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

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Old and new friends of the Michigan Council of Hostelling International are invited to our annual fundraiser on Friday, June 26, 2009, to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Guests cross Kent Lake to enjoy the DSO concert on the rolling, forested hills of Kensington Metro Park in Milford, Michigan.

By partnering with Al Heavener of Heavener Canoe Rental, HI Michigan offers DSO fans the opportunity to enjoy the "Harmony in the Parks" summer concert but avoid any potential traffic tie-ups by approaching the area by boat.

Dinner will be served on the Kent Lake shoreline at 5 pm. The concert begins at 8 pm. Guests may choose one of the following packages, all of which include a catered dinner.

**Dinner and Canoe
(Adults Only \$30/
person)**

Skilled canoeists will paddle across the 1/4 mile span to the amphitheater to the opposing shore. At 9 pm, canoeists will return as the sun is setting and the strains of a John Philip Sousa march play on.

**Dinner and Paddle
Wheeler
(Adults/Children
\$45/person)**

Those interested in being on the water, but not under their own power, may ride aboard the Island Queen II, a large pontoon style paddle wheeler. The boat will anchor offshore near the concert pavilion, providing guests a great seat during the concert. Wheelchair users must

Provide their own ride to the boat landing and be accompanied by a family member or guardian. Space is limited on the Paddle Wheeler.

**Dinner and Shore Side
Relaxation
(Adults/Children
\$15/person)**

Music lovers just looking for a quiet night without leaving the shore line may choose the dinner only option and then relax near the shelter on their own lawn chair or cushion.

To register please visit our website (www.hi-michigan.org) or complete and send the registration form found on page 4.

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Travel Presentations Planned for April-July 2009

Presentations Opened to the Public Across the State

The summer travel season is kicking-off, especially for students and families. As part of our mission to encourage travel that is culturally and environmentally sensitive, the HI-Michigan will be offering the following travel presentations to the public during May through July 2009.

Most presentations are free, but possible audience members are encouraged to call the site for reservations.

- May 20, 7 pm, Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Rd, Novi. Trip Planning 101 for Teens and Young Adults. Contact: 248-349-0076
- May 28, 6:30 pm, Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, World Travel 101. Contact: 248-437-6431
- June 2, 7 pm, REI, 766 E. Big Beaver, Troy. Women Traveling Solo. Contact: 248-689-4402
- June 10 (World Travel 101), June 17 (Women Traveling Solo) and June 24 (USA Travel), Western Michigan University, Kendall Conference Center. Contact: 269-964-3001 (**There will be a charge to attend. Register in advance.**)
- July 8 or July 9, 4 pm, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Trip Planning 101 for Teens and Young Adults. The workshop is repeated, not two parts. Contact: 313-833-4791

The Travel Presenters would like to thank the generous donors of HI Michigan who help to bring hostelling to another generation of international travelers.



Teens attending a presentation during the summer of 2008.

Wayne State Travel Club Visits Chicago and New York HI Hostels During Spring Break



Members of the Wayne State University Travel Club saying good bye to the staff and visitors at the New York hostel.

Hopping in their small rented car, the Wayne State University Travel Club visited two hostels during their recent one week spring break. "It was tough, but we did it," explained Sharif AliDinar the club president. While in Chicago, the Club assisted with a Cultural Kitchen program

offered at the hostel. "We had no idea what to do, but the staff and kids were great. It was the first time most of the club members ever volunteered at an hostel." After spending a wonderful time in Chicago, the club member hopped back in the car and drove directly to

the New York hostel. The American and international students returned to Detroit for classes on Monday.

The Club would like to thank HI-USA and the generous donors of HI Michigan for supporting the Club.

Hiking General Information

Everyone is welcome to join one or all of the weekly hikes throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Please call the hike leader for more information about the hike: difficulty, meeting place, restaurant stop after the hike and cancellation updates.

- It is against HI-USA policy to bring pets on hikes.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your own water and snacks.
- All hikes have a \$1.00 fee for members, \$2.00 for non-members plus carpool fee and park entrance admissions.
- There may be a restaurant stop after the hike. Please contact the hike leader for more information.

June 2009 Activity Calendar

June 2	10:30 am	Crosswinds Marsh	Anita Walters	313-278-4843
June 7	12:00 pm	Belle Isle	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
June 9	10:00 am	Stony Creek Metro Park	Karen Wilson	586-264-1467
June 9	12:30 pm	Hiker and Biker Thank You	Mary Stoolmiller	248-879-6004
June 14	12:00 pm	Windsor Water Front	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
June 16	10:00 am	Independence Oaks Hike/Bike	Laura Gogola	248-545-0457
June 21	12:00 pm	Detroit Water Front	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
June 23	10:00 am	Holiday Beach Ontario Hike	Ruth Olsen	586-751-5413
June 28	12:00 pm	Detroit Water Front	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
June 30	10:30 am	U of M Dearborn Environmental Center Hike/Bike	Mary Stoolmiller or Liz Allingham	248-879-6004 Elizabeth.Allingham@live.com

July 2009 Activity Calendar

July 7	10:00 am	Willow Metro Park Hike/Bike	Carmen Gudan	313-562-3210
July 12	12:00 pm	Kensington Metro Park	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
July 14	9:30 am	Proud Lake Canoe	Mary Stoolmiller	248-879-6004
July 21	9:30 am	Kensington Hike/Bike	Mary Fritz	586-731-2403
July 26	12:00 pm	Detroit Zoo	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112

August 2009 Activity Calendar

August 2	12:00 pm	Detroit River Front	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
August 4	10:00 am	Belle Isle Hike/Bike	Karen Wilson	586-264-1467
August 11	10:30 am	Lake Erie Metro Park Hike/Bike	Anita Walters	313-278-4843
August 16	12:00 pm	Kensington Metro Park	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
August 18	10:00 am	Mattaei Gardens	Pat Knoop	313-271-1719
August 23	12:00 pm	Belle Isle	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
August 25	9:30 am	Algonac State Park Hike/Bike	Mary Bissonette	586-465-3375

September 2009 Activity Calendar

September 1	9:30 am	Arkona Ontario Hike/Fossil Hike	Laura Gogola	248-545-0457
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Biking Information

Please contact Dante Lanzetta for information when and where the bi-weekly bike trips. Dante can be reached at dante_lanzetta@sbcglobal.net or at 248 647-0729.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available for 2009 Paddle to the Symphony

The Paddle to the Symphony is a unique annual fundraising event for the Michigan Council of Hostelling International. One June 26, 2009, nearly 300 event attendees will dine on the shores of Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark and then enjoy a concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. For the first time, local organizations are invited to sponsor the event and influence the families, travel/outdoor enthusiasts and music lovers who attend.

For more information on sponsorships, call Carol or Jennifer at 248-336-8613 or carol.galle@specialdevents.com.

Volunteers Needed for 2009 Paddle to the Symphony

The Paddle to the Symphony is the most important fund raiser for the Michigan Council of HI-USA. One goal for the 2009 Paddle to the Symphony is to establish a "travelship" for high school or college students. By volunteering, you can help keep our costs reasonable and continue the viability of hostelling for another generation. Volunteers are expected to pay the full amount for the evening.

To volunteer, please complete and return the form below to:

HI Michigan, PO Box 510228, Livonia, MI 48151

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Other Phone: _____

Please check the all ways you can help:

- Calling to remind people to get their registrations in.
- Assist with mailing registration forms and waivers.
- Calling potential sponsorships.
- Assist with finding volunteers for the event
- Assist with calling potential donors.
- Assist with setting up the site on June 26, 2009 (You must arrive early and pay for attending.)
- Assist with on-site registrations and/or payments.
- Assist with on-site additional fund raising activities: 50/50 raffle, t-shirt sales, etc.
- Other ways you would like to help: _____

2009 Paddle to the Symphony Registration

Please complete and send your registration with your check to:

HI Michigan, PO Box 510228, Livonia, MI 48151-6228

Or visit our website at: www.hi-michigan.org

Deadline: June 20, 2009

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Names and ages of all guests registering:

_____/_____
_____/_____

_____/_____

_____/_____

Please pick a package:

- Dinner and Canoe (Adults only) # registering _____ x \$30 = _____
- Dinner and Paddle Wheeler # registering _____ x \$45= _____
- Dinner and Shore Side # registering _____ x \$15= _____

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