



Hostelling International USA
The Beacon
Michigan Council – American Youth
Hostels
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**Hostelling
International USA
Mission**

To help all, especially
the young, gain a
greater understanding
of the world and its
people through
hostelling

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**This year's Paddle to the Symphony will be
Friday, June 25, 2010**

The Michigan Council of Hostelling International is partnering with Heavner Canoe to provide a fun evening on the water, while enjoying the sounds of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. This annual event is held at Kensington Metro Park in Milford, Michigan at the North Martindale Picnic Shelter (see pages 3-4 for registration information)

Changes to the Council

The board bids farewell to long-time volunteer coordinator Joan Smykowski. The board is actively seeking new members with an array of interests to serve in 2010.

Annual Meeting: Save the Date!

The 2010 Annual Meeting is scheduled for the evening July 12th. Time and location to be announced at The Paddle to the Symphony and will be posted on-line. Please see page 2 for nomination form and instructions.

Hikes & Bikes Highlight

HI-Michigan's Council has an active group of volunteer trip leaders that lead hikes, bikes, and other adventures. Please see page 5 for details.

Carmen, Mid-week Meanderer, led a successful outing at the Arab American Museum in Dearborn, MI and headed out for lunch at an Arabic restaurant nearby. Please see inside for details on upcoming Bikes, Hikes, and Adventures.

Girl Scouts – please see page 2 for details

Travel Presentations – please see page 2 for details

Travel Presentations

We have had a successful year thus far with our free travel presentations. New presenter Danita presented at the Northville Public Library and Vice-President Michael Dwyer led another presentation at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Please contact Michael if you are a would-be presenter or if you are venue interested in our signature travel presentations:

hiousamichigan@gmail.com

Girl Scouts: Community Walls 2010 – Girl Scouts of SE Michigan Represent

On April 24th, tucked between Howell and Pinckney, Michigan, at Camp Innesfree - approximately 55 miles southwest of Flint and 60 miles west of downtown Detroit - Girl Scouts from across South East Michigan got together to share the stories of their communities.

Girl Scouts are a naturally adventurous bunch, many who have traveled in state camping, nationally, and even internationally. HI-Michigan has trained troop leaders to use the hostelling system to plan trips that would otherwise have not been possible due to the high cost of traditional lodging.

Partnering with Hostelling International Michigan has encouraged the girls to be proud ambassadors of their communities through the Community Walls Program.

Here is what they had to say:

“We want everyone to know that our community gives us a chance to succeed at life. We have to fight for what we want in a positive way. We are the next generation & it starts with us. When our neighborhoods soar up, we soar up as well.”

Nominations for Annual Council Meeting

If you are interested in serving on the HI-USA Michigan Council Board or nominating another member, please submit the following information about the nominee:

- Name
- Biographical Summary with the signature of nominee

You may mail this information in or e-mail a scanned copy of the signed bio. Please note that nominees must be a current HI-USA member.

In addition you may nominate on site as long as the nominee is present and willing to serve.

In Memoriam

Darvina “Darvie” Strobridge

Age 91, 7/2/1918 – 12/30/2009.

Devoted daughter to the late Joseph and Louise (Nonni) Giorgi. Loving wife of the late James. Nurturing Mother of Jim (Pat), Darvina "Sis" Heichemer (Dave), Debby Samarian (Mark) and Ty (Mary).

Jeanne H. Mercier

After a brief illness, April 3, 2010. Age 74. Survived by brothers John and Dr. Raymond (Miriam). Sister-in-law of Janet.

We are very grateful for your time with us and our thoughts are with your families at this time.

2010 Paddle to the Symphony Options Registration
Please Complete and send your registration with your check to:
HI-USA Michigan, P.O. Box 510228, Livonia, MI 48151
Or visit our website at www.hi-michigan.org
Deadline: June 20th, 2010
Event Hotline Number: 248-302-8026

Price includes light refreshments (soft drinks and snacks) for any option you select. You may want to come early and picnic or BBQ before the event. Everyone going on the water should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Please indicate number:

Canoe with Refreshments (adults only) - Skilled canoeists will paddle across the 1/4 mile span to the amphitheater to the opposing shore. Canoeists will return as the sun goes down and the music keeps you going. **Price is \$25.00 per person.**

Paddle Wheel Ride with Refreshments (all ages) – For those interested in being on the water but without all the work, you may board the Island Queen II. This large pontoon-style paddle boat will anchor offshore near the concert providing guests a unique opportunity to hear the DSO. Space is limited. **Price is \$25.00 per person.**

On-shore Experience Only (all ages) – To enjoy the evening without going on the water, guests may choose to hear the music from shore. **Price is \$10.00 per person.**

Please Note: With any option you choose, you will still be responsible for the park entrance fee of \$5.00, so carpool if you can.

- 4:00 p.m. Meet & Greet, Picnic, Socialize
- 6:00 p.m. Reception
- 7:00 p.m. Island Queen Departs
- 7:00 p.m. Canoe Safety Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Canoe Launch
- 8:00 p.m. DSO Concert Starts
- 9:00 p.m. Canoes Paddle Back
- 9:30 p.m. Canoes Return
- 10:00 p.m. Island Queen Returns

What to bring:

- Sunscreen and/or Hat
- Change of clothes if you choose to canoe (just in case)
- Jacket
- Lawn chairs
- Picnic food, BBQ stuff, and/or additional beverages



2010 Paddle to the Symphony Registration Form

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Mail-in Deadline: Postmarked by June 20th, 2010
(On-line registration available until 12 midnight June 24th)
Visit www.hi-michigan.org to pay securely by credit card**

Event Hotline Number: 248-302-8026

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Names and ages (required only for those under 18) of all guests registering:

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Canoe with Refreshments (adults only) # registering _____ x \$25 = _____

Paddle Wheel Ride with Refreshments (all ages) # registering _____ x \$25 = _____

On-shore Experience Only (all ages) # registering _____ x \$10 = _____

Please make your check out to HI-Michigan. Total Amount Due: _____

Bikes, Hikes, and Adventures

Everyone is welcome to join weekly hikes.

Please call hike leaders for more information about the hike: difficulty, meeting place, restaurant stop, and cancellation updates. Please go to www.hi-michigan.org website for more events and updates.

- Per HI-USA policy, pets are not allowed
- Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your own water and snacks
- \$1.00 fee for members and \$2.00 for non-members plus additional car-pool fee and park entrance admissions may apply.

Tuesday Mid-Week Meander hikes – please contact Mary Stoolmiller – 248-879-6004

Scheduled Sunday hikes below (leader - Peter Bolgar - 248-948-8010 or 248-539-9112):

- Sunday, June 27, 2010: Detroit Riverfront Walk; flat 5 miles; lunch at the Elwood Bar & Grill. Meet at noon at the old AYH office at 3020 Coolidge in Berkley.
- Sunday, July 11, 2010: Meet at noon at the Tel-12 Mall for a ride out to the Kensington Nature Center for a hike through the woods and around the lake. Approximately a 5 mile hike followed by lunch in Milford.
- Sunday, July 25, 2010: Time to go to Belle Isle in the summer when it sizzles. Meet at the old AYH office at 3020 Coolidge at noon. Restaurant stop downtown in Greektown.
- Sunday, August 8, 2010: Time for a change. Let's meet at the Tel-12 Mall at noon and go for a walk around Proud Lake Recreation Area with a restaurant stop on the way home.
- Saturday, August 21, 2010: Time to do the Eastern Market. Great time to pick up produce and flowers for the month of August - Michigan grown goodies. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at the old AYH office at 3020 Coolidge in Berkley. This will give us plenty of time to go for a walk on the Dequindre Cut and to have lunch and shop at Eastern Market and still be home for a Saturday night movie.
- Sunday, August 29, 2010: Only the brave and foolhardy should go on this trip. We will walk all the way around Kensington. It's about 8 miles, but it's very gentle terrain - no big hills or swamps, just beautiful country. Bring lunch with you. It will probably take us 3 hours to complete the hike. Meet at noon at the Tel-12 Mall.
- Sunday, September 26, 2010: Our last hike around beautiful Belle Isle. Don't miss this or you will be sorry. I know where you live. Meet at noon at the old AYH office at 3020 Coolidge in Berkley

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