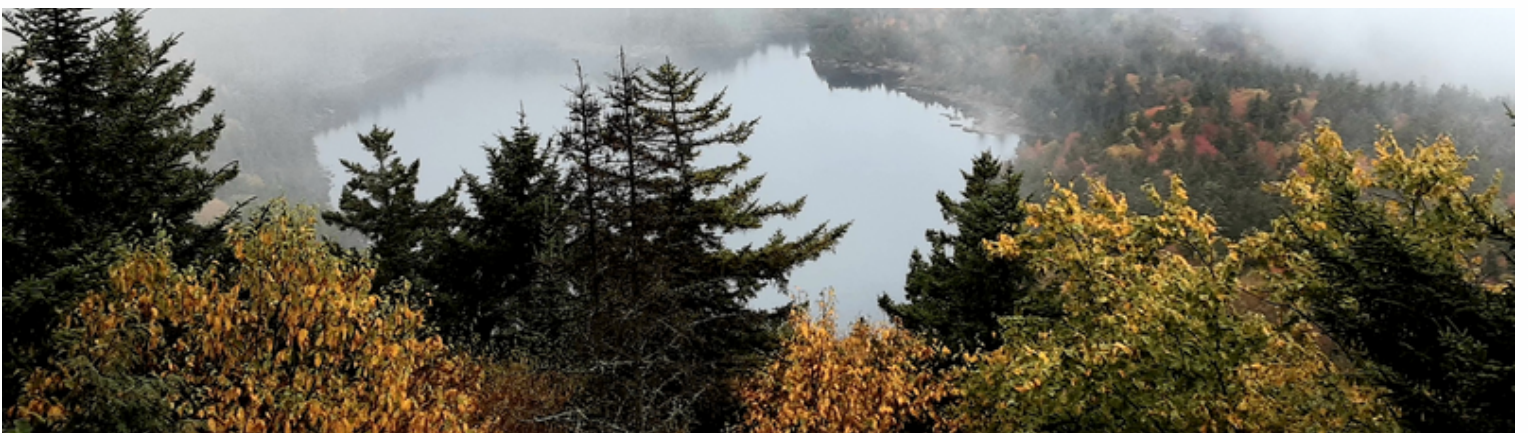
The Atlantic coastline in Maine is stunning. We spent time exploring Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Portland, and even drove past the Bush family compound. Of course, we couldn't miss the chance to enjoy a few lobster rolls and a fresh Maine lobster dinner. Along the way, our guides shared plenty of local history, adding depth to our visit.

On Friday we made our way through 7 states, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and finally Pennsylvania. After spending the whole day dodging traffic, we finally arrived at Hershey Chocolate World in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Needless to say, everyone grabbed enough chocolate to keep them happy (and sugared up) for the next few days. Of course, we also picked up a few sweet treats to bring back home for family.

While in Pennsylvania, we also visited the Flight 93 Memorial from 9/11. It stands as a powerful tribute to the passengers and crew who sacrificed their lives to protect the US Capitol, and in doing so, saved countless others. They are true American Heroes!

Before heading all the way home we stopped at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, and Mousehouse Cheesehaus in Wisconsin.

Audra and I have truly enjoyed traveling with each of you this year and look forward to hosting even more adventures in the year ahead. These trips are special not just for the destinations, but for the friendships formed along the way, the laughter, the memories, and of course the occasional inside jokes (like Roger the cat).



LOON MOUNTAIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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DULUTH MEMORIES



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Events 2025



THANKSGIVING MEAL NOVEMBER 17, 2025 BASEMENT OF FRONTIER BANK 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a donation for the
ATLAS Food Pantry
All you need to bring is your donation items
Frontier Bank will be providing a full
Thanksgiving Meal

RSVP BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

*****NO LATER Reservations Available!*****

Contact Audra or Denise at 712-472-2537

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LADIES WEEKEND!!
JUNE 27-28
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
DETAILS COMING SOON!



BRANSON, MISSOURI



We are thrilled to announce
that we're headed to
Branson, Missouri in
November 2026!!
Be watching for Details

