

2007 Summer Trip Calendar

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| Travel Club (8-12 year olds) | June 11-15 August 27-31 | Travel Club I Travel Club II |
| Kid Campouts (8-10 year olds) (2 Nights/5 Days) | June 18-22 July 9-13 July 23-27 August 6-10 August 20-24 | Yellowstone Lake S.P. Buckhorn S.P. Mirror Lake S.P. Kettle Moraine S.F. Devil's Lake S.P. |
| Kid Campouts (8-10 year olds) (5 Nights/6 Days) | June 24-29 July 15-20 July 29-August 3 August 12-17 | Devil's Lake S.P. Wildcat Mountain S.P. Wyalusing S.P. Blue Mounds S.P. |
| Tent Treks (10-12 year olds) | June 17-22 July 8-13 July 22-27 August 5-10 August 12-17 | Skill Sampler Superior Hiking Trail (Backpacking) Ultimate Angler (Fishing) Not Just Bluffing (Climbing) River Runner (Rafting, Canoeing, Tubing) |
| Wisconsin Edventures (10-12 year olds) | June 24-29 July 15-20 July 29-August 3 August 19-24 | Old World Apprentice (12-15 year olds) Native Wisconsin Wisconsin Arts Wisconsin Rocks! |
| Teen Adventures (13-15 year olds) | June 17-22 July 8-13 July 29-August 8 August 12-21 | Black River S.F. (Mountain Biking) Wolf River (Rafting & Canoeing) 'Yack & 'Pack (Kayaking & Backpacking) Boundary Waters (Canoeing) |
| U.S. Tours (13-15 year olds) | June 24 - July 3 July 15-24 | Michigan Circle Tour Cities and Coasters |



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SPRING 2007

Veteran Trip Leader Heads Up Canoe Trip

Dave Weber, Wander Wisconsin's long-time trip leader will take a group of seven youth to the Boundary Waters August 12-21. The trip is limited to seven campers age 13-15. Campers must be in good physical condition and have a valid American Red Cross Level IV swim card or the equivalent.

"Of course we wear our PFDs (personal flotation devices) all the time," said Weber, "but you have to be prepared."

Weber should know. He's been leading trips to the Boundary Waters since 1985. A retired school teacher, Weber is also a Scout leader and takes groups of scouts annually on wilderness canoe trips, and he loves it so much he goes with groups of friends too.

"When you get into a wilderness area far enough away from the trailhead, the remoteness and solitude creates a sense of independence and caution that's quite different from when you're in town," he said.

Weber said wilderness trips are great learning experiences for youth because they do "real stuff".

"If they don't paddle we don't get to the next campsite," he said. "If they don't cook, we don't eat."

One thing Weber hopes the kids bring with them is a good attitude.

"If they have a good attitude it creates a terrific sense of appreciation for the environment and for the others on the trip," he noted.

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is located in northern Minnesota and is part of Superior National Forest. For more information about this trip log onto www.wanderwisconsin.org.



Dave Weber

Spring Break Travel Club Adventures!

**Monday, April 2 -
Friday, April 6, 2007**

Our Spring Break Travel Club campers enjoyed their Spring Break adventures

...**Wander Wisconsin Style!**

From Madison to the Dells to Milwaukee, everyday was a new adventure.

Read on and then Wander with them on their week of adventures . . .

On Monday we spent the day with the "wolf" the "Great Wolf" that is at the Great

Wolf Lodge. Its three indoor waterparks, put the emphasis on fun with 19 waterslides, six pools and a four-story treehouse waterfort.

Tuesday, we were off to Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin in Milwaukee where we had our hands on everything as we explored the interactive aquariums and exhibits. We also

got to try our hand at becoming a Crime Scene Investigator using basic detective tools and learning about collecting forensic information.

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Travel Club participants having fun at the interactive aquarium

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Three Seasoned Trip Leaders Returning

Dave Weber, Josh Ludke and Lua Yaganagi are all returning to lead trips for Wander Wisconsin this summer. Weber and Ludke have been with Wander Wisconsin for more than five years and Yaganagi is beginning her third summer with the program.

Weber is a retired school teacher and Scout leader and Ludke is a public school substitute teacher with a strong background in the arts, especially



Lua Yaganagi

photography. His photos illustrate many of Wisconsin Youth Company's camp brochures. Yaganagi is the school year site supervisor for Chavez AFTER SCHOOL. She has a degree in recreation. Also joining the Wander staff this summer is Whitney Volker. She is the school year site supervisor at Randall AFTER SCHOOL. Two more people will be hired to round out the staff for the adventure travel camp.

Director's Message



My name is Kathy and I began my adventure as the new Program Director for the Wander Wisconsin program in February.

I grew up in the Chicago area and attended summer camp in Wisconsin as a camper and as a summer staff member. I knew, even then, that someday, Wisconsin would be my home.

After graduating from Indiana University with a degree in Education, I moved to Michigan and worked for the Girl Scouts and then for the YMCA in camping and outdoor programming. I became an active volunteer for the American Camp Association serving 20 years as an Accreditation Visitor, seven years as the Accreditation Standards Chair and as the ACA Board President for six years. And then, as fate would have it, my husband's job brought us happily to Wisconsin.

I have been most fortunate to have been able to combine my personal life mission working with youth, families and the community with my passion for camping and outdoor programming. My hope is that our trips will build kids' self confidence, teach them to respect themselves and each other and give them an appreciation of the outdoors. What we are trying to do is create an environment where everyone- youth, staff and families - will grow to their greatest potential.

We make this possible for campers by allowing them to have those "Aha" moments where they grow by solving their own challenges. And to experience the "WOW" factor of having fun, making new friends and challenging themselves to do things they may never have done before.

I am very excited about meeting all of you and spending the summer with you on one of our Wander Wisconsin trips. On behalf of the Wander Wisconsin staff team, we welcome you to a summer of fun, friendship and memory making experiences that will last a lifetime.

Kathy Smith

Spring Break Adventures

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Pump It Up was the way we started our day on Wednesday. Everyone jumped, bounced and played in the giant indoor inflatable arenas.

After recharging our batteries, we headed to Boulders Climbing Gym where we climbed our way to the top of the boulder wall.

Thursday we enjoyed an enchanted adventure at Wizard Quest. We solved clues and answered questions in an "interactual" fantasy game to save the world. Thursday's fun didn't stop there; our next stop was the new Knuckleheads Family Entertainment Center for an afternoon of gutters, spares and strikes in the bowling center.

We ended our week of extraordinary experiences getting wet and wild at the Kalahari Waterpark Resort.

We wish this fun-filled week never ended. We will be back for more trips and travel with Wander Wisconsin this summer!



Kalahari indoor waterpark

New Experiences, Old Favorites Set for Summer

A chance to delve into the many things that make Wisconsin great, horseback riding and a double dose of rock climbing are just three new aspects of Wander Wisconsin's 2007 summer offerings.

Wisconsin Edventures takes traditional camping and combines it with hands-on opportunities to learn more about our state. There are four choices: Old World Apprentice where campers visit Old World Wisconsin and learn about 19th century crafts like blacksmithing or spinning wool; Native Wisconsin where campers attend a Pow Wow and visit an Ojibwe museum; Wisconsin Arts where campers visit art museums and create their own art and Wisconsin Rocks where campers rock climb at Devil's Lake and visit two caves.

"These trips are a real go there, see it, do it kind of experience," said Jason Anderson, Camp Programs Director. "It's a great way for kids to explore their interests outside of day camp or in the classroom."

Anderson said the trips were inspired by the idea that parents appreciate the addition of an educational component

to the trips their kids take and by the idea that some kids are passionate about certain topics. "This gives kids a whole other dimension to explore," said Anderson. "If they're really interested in art, for example, they can go and see art being created and meet real artists."

Horseback riding is being offered for the first time ever on a Wander trip. It will be part of the Skills Sampler trip for kids age 10 to 12 that runs from June 17-22.

A second day of rock climbing was added to the popular "Not Just Bluffing" trip to Devil's Lake August 5-10.

"We found that with one day of climbing the kids were just getting into it," said Anderson. "This will allow them a second day to practice what they've learned."



Besides "Not Just Bluffing" the favorite "River Runner" trip is back this summer. It involves five nights of canoeing and rafting and is for kids ages 10-12.

Anderson said he was especially excited about the Kid Campout series being offered this year.

"It's a unique way to provide a camp experience for younger kids and, hopefully, get them hooked on camping," he said.

Nine Kid Campouts are being offered, five with two night overnights and four with five night overnights. They are for ages 8-10.

Generation Tours Offers Experiences for Families

If you're one of those parents who reads over the choices for your kids at summer camp and thinks, "Hey! I wish I could do that!" Take a look at Wisconsin Youth Company's Generation Tours offerings. Generation Tours offers family day trips, family overnights and family vacations all year round.

Trips are designed to appeal to all ages, not just kids. They also have an educational component which means you and your children are learning new things while you're having fun.

Each trip comes with a youth coordinator who provides special activities for the kids. Each family gets an educational packet with information and activities to help

broaden the experience. Travel is by luxury tour buses and you stay in first rate accommodations.

Three day trips and one family vacation are scheduled for this summer. The day trips are a visit to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago on June 2, a visit to the Bristol Renaissance Faire south of Milwaukee on July 28 and afternoon tea at American Girl Place in Chicago on August 19.

The family vacation trip is June 30-July 7 to South Dakota.

To learn about all of the Generation Tours trips call the Wisconsin Youth company office, 608-276-9782 and request a travel guide or log onto www.generationtours.org.