



Field Trips for 2018 FGC Gathering

This year's field trips are focused on increasing awareness of the truth about water land and people of northwest Ohio and Detroit. Two field trips are planned for each afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. No trips are planned for Wednesday due to Sabbath afternoon. Brief descriptions of each field trip can be found below. Field trips that are accessible to wheel chairs are marked with an A. Those that require considerable walking are marked with a W. Those that are family friendly are marked with an F.

For each trip the maximum number of participants, distance from UT, time to meet for departure, approximate time of arrival back to UT, and cost per participant including transportation and entry fees are given. More information on each of these trips can be obtained at the local arrangements table.

Those interested in participating in field trips are required to sign up at the local arrangements table. Early sign-up will increase your chances that you will be able to participate in the field trip of your choice.

All field trips will leave from the parking lot 27B, near Ottawa East and Presidents. Transportation will be provided by carpooling for all trips except for the Detroit tour. When signing up participants will be asked to indicate if they can drive. Drivers will be reimbursed for gas expense. Carpooling will be arranged by the field trip coordinator, Kathleen Helbling. A host will accompany each trip and will be responsible for making sure everyone gets to the destination and returns to campus.

We hope that you enjoy learning about northwest Ohio and Detroit as you participate in the following field trips.

Monday, July 2

Islamic Center (A,F), 50 people; 25877 Scheider Rd., Perrysburg, 419-874-3509, 22 minutes from campus; meet in parking lot at 1:30, arrive back to UT about 4:00; no charge above carpool cost.

Members from 23 nationalities attend the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, but its main claim to fame is its equal and vibrant representation of women and the democratic and constitutional processes that the Center diligently follows. The Islamic Center of Greater Toledo is a birth-to-death resource; it has a full-time Islamic School on its premises and it provides a variety of religious, educational and cultural activities for its members and for the greater Toledo community. A guide from the center will lead the tour.

Toledo Botanical Garden (A,W,F), 50 people; 5403 Elmer Drive, Toledo, 419-536-5566, 10 minutes from campus; meet in parking lot at 1:30, arrive back to UT about 4:00; no charge above carpool cost.

A museum for plants, Toledo Botanical Garden offers visitors the opportunity to share, discover and enjoy nature's beauty. With more than 60 acres of display gardens and relevant plant collections, TBG is full of beauty, tranquility and opportunities for exploration and reflection. Green thumbs come to the Garden to learn more about the varieties of annuals and perennials nestled within the various beds and look for ways to incorporate new ideas into their home landscapes. Art lovers are inspired by the Artisan Village and original sculptures located throughout the Garden.

Tuesday, July 3

Downtown Detroit and Beyond Bus Tour (A,W,F), 30 people; 1 hour from campus; meet in parking lot at 12:30, arrive back to UT at 5:15; \$46.00; box lunches available for pick-up.

The themes that are shaping Detroit right now are community, collaboration, and creativity. On this tour, you will see how these themes are woven throughout the city. The route includes an overview of the people, places and neighborhoods that make up Detroit's core, including Downtown, East Riverfront, Midtown, and Eastern Market. You

will see distressed neighborhoods surrounding the core that are developing unique solutions to the challenges they face. This tour will give you a better understanding of Detroit's past, present and future. The tour includes the following stops: Guardian Building, Charles H. Wright Museum, and the 1967 Rebellion Origin Point.

Boat Tour to the Harbor Light (ages 16 and up with ability to climb a rung ladder), 50 people; 3900 Summit St., Toledo, 20 minutes from campus; meet in parking lot at 12:30, arrive back to UT at 5:00; \$40.00 plus carpool cost; box lunches available for pick-up.

The Toledo Lighthouse is located about five miles off shore north of Maumee Bay State Park. The lighthouse marks the Toledo shipping channel where the waters of Lake Erie meet the shallow waters of Maumee Bay. Boaters are generally destined for the Maumee River. The Romanesque design lighthouse was completed May 23, 1904, and is architecturally unique with buff brick and a rolled edge steel roof. The lighthouse is 4000 sq. ft. and stands 64' high. Armor was added to three sides of the base of the lighthouse in 1989 when the lighthouse was secured by the Army Corps of Engineers. There are 76 steps to the top of the lighthouse - three stories in the homelike part and three stories in the tower. Trip will be on the **Sandpiper** leaving from the Toledo Yacht Club. If there is a northeaster, the boat will take a trip up the Maumee instead.

Thursday, July 5

Toledo Museum of Art (A,W,F), 40 people; 2445 Monroe St, Toledo, 419-255-8000, 10 minutes from campus; meet in parking lot at 1:30, arrive back to UT about 5:00; \$3.75 plus carpooling and parking expense.

More than 30,000 works of art represent American and European painting, the history of art in glass, ancient Greek, Roman, and Egyptian works, Asian and African art, medieval art, sculpture, decorative arts, graphic arts, and modern and contemporary art. The tour is led by two docents. Special exhibit: Alexander Wilson's Birds of the United States.

The Canal Experience (A, F), 50 people (2 groups of 25), 13827 S. River Road, Grand Rapids, 419-407-9741, 35 minutes from campus; meet in parking lot at 1:30, arrive back to UT about 5:00; carpool cost plus entrance fees: under 4 free, \$4.00 ages 4-12, \$7.00 ages 12-59, \$6.00 ages 60 and over.

During this field trip participants will take an hour ride in a mule-drawn canal boat on the Miami and Erie Canal and tour a working water-powered saw and gristmill. Providence Metropark has one of the greatest concentrations of canal era features in the country, including more than a mile of the original Miami and Erie Canal and towpath, one of the last functioning 19th century limestone locks, a general store filled with gifts and collectables. Those who would prefer hiking over touring the mill can take advantage of the several miles of walking trails.

Friday, July 6

Imagination Station (A,W,F), 50 people; 1 Discovery Way, Toledo, 419-244-2674, 15 minutes from campus; meet in parking lot at 1:30, arrive back to UT about 5:00; carpool cost plus entrance fees: under 2 free, \$6.50.

Toledo's Science Center is dedicated to making science, technology, engineering and mathematics fun and accessible. There are hundreds of interactive, hands-on exhibits that are fun and educational for the entire family. Explore ten learning worlds on specific topics that offer unlimited opportunities for exploration.

National Museum of the Great Lakes (W,F), 50 people (2 groups of 25); 1701 Front Street, Toledo, 419-214-5000, 18 minutes from campus; meet in parking lot at 1:30, arrive back to UT about 5:00; \$16 plus carpool cost.

The National Museum of the Great Lakes tells the incredible story of our Great Lakes through over 300 genuine artifacts, a number of powerful audiovisual displays and 40 hands-on interactive exhibits including the *Col. James M. Schoonmaker* Museum Ship.