

Alumni and friends may join Finger Lakes Excursion

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A three-day, two-night excursion through New York's Finger Lakes region will be held June 7-9, just prior to Alfred University's annual Reunion June 10-12. Stops along Keuka, Seneca and Cayuga Lakes are planned. Chris Kulp, a 1971 alumna of AU and president of its Alumni Council, and Bruce Kulp, who was named an honorary alumnus of AU in 2000, will be the hosts for the excursion, the first of its kind planned by the Office of Alumni and Community Relations at Alfred University. "We wanted to give the alumni planning to attend our Reunion a taste of what the Finger Lakes region has to offer," said Mark Shardlow, a 1983 alumnus of AU and now executive director of operations for the University Relations division. As executive director, he is responsible for alumni events, including Reunion. "Over the years, alumni have told us that if they are going to travel to Alfred for a three-day Reunion, they'd like to spend more time in our region, which is beautiful at that time of the year," said Shardlow. "With that request in mind, we put together a package that we think will be very attractive to our alumni, and others who may wish to join us," he added. The trip will begin with breakfast in Alfred at 8:30 am June 7. First stop on the bus tour is the Corning Museum of Glass, followed by lunch. The first day's travel ends in Ithaca, where the group will stay at the Hampton Inn. Dinner that evening will be at Taughannock Farms Inn, a landmark restaurant in the Ithaca area, followed by a performance of "When Your Folks Are In" at 7:30 that evening at the Hangar Theatre. Following breakfast at the Hampton Inn in Ithaca June 8, tour participants will board the "M/V Manhattan" for a cruise and lunch on Cayuga Lake. That afternoon will be spent at the MacKenzie-Childs Farmhouse tour and shopping at the MacKenzie-Childs factory store in Aurora, NY, with dinner at the Aurora Inn. The bus will then take participants to Geneva for a night at the Ramada Inn. On June 9, the group will visit Fox Run and Torrey Ridge wineries, then stop at the Bully Hill Winery on Keuka Lake for lunch and wine-tasting. Following stops at Dr. Konstantin Frank's Vinafera Wine Cellars and Heron Hill Wineries, also on Keuka Lake, the bus will bring participants back to Alfred for dinner. Cost for the tour, which includes all transportation, meals and accommodations, is \$379 per person. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Alfred University Office of Alumni and Community Relations, 607 871 2144, or by e-mailing alumni@alfred.edu Registration for the tour may also be made by contacting the Office of Alumni and Community Relations, or by visiting the web site: <http://www.alfred.edu/alu...> on the tour is limited, so those planning to take the excursion are asked to sign up as soon as possible.