

Lodge-ical News – April 2008

We are finally seeing some spring weather out here ~ Hope you are taking time out and enjoying the outdoors!

User Tip: Using your Resources Wisely

Version 7.0 has a method where you can assign resources to your activities. But, what is a resource? Think of it as something tangible that is required in order to make the activity successful. Some examples include vehicles, boats, horses, and pack trip supplies. We recently heard of another great idea: we have a client who wanted to get a handle on how many complimentary beverages they were supplying on an activity. They set up a few resources to classify the type of beverage and now they have an organized way to report their usage which helps them in both budgeting and forecasting.

Setup your resources in the Maintenance section. Press the ACTIVITIES button on the Reservation Entry form and you will notice a section of the Activity Planner called Resources. Lodge-ical will warn you if you are overbooking a particular resource based upon the capacity that you entered in the Maintenance section.

Run the Resource Statistics report (Reporting/Managerial Reports) at any time to monitor usage.

New Feature: The Resource Calendar

To accommodate the resource planner, described above, we have designed a new visual calendar to show you the number of resources that have been assigned on a daily basis. This will give you a quick and easy view. This feature is only available in version 7.0 and if this interests you, please let us know so that we can send you an update.

New Feature: Double-click the Room Calendar

Many of you rely on the version 7.0 visual room calendar. We have just programmed the ability for you to double-click on a particular room assignment. Doing so will a) navigate you to the particular reservation, b) allow you to make a change to the room assignment, and c) update the room calendar when you close the reservation.

The double-click option is also a feature on the newly designed Arrival/Departure calendar (featured in our February newsletter).