The French Creek Family YMCA hosts a variety of trips. We invite you and your friends to join us on an adventure.

**BUS TRIPS - UPDATED 2/10/2020**

**2020 Trips Overview Q & A for all your ponderings**

*Friday, March 20, 2020 at 2:00pm at French Creek Family YMCA*

All are welcome, call 440-934-9622 to register

**MARCH**

**MGM NORTHFIELD PARK CONCERT - KAVAN-The Worlds #1 Rock-n-Roll Elvis**

1-day trip  Thursday, March 19, 2020

$55  +$6 for non-YMCA members

Receive $25 in slot-play and concert

Elvis is in the building! Don't get “All Shook Up!” book your trip early so you won’t miss the bus! We leave at **9:30 am**. You will have time to enjoy lunch on your own, relax and visit with your friends in one of their bars or lounges, or you might try your luck at any of their 2,200 slot machines. Elvis concert begins at 3:00pm, we depart for home at 5pm

$10 DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION – FINAL PAYMENT DUE: 3/5/2019

Registering after 3/5/2020 - Full payment due upon registration

**APRIL**

**CHIHULY: CELEBRATING NATURE**

1-day trip  Thursday, April 23, 2020

$98  +$15 non-YMCA members

Nature and art come together at *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature* at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Columbus. Franklin Park Conservatory is awash in the vibrant colors of stunning glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. The Conservatory is thrilled to exhibit its full collection, the largest Chihuly collection in a botanical garden. We will enjoy a guided tour focusing on *Chihuly: Celebrating Nature*, where you are taken on a journey through the bold, colok rful, beautiful, breathtaking pieces of Dale Chihuly.

After the beauty of Chihuly, we visit nearby German Village for a guided tour of this quaint and unique place and end with buffet dinner at the famous Schmidt’s German Village Restaurant where you can enjoy some real authentic German Food, including Schmidt’s own fresh Pork Bratwurst, Smoked Bahama Mamas, Baked Chicken (legs & thighs), Chunky Applesauce, Green Beans with Bacon, Sauerkraut with Pork, German Potato Salad, Tossed Green Salad, Rolls & Condiments, Schmidt’s Mini Cream Puffs, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea & Soda. This long-standing restaurant, located in a historic livery stable, has been voted the official eatery of Columbus. After dinner you will have time to enjoy and browse German Village, before we head back home with visions of flowers, magical glass artwork, lederhosen and cream puffs dancing in our heads.

$25 DEPOSIT DUE AT REGISTRATION-FINAL PAYMENT DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

*If registering after 4/1/2020 - Full payment due upon registration*

**MAY**

**LORAIN COUNTY METRO PARK BUS TRIP TO COLUMBIA RESERVATION**

1-day trip  Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - $5

Courtesy of Lorain County Metro Parks

Come have a fun time with your YMCA family as we visit Columbia Reservation. This 409-acre reservation was opened in August of 2003. Asjj a wetland reservation, Columbia hosts a number of created ponds built around waterways near the west branch of the Rocky River. Like so many of the Lorain County Metro Parks, Columbia Reservation offer something for everyone, from man-made to natural. It has trails that are paved, crushed limestone. Parts of the reservation are wooded, the park in general is characterized by
open, scenic views of waterways and wildlife. It also offers a playground, miniature golf, concession stand, and a shelter.

You may choose to walk the trails, explore the grounds, play Mini golf (nominal fee).

LUNCH—you may can picnic with your packed lunch or purchase your lunch at their concession stand. You might also want to top off your day at the park with one of the many ice cream choices.

BUS LEAVES FRENCH CREEK YMCA AT 10AM — RETURNS AROUND 3:00PM

MY FAIR LADY
1-day trip Saturday, May 16, 2020

TICKET SALES CLOSE 4/2/2020

$84 +$10 for non-YMCA members

This is a 1:30pm matinee – departure time TBD

When Lerner and Loewe’s My Fair Lady opened on Broadway, it collected six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, while the film version took home eight Oscars, including Best Picture. Based on George Bernard Shaw’s play Pygmalion, My Fair Lady is that rare musical by which all others are measured. The tale of a cockney flower girl transformed into an elegant lady features one of musical theatre’s greatest scores, including: “Wouldn’t It Be Loverly?,” “With a Little Bit of Luck,” “The Rain in Spain,” “I Could Have Danced All Night,” “On the Street Where You Live,” “Get Me to the Church on Time,” and “I’ve Grown Accustomed to Her Face.”

$25 DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION – FINAL PAYMENT and TICKET SALES CLOSE: Thursday, 4/2/2020

JUNE

GERALD FORD PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM, DINNER CRUISE …… but wait there’s more

3-day trip Tuesday - Thursday, June 2-4, 2020

$594 pp Double Occupancy +$75 for non-YMCA members Single +$156

Tuesday, June 2nd — morning departure for Marshall, Michigan and to Cornwell’s Dinner Theater for a delicious and entertaining Luncheon Show “Right Bed, Wrong Husband”. After a leisurely afternoon we travel to Grand Rapids for a two-night stay.

Wednesday, June 3rd—Get ready for a fantastically amazing…. But wait there’s more!!! Day!! After breakfast at our hotel, we begin by visiting

- Heritage Hill Historical District—A nationally recognized historic district embracing over 60 architectural styles from early Victorian gingerbread to the designs of Frank Lloyd Wright.
- We then visit the Grand Rapids Public Museum—this state-of-the-art entertainment/education center features interactive history and natural science exhibitions and you can ride a 1928 carousel and experience life a century ago on the “Streets of Old Grand Rapids.” On to…
- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum where you can step inside the Oval office, see the original Watergate burglar tools or attend a White House State Dinner, still more!
- Grand Lady Riverboat for a Dinner Cruise, we will enjoy dinner as we cruise along the Grand River just like the paddlewheel steamboats did during the 1800’s.

Thursday, June 4th – After breakfast at hotel, we head to a little piece of heaven on earth, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park (listed by USA Today, as one of the top 100 places to visit in the world, before you die) where a narrated tram tour is waiting. You will have time after tour to stroll through their tranquil Japanese Garden or take time to relax by the Waterfalls before we begin our journey back home in the afternoon.

$100 DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION – FINAL PAYMENT DUE: 4/21/2020

Registering after 4/21/2020 - Full payment due upon registration – Minimum 36 required
JULY

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

1-day trip  Thursday, July 2, 2020

$89  +$15 for non-YMCA members

Come join us and our favorite Cleveland historian, John of JKL Tours, to see our hometown Cleveland Indians take on their rival, Chicago White Sox, in a matinee game special. First we will visit historic League Park, where the Cleveland Spiders played in 1891 and their opening day pitcher was Cy Young. Cleveland has restored this classic ball park where greats like Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Bob Feller played and we will have a chance to take pictures. After our trip down Memory Lane, we'll take in the actual afternoon game (1:10p.m. first pitch) with plenty of time to enjoy Progressive Field, Seeing the monuments to great Indians players from the past. Our seats are in the FAMILY DECK. Your ticket will also include a voucher for a “SLIDER MEAL LUNCH,” of a hot dog, popcorn and soft drink! Come kick off your July 4th Celebration early with this All American day of fun.

$25 DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION – FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Wednesday, 6/10/2020

Registering after 6/10/2020 - Full payment due upon registration

AUGUST

MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE and “THE WINDY CITY”

5-day trip  Wednesday-Sunday, August 26-30, 2020

$1175 per person double occupancy  +$100 for non-YMCA members
+$187 single occupancy

Wednesday, August 26th — morning departure for the Quad Cities where we will enjoy dinner and spend our first night.

Thursday, August 27th — We travel to the boat dock of the Twilight Riverboat for boarding and departure for the first leg of our two-day cruise along the Mississippi. Included as we cruise down the Mississippi River are your plated lunch and dinner along with morning and afternoon snacks. You will have time to relax, read, socialize in the outdoor deck chairs, play cards, enjoy the entertainment, listen to the narration, have a drink from the bar, visit with the captain as we cruise this calm, scenic river. There will be a few lock and dams as we cruise. We dock in Dubuque where we spend the night at the Grand Harbor Resort, with time to enjoy a swim, walk to the nearby casino or relax and enjoy the company of friends.

Friday, August 28th — We spend the morning exploring and enjoying Dubuque attractions—the Fourth Street Elevator, Cable Car Square Shopping Center, St. Luke’s United Methodist Church (amazing Tiffany stained glass) and the Diamond Jo Casino are a few options. Admissions are included to the National Mississippi River Museum. We board the Twilight, in time for a plated lunch. Time to relax, play cards, enjoy the entertainment and activities as we cruise. Afternoon snack and plated dinner will be served for your enjoyment. We dock in the Quad Cities where we will spend the evening.

Saturday, August 29th — After breakfast The Windy City, Chicago, Chicago that toddelin’ town is waiting. A Local Guide will board our bus for a day of touring the “Windy City”. Our evening will be Dinner and Entertainment at Tommy Guns Garage, where you enter through the “back door” beneath the “El Train” where we will find ourselves in the midst of a stylized slice-of-life gangster cartoon. Top-notch food and a bang-up gangster comedy, plus singing and dancing in Aupbeat Charleston tradition!

Sunday, August 30th — Before we start our journey home, the frosting on the cake, with cherry on top is waiting for us, as we head to The Signature Room at the 95th® in the John Hancock Building, on the Magnificent Mile, for their Sunday Brunch. You will dine and taste exquisite food, superb service, and a dazzling skyline view. The floor-to-ceiling windows exhibit the stunning Chicago skyline and 360-degree views of the entire city.

$100 DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION – FINAL PAYMENT DUE: 7/14/2020

If registering after 7/14/2020 - Full payment due upon registration – Minimum 36 required
OCTOBER

SMOKY MOUNTAINS, PIGEON FORGE, GATLINBURG, DOLLYWOOD

4-day trip  Monday-Thursday, October 26-29, 2020

$865 per person/double occupancy  +$100 for non-YMCA members
+$167 single occupancy

Monday, October 26, 2020—Our first day we travel to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee where we will spend three nights at MainStay Suites. On arrival we enjoy a dinner and show at the brand new Pirates Voyage.

Tuesday, 10/27/20—after breakfast we travel to Gatlinburg and ride a chair lift to Gatlinburg’s newest attraction, the SkyBridge—a walking suspension bridge over Gatlinburg with the most incredible views. We enjoy a guided history and moonshine tour of the area, with free time to explore Gatlinburg. Evening will be dinner at Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant followed by one of the best shows in the Smokies, at the Smoky Mountain Opry.

Wednesday, 10/28/20—After breakfast a delightful day awaits at the wonderful Dollywood, the Smoky Mountain Theme Park, where the Fall Harvest Festival is in full swing. For dinner we go to one of the most popular dinner shows, the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Feud. After dinner we return to Dollywood for a walk through the amazing after dark, Pumpkin Luminights.

Thursday, 10/29/20—Following breakfast we start our travel back home with our Y community, filled with wonderful memories, experiences and stories of our adventures.

$100 DEPOSIT DUE UPON REGISTRATION – FINAL PAYMENT DUE: 9/14/2020
If registering after 9/14/2020 - Full payment due upon registration – Minimum 36 required

HOW OUR TRIPS WORK

- Everyone is welcome, non-YMCA members pay slightly higher
- Please choose your trips carefully, an administrative fee of $15 for day trips and $50 for overnight trips will be assessed per person per trip for any changes made to trip registrations. Changes might include participant cancellations, refund requests, or transfers. This fee will be deducted from your deposit.
- Each trip requires a deposit upon registration. Registration/payments can be done over the phone using your credit card or in person at any Greater Cleveland YMCA
- Trips have both a minimum and maximum number of occupants. To ensure your seat, register early.
- There may be instances where a trip might be cancelled or rescheduled, if this happens full refunds are given with no administrative fee.
- When you register for a trip and it is full, ask to be put on the “Waiting List”. This gives you a good chance to get on a sold-out trip.
- Cancellation policy: Full refunds will be given (minus the administrative fee) up to “FINAL PAYMENT/BALANCE DUE DATE” After balance due date no refunds are available. Trips are transferable or can be sold to another traveler. If your trip cannot be transferred/resold, your trip amount paid to date (minus administrative fee) may be applied as system credit that you may use towards another trip in the same year.
- Participants assume the risk of change in personal circumstances or health
- All trips leave from and return to French Creek Family YMCA, 2010 Recreation Lane, Avon, Ohio 44011

Trip insurance is available for all trips, strongly suggested for multi-day trips
Travelex Insurance Service (800)228-9792 or www.travelexinsurance.com

View French Creek Family YMCA trips online – go to www.clevelandymca.org
Locations -> French Creek Family YMCA -> Active Older Adults

REGISTER – CALL FRENCH CREEK FAMILY YMCA at 440-934-9622

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