

the Sam Campbell Special



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BON VOYAGE -- YOU MEMBERS OF THE 1952 WESTERN WONDERLAND TOUR! There is a wonderful adventure before you; make it your business to get every ounce of happiness out of it, then tell us about it when you return.

A MESSAGE FROM SAM AND GINY CAMPBELL

Sometimes we seem to run out of ways to express our gratitude for our blessings. Now we are to look once more on that superlative western country in company with scores and scores of you wonderful folks. It is a pleasing prospect, and meekly we say we are grateful -- though the word sounds weak and far short of our true feelings.

Travel breaks down formality, it releases good will and friendliness often kept tethered and obscure in our routine lives. On our Special Train Tour where we see each other often, talk and eat together, and stand side by side while we look upon the world's most magnificent scenery, we will be forming friendships that will endure for a life time.

There is something more than a mere journey before us -- we enter an environment favorable to the unfoldment of those qualities of mind on which happiness itself depends.

Sam and Giny

TO THOSE WHO AREN'T GOING

We have many lovely letters from Campbellites who can't go for one reason or another. We wish we could have you all, but there are nearly a thousand of us now so maybe it's good we can't all do the same thing. Our train would be a bit crowded. Our love is with all you good folks, and a happy summer to you wherever you are.

TO THOSE WHO ARE GOING

The 1952 tour will present a cross section of eastern America, as has been the case each year. Fifty-seven cities and fifteen states are represented on the roster.

Friday, June 27, at 7:50 PM, the Sam Campbell Special pulls out of the North Western Station in Chicago. Better be there early to get acquainted, and to check in. Nice thing is that once you have registered, you never have to think about your ticket again. Roy Dickson will take care of it from then on, and you just get on and off the train as if you owned the railroad.

As to baggage, be governed by the old travel axion to go as light as possible. While the Special Train simplifies baggage handling and we keep things aboard all the time we are gone, everyone will be more comfortable if his space is not

cluttered up with things he doesn't need.

Comfortable clothes are recommended. Nowhere on the tour will there be use for anything formal. Ladies who like to wear slacks will feel proper in them most of the time. Even in the dining rooms of Bryce, Zion and Grand Canyons, slacks are seen often.

There are some nice walks and hikes at various points in the Canyons and Parks and if you intend to take part in them we suggest you take a pair of comfortable hiking shoes. Rubber soles are least slippery on rocks and pine needles.

Evenings at Grand and Bryce Canyons and Glacier Park, will be cool -- so have some sort of wrap. A garment that would also serve as a raincoat is a good idea.

The sun is strong in the west. Sun glasses are recommended.

On all journeys it is wise to carry a small flash light for emergencies.

This land is a camera man's paradise. Take a camera if you are interested in this angle. Color pictures are best and will help you relive your trip. BE CAREFUL ABOUT OVER-EXPOSURE. The light in these areas is very intense. Films can be purchased most everywhere in the trip.

Be sure the folks at home have your correct addresses enroute.

REMEMBER TO TAKE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP! -- such as birth or baptismal certificate, or voter's card. The boys along the Canadian Border will want to be sure you have been born, and where.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR

When we are leaving Salt Lake City, look high on the mountain sides and you will see a line that marks the water level of ancient Booneville Lake. Salt Lake is the last little puddle left by this tremendous, pre-historic sea.

At Cedar City notice how clean and orderly the little city is. Most of the folks you deal with through this area are Mormons, and you will find them courteous, fine, happy, intelligent people.

Get acquainted with your bus driver as you go about the Canyon circuit. These lads are mostly young college students, well informed and anxious to make your stay an enjoyable and profitable one.

In Zion Park, during the evening, take a walk away from the lodge to a point where the lights do not bother, and look up at those mountain peaks silhouetted against the stars. There is no more romantic spot in the world. It is said that even the cats and dogs fall in love with each other here.

At Bryce and Grand, plan to put in a few hours of just staring. Be seated near the rims and just look -- let your thoughts fall where they may. This is the way to become conscious of the magnitude of these scenic wonders.

Food will be plentiful everywhere along our line of travel and calories will be raining down -- but be especially on your guard at Sun Valley. They put on a barbecue dinner that is a delicious menace. (Oh, my figger!)

We will strike cherry time in the Columbia River Valley. You can buy 'em by the sack (or bushel) at railway stations. Urr-r-r-r-r!

You lovers of flowers will be in your glory at quaint and beautiful Victoria. It is the city "more English than England." There are gardens everywhere, and we are to see the best of them.

The route to Glacier Park and the Park itself, will challenge the whole world in the matter of beauty. No place is richer in wild flowers, and among them notice especially the glacier lily and the bear grass.

We realize one of the main objects of a vacation is rest. We want every one to have a wonderful rest on this trip, and have designed it accordingly. That is the reason we have three days and nights at the Many Glacier Hotel. There is much activity available if you want it, but take advantage of this time to be lazy and loaf before we start the journey home.

WORD FROM ROY DICKSON

Just as this is going to press, we talked with Roy Dickson at Indianapolis. Wow, is that fellow busy! The amount of detail that goes into making up a Special Train Tour is amazing. Roy loves it -- anything that has to do with a railroad is all right with him.

Roy says the Sam Campbell Special Train for 1952 is pretty compact, but that he has a few reservations open. If any of you folks make a last minute decision to go with the gang, get in touch with Roy (R. L. Dickson, 44 E. 37th Street, Indianapolis 5, Indiana), and he will work you in if it is at all possible.

NOW ALL ABOARD FOR THE BIGGEST SAM CAMPBELL TOUR SO FAR!

thought-of-the-month

"We feel that travel is done more within our own thinking than in an outside world. What seems to be a journey to far away lands and distant peoples is really the orderly unfoldment of an infinite selfhood. It is the horizon of consciousness which we push back -- thus revealing grander views of the measureless majesty our creator has incorporated in each individual character."

(from a travel note book)