BEST OF DELAWARE PARTY TURNS 30

The annual Best of Delaware Party celebrates excellence and raises funds for charity. As we recognize the party's 30th anniversary, it remains one of the most popular events in the state, drawing close to 2,000 attendees each summer. The people, places, services and restaurants that have won an esteemed Best of Delaware award use this event to showcase why they are worthy of the title.
SIMULATED GOLF EXPERIENCE
Editors, downstate: When the weather doesn't cooperate or tee times are booked at your favorite course, visit Out of the Sand, where sophisticated sensing equipment monitors your swings and strokes as you play in a simulation of courses such as Heron Point in South Carolina or Fontainbleau in Canada. There are 40 dream courses to choose from. 18675 Coastal Hwy., Rehoboth Beach, 200-9777, outofthesandde.com

SKATEBOARD PARK
Editors: At your age, there is no way you attempt to do this, but the runs and bowls at Glasgow Regional Park will take you right back to 1977 and the birth of vert. Street skaters find their thrills via rails and boxes. Tempted as you may be, leave it to the kids.
2275 Pulaski Hwy., Newark, 395-5606, ncde.org/417/Parks

STAYCATION
Editors, upstate: If your ideal vacation day begins with blissful quiet and maybe the Times crossword, a stay at the Hotel du Pont gets you out of the house without wandering too far from home. It’s a luxurious launch to Brandywine Valley attractions such as Winterthur, and its downtown location puts you in the neighborhood of a charming bakery, great restaurants, The Grand, The Queen and, right on-site, The Playhouse on Rodney Square. That’s not to mention white-glove dining in The Green Room. 42 W. 11th St., Wilmington, 594-3162, hoteldupont.com
Editors, downstate: If your ideal vacation day begins with a sunrise kayak tour or yoga on a stand-up paddleboard, the Dogfish Inn is perfectly located a bike ride away from the Delaware Bay. It’s also across the road from Lewes’ dining and shopping district, an easy jaunt to the namesake brewery in Milton and a stone’s throw to Cape Henlopen State Park and a network of scenic multi-use trails. Contemporary, but still a throwback to the 1950s, kinda kitschy while still modern and comfortable, it has a vibe all its own. 105 Savannah Road, Lewes, 644-8292, dogfish.com/inn

PLACE TO TAKE YOUR OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS
Editors, upstate: Nothing says Chateau Country like Winterthur Museum,
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

JPMorgan Chase is proud to support The Best of Delaware.

We applaud Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware for inspiring children to dream big today and achieve their potential tomorrow.

GARDEN & LIBRARY: Show your visitors a quintessential Brandywine Valley landscape, as well as that famous collection of American decorative objects and furniture. We love the architectural follies currently on display on the property, as well as “Dining by Design: Nature Displayed on the Dinner Table.” Young visitors will love the Enchanted Garden. And everyone will love feeling like American royalty for a few hours. 5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur. 888-4600, winterthur.org

EDITORS, downstate: For 25 years, the Biggs Museum of American Art has housed a remarkable collection of classic furniture and art gathered by the namesake himself. And it has hosted amazing exhibitions, such as “John James Audubon and His Influence Today,” which will open Aug. 4. A robust schedule of special events, such as a birding day at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in conjunction with the Audubon exhibition, make it a center of the community. Schedule your visits accordingly. 406 Federal St., Dover, 674-2111, biggsmuseum.org

TATTOO ARTIST/SHOP

Readers, upstate: Poppycock Tattoo, 115 W. Eighth St., Wilmington, 231-1685, poppycocktattoo.com

Readers, downstate: Tough Luck Tattoo, 17728 Coastal Hwy., Lewes, 644-8001, facebook

THEATER GROUP

Editors, upstate: On the eve of its 25th season, City Theatre Company continues to be on the cutting edge. From its humble beginning with “Three Short Plays (See How They Run); 73 Minutes of Uncertain Behavior” at the old O’Friel’s Irish Pub in May 1994, CTC moved onto more complex shows, only to become the eccentric company that we know and love today. We can’t wait to see what the season brings.

4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington, 220-8285, city-theater.org

TV PERSONALITY

Readers, upstate: Tim Furlong at NBC 10 Philadelphia, (610) 665-5705, nbccphila.com

Readers, downstate: Jimmy Hoppa at WBOC, Dover, 734-9626, wboc.com