



2009 100 YEARS OF HOSTELLING WORLDWIDE  
75 YEARS OF AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

## Paddle To The Symphony Planned Friday, June 26, 2009

### 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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"I'm excited to share that plans have started for the *2009 Paddle To The Symphony* at Kensington Park in Milford," stated President Pro Tem Sally Janecek. The yearly fund raiser for the Michigan Council of Hostelling International will be taking place on Friday, June 26, 2009. The exact starting time has not been decided, though. Please watch our website for more information. Volunteers will be needed!"

As in previous years, the event will be open to members and friends supporting the mission and programs of the HI-Michigan. "We have ambitious plans to increase the number of children participating in our *Opening Doors, Opening Minds* programs," stated Joan Smykowski, Volunteer Coordinator of the

council. "We have been asked by a number of school systems and non-profit agencies to collaborate with them to offer the HIUSA programs. Unfortunately, we have not been able to meet the requests made to our council."

A special emphasis will focus on the 75th Anniversary celebration of AYH/HIUSA during the *2009 Paddle To The Symphony*. The council is especially interested in reaching out to old friends, who want to share their stories about traveling, hiking and biking together. Save the date! More details are to follow.



Participants registering at our 2007 Paddle To the Symphony. Be sure to save the date.

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We would like to thank Sue Trudeau, our past President for the extraordinary job she did as the council president. Sue's dedication, energy, and generous donations enabled another generation to enjoy hostelling in Michigan. Our board and council will miss Sue.

*Sally Janecek, President Pro Tem*



Girl Scouts at a recent travel presentation at Madonna University. Girl Scouts love to travel and HI-Michigan can get them there.

## Travel Presentations Planned for April-June 2009

Presentations are Free! Opened to the Public!

The spring and summer travel season is just about to kick-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 April, May and June 2009.

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

- April 29, 6:30 pm, Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Travel USA. Contact: 248-680-7290
- 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

## HI Travel Club on Wayne State University's Campus Bringing Hostelling Traveling to a New Generation

The thrill of traveling and the satisfaction of volunteering in the community are just a couple of the benefits of the WSU Travel Club. The club will be traveling to Chicago and New York over the spring break and volunteering at Detroit's Youthville in May.

Over the spring break the Travel Club will be staying at hostels in Chicago from March 16-18<sup>th</sup> and New York from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. The travelers will be receiving a one night free pass compliments of Hostelling International's (HI) trial membership program; **Try HI**. If you would like to join the

Travel Club, email: [wsutracel-club@gmail.com](mailto:wsutracel-club@gmail.com).

The HI hostel in New York, the Travel Club will be visiting during Spring Break.



## Try HI Membership for Young Adults

As part of the 75th Anniversary celebration, HI-USA is launching a three month trial membership program **Try HI**. **Try HI** is targeted to young adults in the United States to encourage them to try hostelling with a free domestic use only membership coupled with an overnight offer

at participating HI-USA hostels.

Promotion for the **Try HI** is focused on college campuses and through advertising on websites popular with the young adult target audience, only. The **Try HI** membership application and fulfillment, as well as the overnight

promotion, will be executed entirely online.

The Michigan Council of Hostelling International will not promote the membership to the general public. All inquiries will be sent to: [www.hiusa.org](http://www.hiusa.org).

## 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.

### March 2009 Hike Calendar

March 17	10:00 am	Woodland Hills Park	Mary Stoolmiller	248-879-6004
March 22	12:00 pm	Kensington Metro Park	Al Trudeau	586-751-4284
March 24	10:30 am	Windsor Waterfront Park	Ruth Olsen	586-751-5413
March 31	10:00 am	Kensington Metro Park	Mary Stoolmiller	248-879-6004

### April 2009 Hike Calendar

April 5	12:00 pm	Detroit Riverfront	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
April 7	10:30 am	Stony Creek Inwood Trail	Lee Becker	586-294-7789
April 14	10:30 am	Oakwood Metro Park	Lee Becker	586-294-7789
April 19	12:00 pm	Stony Creek Metro Park	Al Trudeau	586-242-9995
April 21	10:30 am	Bear Creek Park	Lee Becker	586-294-7789
April 26	12:00 pm	Belle Isle	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
April 28	10:30 am	Maybury State Park	Pat Knoop	313-271-1719

### May 2009 Hike Calendar

May 3	12:00 pm	Detroit Riverfront	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
May 5	10:00 am	West Bloomfield Nature Preserve	Mary Stoolmiller	248-879-6004
May 12	10:00 am	River Bends Park	Mary Fritz	586-731-2402
May 17	12:00 pm	Kensington Nature Center	Peter Bolgar	248-539-9112
May 19	10:30 am	Ford Fairlane Estate	Sharon Olshansky	313-277-5748
May 26	10:00 am	Metrobeach Park	Mary Stoolmiller	248-879-6004
May 31	12:00 pm	Brighton State Recreation Area	Al Trudeau	586-751-4284

### June 2009 Hike Calendar

June 2	10:30 am	Crosswinds Marsh	Anita Walters	313-278-4843
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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](mailto:dante_lanzetta@sbcglobal.net) or at 248 647-0729.

## I.O.U. Respect International Exchange Program

HI-USA provides opportunities for any between 18-23 to participate in a formal international exchange programs. From July 31-August 14, 2009, young people ages 18-23 years old from Germany, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, France and the United States will gather in France for the fifth IOU Respect international exchange program. The selection process is a competitive one, candidates will complete a written application and phone interviews will be conducted among the top candidates. For more information please visit: <http://www.hiusa.org/programs/exchange/index.shtml>



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## **President's Corner** by *Sally Janecek*, President Pro Tem **Our 75th Anniversary: Celebrating Our Past While Embracing Our Future**

Everyone presently involved with or alumni of the HI-USA/AYH Michigan Council has an important role to play in the Anniversary Year. I hope you'll be part of our upcoming celebrations for an important year as a volunteer or donor. HI-USA has done an excellent job in ways to promote HI hostelling in the United States.

As part of our Anniversary Year celebration five members of Congress, including Michigan's Congressmen delivered floor speeches honoring HI-USA Thank you, to the Michigan council team members who visited Capital Hill. You may search the Congressional Record online at [www.gpoaccess.gov/crecord](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/crecord), using

the search term "hostelling" to see the speeches.

As part of promoting HI-USA for the next generation of college age hostellers, HI-USA is launching the **Try HI**, 3 month trial membership program for young adults in the United States.

A new 75th Anniversary Girl Scout patch has been developed to celebrate our organization. The patch is a great way to help girls learn about the history of our organization, whether experiencing hostelling for the first time or using the patch to build on prior experiences with our programs and hostels.

I hope you'll share information about the I.O.U. Respect International Exchange Program with anyone who is 18-23 years old. The I.O.U. Respect International Exchange Program is one-of-a-kind, only offered through the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF).

You can help us continue to make hostelling a part of every young person's life by volunteering or donating. Please send your donation to:

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*Sally*