

ST. CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

JANUARY – JUNE 2010

TRIPS

“LEGENDS OF BRANSON”--PASSPORT, \$3 OFF

Saturday, January 9 142510-01

Direct from Branson, MO enjoy this world famous live tribute show featuring an amazing cast of all-star impersonators assembled on one stage in one of the most sought after productions in the world. Come enjoy Elvis, the Blues Brothers, Alan Jackson & Cher at the Rickman Auditorium in Arnold, MO. Dinner before the show at Surf & Sirloin Restaurant with choice of steak, fish, chicken or shrimp with salad, vegie, dessert & drink. Depart Memorial Hall at 3:30 pm and return at 10:00 pm. Cost of \$97.00 includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due Immediately. Maximum 31.

WINTER BINGO--CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY!!

Thursday, January 14 142510-02

Come join us for a warm & cozy afternoon while you enjoy a delicious lunch and a great afternoon of B-I-N-G-O!! At Memorial Hall from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. Cost of \$18 includes lunch and bingo. Payment due Immediately. Maximum 176.

“GREASE” AT THE FOX THEATER

Thursday, January 21 142510-03

“Grease” is rockin’ across the country direct from Broadway starring American Idol winner Taylor Hicks as Teen Angel. The show features songs such as Summer Nights, Greased Lightnin’, Hopelessly Devoted to You & You’re the One That I Want. Dinner after the show at Hodaks Restaurant featuring their Golden Fried Chicken Platter. Depart Memorial Hall at 12:00 pm and return at 7:00 pm Cost of \$81 includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due December 21. Maximum 31.

BINGO IN SWANSEA

Tuesday, February 2 142510-04

Join us at the C.K. & L. of I club for 26 games of bingo including 50/50 special game, early bird games, intermission specials, 50/50 Going Home Raffle, Lucky Number Jackpot, 7 chances for the Rainbow Raffle with the Power Ball. Lunch will be entree, veges, dessert & drink. Depart Memorial Hall at 8:45 am and return at 4:30 pm. Cost of \$45 includes lunch, bingo games, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due January 4. Maximum 31.

EAGLE DAYS

Monday, February 8 142510-05

Let’s search for the American Bald Eagle, the beautiful symbol of our great country. Scott, a naturalist at Pere Marquette State Park, will be our guide for the day with a coffee break & video presentation at the Park, a guided bus tour to search for majestic eagles in flight as we cross the Illinois River aboard the Brussels Ferry and lunch at the scenic Illinois Riverdock Restaurant with entree, dessert, & coffee, tea or lemonade. After lunch we will search for eagles along the Great River Road as we head back to the park. Dress warm and bring your camera and binoculars for a fun day. Depart Memorial Hall at 7:00 am and return at 4:00 pm Cost of \$49 includes guide, lunch, admissions/tours, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due January 8. Maximum 30.

COFFEE BREAK

Thursday, February 18 142510-06

If you like coffee we have the tour for you. We will visit 3 coffee companies located in the St. Louis area. All 3 are roasting houses & brew their own special blends. You will have the opportunity to not only taste their coffee but see how they roast and package their coffee. We will visit the Chauvin, Shaw’s Ltd, & Kaldi’s Coffee Companies. Lunch will be at Bartolino’s with choice of strip steak, boneless chicken breast or filet of sole with pasta, salad, dessert & drink. Come join us for a coffee filled day in St. Louis!! Depart Memorial Hall at 7:00 am and return at 3:30 pm. Cost of \$57 includes lunch, tours, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due January 18. Maximum 31.

LUCY GOES CRUISIN'

Thursday, February 25 142510-07

The year is 1951 & Ricky's Act from the Cope-with-Your-Bananas Club has been booked aboard a luxurious Cruise Ship. Ricky and Lucy meet crew members Ty Panik, Purser Percy Strings, Cheryl Crowsnest & Polly Wannacracker. Other acts in the show include Elvis, Lee Barachi, Tom Cruise & the comedy team of Lewis & Clark. When Lucy wants to renew her wedding vows she discovers her wedding ring and jewelry have been stolen. Is there a cat burglar on board? Join Die Laughing Theater in this "Who Dun It" in this interactive mystery filled with comedy and audience participation. During the course of the show you will be served a full hot lunch with sides, drink & dessert. At Memorial Hall from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. Cost of \$33 includes lunch and entertainment. Payment due January 25. Maximum 50.

KITCHEN CONSERVATORY & SPECIALTY MARKETS

Saturday, March 6 142510-08

The Kitchen Conservatory is the premier kitchen store in St. Louis offering the finest in kitchen tools and cooking classes. We will be enjoying a demonstration cooking class which includes the chef, instructions, recipes, food, clean up, tea and coffee. Best of all you get to eat what is made!! The menu for the day is American Comfort Food: Waldorf Salad, Butternut Squash Bisque, Roast Beef with Horseradish Sauce, Lobster Twice Baked Potatoes & Baked Alaska with Chocolate Sauce. Afterwards we will visit Extra Virgin, an Olive Ovation, a unique gourmet market with the rustic charm of an old world European neighborhood store. We will also visit Trader Joe's, your neighborhood grocery store which features the basics to the exotic where they "taste every product before they sell it"!! Depart Memorial Hall at 8:30 am and return at 3:00 pm. Cost of \$89 includes conservatory, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due February 6. Maximum 31.

THE BANJO CATS

Thursday, March 11 142510-09

The Banjo Cats, a String Quintet of five dedicated musicians, returns to Memorial Hall for some more lively toe tapping entertainment with songs from the past as well as some current hits. Sprinkle in a few jokes & add a little humor and you have an exciting fun filled afternoon. A full hot lunch will be served with sides, drink & dessert. At Memorial Hall from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. Cost of \$31 includes lunch and entertainment. Payment due February 11. Maximum 100.

ST PAT'S LUNCH & BINGO

Tuesday, March 16 142510-10

Wear your green and pretend you're Irish with an afternoon of Bingo, fun & fellowship. Play for prizes & we'll throw in attendance prizes too!! Delicious lunch before bingo!! At Memorial Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at 11:30 am. Cost of \$18 includes lunch & bingo. Payment due February 16. Maximum 176.

STATE PENITENTIARY & COLE COUNTY HISTORY

Thursday, April 8 142510-11

The Missouri State Penitentiary last housed inmates in 2004. At the time this massive structure was the oldest continually operating state penitentiary west of the Mississippi River. We will enter the Prison through the main gate, tour the upper yard & hear fascinating stories and history, tour the underground dungeon cells & visit the gas chamber. We will also visit the gift shop with interesting souvenirs made by inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary. The Penitentiary was built in 1836 and is not accessible for walkers & wheelchairs. You will wear a hard hat & must be able to walk over rough terrain. Our lunch will be at Prison Brews with salad, entree, dessert & drink. After lunch learn the history of Cole County (in which Jefferson City, our state capitol, is located) at the Cole County Museum. We end our day with a delicious real ice cream treat from Central Dairy. Depart Memorial Hall at 7:00 am and return at 6:00 pm. Cost of \$79 includes all admissions, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due March 8. Maximum 31.

TOUR THE HILL--NOW THAT'S ITALIAN!!

Wednesday, April 14 142510-12

Join us as we tour the Hill, one of St. Louis City's most intact ethnic neighborhoods. Witness a homemade ravioli making demonstration at Mama Toscano's and learn to play Bocce Ball at the Italian/American Bocce Club. Lunch is Chicken Sicilian at Favazza's. We will make stops at an Italian bakery, grocery store & other unique shops on the Hill. Our day also includes an Italian concert by Kieto Ballitine in St. Ambrose Church. Throughout the day we will be enlightened by our guide, Joe Degregorio, with his many stories of his beloved neighborhood. Depart Memorial Hall at 8:00 am and return at 3:30 pm. Cost of \$65 includes tours, guide, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due March 14. Maximum 30.

“ROUTE 66” VARIETY SHOW-PASSPORT, \$3 OFF

Tuesday, April 20

142510-13

Get your kicks on this pedal-to-the-metal, high-octane, hit-song-fueled ride across the nation’s most celebrated road! With wild characters, antics, and good old fashioned shtick, Route 66 features hits from the late 1950’s & early 1960’s including “Dead Man’s Curve”, “I Get Around”, “GTO”, and many more. Performed by Springer Theatrical at the Florissant Civic Center Theater. Dinner before the show at Cannoli’s Italian Restaurant with salad, bread, entree, dessert & drink. Depart Memorial Hall at 4:30 pm and return at 11:00 pm. Cost of \$79 includes dinner, show gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due March 20. Maximum 31.

SECOND CITY COMEDY THEATER AT THE TOUHILL--PASSPORT, \$3 OFF

Friday, April 30

142510-14

One Show, Fifty Years, A Million Laughs from America’s Greatest Comedy Theater. The last 50 years of The Second City have turned out an incredible number of legendary comedic personalities such as Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Joan Rivers and Robert Klein to name a few. Now in celebration of it’s 50th anniversary, The Second City improv group returns to the Touhill with a cast to include the next big name in comedy. You’ll be able to say you saw them when!! **FOR MATURE AUDIENCES.** Dinner buffet before the show at Lombardos with roast beef, ham, salad, sides, dessert & drink. Depart Memorial Hall at 4:15 pm and return at 11:00 pm. Cost of \$97 includes dinner, show, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due March 30. Maximum 31.

BUSSEN QUARRY/JEFFERSON BARACKS

Wednesday, May 5

242510-01

We begin our day at Jefferson Baracks, established in 1826 and serving as a major military installation until 1946. The Baracks played an important role in westward expansion. Our guided tour will include the Laborer’s House, Stable, Powder Magazine Museum & Visitor’s Center. Join us for American History right here in town. Lunch will be at Joe Boccardi’s with salad, entree, bread, drink & dessert. Next we visit the Bussen Quarry & Underground Storage, a limestone mine that was engineered and mined for the specific purpose of creating a climate controlled warehouse underground. The constant year temp within finished space is 65-72 degrees. The tour covers a wide range of topics from Missouri geology to quarry production processes and equipment. Our tour is followed by a stop at Coldstone Creamery for a kitchen tour and you will create your own ice cream treat. Depart Memorial Hall at 7:30 am and return at 4:30 pm. Cost of \$59 includes admissions/tours, lunch, ice cream, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due April 5. Maximum 30.

J-H BISON RANCH/ST. LOUIS AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Friday, May 14

242510-02

A day at the J-H Ranch includes a tour of the state-of-the art Bison barn with a short presentation that includes information about bison and life on the ranch. You can also pet one of the baby bison and have your photo taken with them as well as interact with the Alpaca, Llamas, horses & the unique Sicilian donkey, Sadie. Learn how the ranch began & meet Paco, an 800 lb bison, who loves Twinkies!! Lunch at Lotawata Creek includes sandwich, side, dessert & drink. After lunch we visit the Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum in Cahokia, IL. The St. Louis region has been associated with aerospace progress for nearly a 180 years and this museum strives to be world class while focusing on all aspects of the aerospace industry. Depart Memorial Hall at 8:00 am and return at 4:30 pm. Cost of \$65 includes tours, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due April 14. Maximum 31.

FAIRMOUNT PARK

Tuesday, May 18

242510-03

We are off and running to Fairmount to get a comfortable view of the thoroughbred horse racing today. Lunch buffet is served in the always comfortable Black Stallion Room. Depart Memorial Hall at 10:00 am and return at 6:00 pm. Cost of \$42 includes lunch, admission, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due April 18. Maximum 85.

CELEBRATION CRUISE

Saturday, June 12

242510-04

Cruise the Mississippi River and spend a day long adventure aboard the Celebration Belle with plenty to eat, plenty of scenery, live entertainment, planned activities and Captain’s narration throughout the day. We sail from and to Alton, IL. Our day includes a full breakfast buffet, full lunch buffet, afternoon snack & full prime rib dinner buffet. You won’t go home hungry. Depart Memorial Hall at 6:30 am and return at 7:00 pm. Cost of \$199 includes cruise, all meals, entertainment, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due May 12. Maximum 31.

“ANYTHING GOES”--ARROW ROCK LYCEUM THEATER

Friday, June 25

242510-05

In Cole Porter's Anything Goes the passengers sailing on the SS American from New York to England are an unusual lot. Among them are a gangster, an evangelist turned nightclub crooner, a society debutante, & a wealthy business man. The madcap antics of a love triangle at sea, a myriad of mistaken identities & a lively Cole Porter musical score make for a special show of energy & entertainment. Dinner after the show at Settlers Inn with pork chop or chicken breast, veggies, salad, rolls, dessert & drink. Lunch stop on your own. Depart Memorial Hall at 9:00 am and return at 9:00 pm. Cost of \$87 includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due May 25. Maximum 31.

“BIG RIVER”--STAGES ST. LOUIS

Sunday, June 27

242510-06

Bursting from the pages of Mark Twain's classic novel, Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, is a Tony Award winning musical that is joyous and profound entertainment for everyone. Join Huck, Tom Sawyer and Jim as they take you on a thrilling journey down the mighty Mississippi. Big River has a foot-stompin', hand-clappin' score by Roger (“King of the Road”) Miller that reminds us the quest for freedom and seduction of a new frontier lives in every American soul. Dinner after the show at Mimi's Cafe featuring entree, soup or salad, drink & dessert. Depart Memorial Hall at 12:30 pm and return at 7:30 pm. Cost of \$91 includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due May 27. Maximum 31.

FAIRMOUNT PARK

Tuesday, July 13

242510-08

We are off and running to Fairmount to get a comfortable view of the thoroughbred horse racing today. Lunch buffet is served in the always comfortable Black Stallion Room. Depart Memorial Hall at 10:00 am and return at 6:00 pm. Cost of \$42 includes lunch, admission, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due June 13. Maximum 85.

TRIP INFORMATION:

Trip registration will be taken only when accompanied by payment. For your convenience, we accept MASTERCARD and VISA. Checks can be made payable to the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department. All trip fees are per person per trip. All trips are filled on a first-come first-served basis. Trip Itineraries are subject to change without prior notice.

Deposits: for each one-day trip, a \$10 non-refundable deposit must be received with your registration. For each overnight/extended trip a \$50 non-refundable deposit must be received with your registration. Overnight Trips: all overnight trip rates are based on Double Occupancy. Single traveler supplement will apply.

Cancellations: One day trips: participants cancelling a one day trip less than 14 days prior to the trip will not receive a refund. Refunds for participants cancelling a one day trip more than 14 days prior to the trip will be subject to a \$10 administration fee. Personal absences are not refundable.

Overnight or extended trips: participants cancelling an overnight or extended trip less than 30 days prior to the trip will not receive a refund. Refunds for participants cancelling an overnight or extended trip more than 30 days prior to the trip will be subject to a \$50 administration fee. Personal absences are not refundable.

Pick up point for ALL day trips and overnight trips will be at the Memorial Hall Parking Lot in Blanchette Park.

Accommodations: please call us if you need any accommodations. This will help us assist you to have a great trip experience. If you have any dietary concerns please inform the trip coordinator at the time of registration.

Waiting lists are taken for both the van and the bus if a trip fills. Please do not hesitate to call after the sign up deadline. You may be the traveler who makes the trip go or opens the trip up to a bus.

If you have taken a trip with us during the last two years you are on our mailing list. If you have not, but would like to be put back on the mailing list please do not hesitate to call us at 636-949-3372.