

## LEARNING TRIPS

Learning trips are educational travel experiences that enable you to interact with experts who offer behind-the-scenes looks at area businesses, regional attractions, and domestic / international destinations.

On OLLI trips, you can investigate and explore with your peers while receiving top-notch customer service – all travel arrangements are organized by staff so you can focus on learning and fun. Our land excursions travel via our comfortable, easy-access OLLI shuttles or by charter coach. All trips depart from Campustown shopping center, near Bradley University, with reserved parking on trip days.

To make your trip even more enjoyable, please note:

- All learning trip times in this brochure are approximate and subject to change. **Please refer to your confirmation handout (mailed upon registration) for specific departure, tour, and arrival times.**
- Many of our learning trips require walking and standing in various terrains and environments. **To ensure your safety and to respect our hosts' regulations, everyone is required to wear closed-toed shoes on all our trips.**

## ACTIVITY LEVELS

Each learning trip includes an activity level symbol. **Before you register, make sure the activity level matches your abilities.** This will ensure an enjoyable trip for you and those who travel with you.

- 1 Enter/exit vehicle with minimal assistance, climb some stairs, stand for up to an hour, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.
- 2 Stand for over an hour, climb some flights of stairs, and walk on uneven surfaces, plus all Level 1 requirements.
- 3 Be able to stand and walk for over 2 hours with minimal chance for sitting, be active for an extended period of time, be healthy, mobile, and able to participate in 3-5 hours of daily physical activity, plus all Level 1 and 2 requirements.
- 4 Be able to participate in extended walking and standing beyond normal trip expectations, be able to participate in 6 hours of moderate physical activity, plus all Level 1, 2, and 3 requirements.

## LOCAL TRIPS

Get to know your community on these half-day excursions to local sites. The price includes meal, shuttle transportation, entrance fees, and tour guides. Detailed itineraries are mailed upon registration. Register early – these trips are usually limited to 28 and fill quickly. **Please note: all times listed are approximate and subject to change.**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL 1

**All trips listed in this section may require participants to enter and exit a vehicle with minimal assistance, climb some stairs, stand for up to an hour, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.**

#### 1. Behind-the-Scenes at the Peoria Public Library 1

**Friday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**28 seats available**

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Main Library and see how the brand new books, DVDs, and other materials make it from selection to shipping to the shelves. Visit the “Friendly Finds” bookstore to find out where the sale books come from and how they receive a second life, courtesy of the Friends of Peoria Public Library. You will also have an opportunity for hands-on learning via a choice of resources available on the library website.

\$30 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

#### 2. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments Tour 1

**Tuesday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**13 seats available**

In honor of the late Jim Ludwig, who originally designed this one-of-a-kind experience, we are once again offering the popular tour for our members. OLLI volunteer John Amdall has researched Jim’s notes, and he will serve as our guide. Ranging from Vanna Whitewall to Mother Teresa, from religious figures to a famous agnostic, from silly to serious, we will see a surprisingly rich and varied collection of public sculpture in plain sight but that we don’t really notice. On this tour we’ll drive by dozens, stop at a few, and hear some history and anecdotes about treasures of the community.

\$35 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**ACTIVITY LEVEL 2**

All trips listed in this section may require participants to stand for over an hour, climb some flights of stairs, walk on uneven surfaces, plus all Level 1 requirements.

**3. Peoria City Hall 1 2**

**Tuesday, March 3, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

Peoria City Hall is well-known for its priceless art and architecture. Stacy Peterson, Communications Specialist for the City of Peoria, will be our guide as we take a private tour and learn about all the planning, politics, and Peorians involved in constructing the Flemish Renaissance-style building. We'll see the building's Italian marble wainscoting, copper cupola bell tower, ornamented stepped gables, and the open atrium rotunda with a stained glass skylight. In addition, we will visit the Council chambers and have a visit with a guest from City of Peoria staff to provide further insight about the city's headquarters.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**4. The Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum 1 2**

**Thursday, March 5, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

The Peoria PlayHouse is a hands-on, interactive children's museum, opened by the Peoria Park District in June 2015. The mission of the PlayHouse, which is located in the former Glen Oak Park Pavilion, is to provide children with the tools and inspiration they need to be explorers and creators of the world. On our trip we will learn about the history and development of the museum and have a chance to explore its interactive exhibits. We'll also learn about the partnership between the museum and Bradley University's Center for Collaborative Brain Research.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**5. Maui Jim 1 2**

**Thursday, March 12, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

Now the fastest-growing premium polarized sunglass maker in the world, Maui Jim got its start in the 1980s as a one-man business on the beach in Lahaina, Hawaii. During this trip, we'll tour the company's headquarters in Peoria and see firsthand how it engineers its PolarizedPlus lenses, which combat the sun's intense glare and harmful UV rays. We'll get a close-up look at the lab and see employees at work throughout the facility. In addition, Maui Jim staff members will discuss the company's "Aloha Spirit" philosophy, its move from Hawaii to Peoria, and discuss how the company's "ohana" (Hawaiian for family) has steadily built a cult following for its products.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**6. Peoria City/County Health Department 1 2**

**Monday, March 16, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

On this trip OLLI members will get an in-depth look at the Peoria City/County Health Department. The department participates in community-wide programming and planning to identify and prioritize health needs and quality of life issues, map and leverage community resources, and form effective partnerships to implement health improvement strategies in Peoria County. We'll also learn about the Environmental Health Program, designed to protect the public through programs designed to promote healthy environmental conditions. Dr. Leslie McKnight, director of community health policy and planning, will be our guide to the services provided by the Peoria City/County Health Department.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**7. LG Seeds Quality Assurance Lab 1 2**

**Thursday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

LG Seeds is part of AgReliant Genetics, LLC, one of the largest independent, seed-only organizations in the United States, producing seeds for corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. On this learning trip, we will visit the LG Quality Assurance testing facility in Brimfield and learn how the products are assessed through over 33 different quality tests, including warm and cold germination and electrophoresis. We'll also learn more about the overall lab operations that help provide customers with products of the highest quality.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)



*OLLI members have an Elvis sighting during a multi-day trip to Civil War sites.*



**8. Shamrock Plastics 1 2****Monday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.****20 seats available**

Founded in 1968 as a supplier of custom vacuum-formed parts, Shamrock Plastics has been honored by Caterpillar Inc. as a platinum supplier four of the last six years – the highest distinction a supplier can attain with the earthmoving corporation (only 65 out of 7,000 suppliers have earned this status). On this trip, Gary Potter, vice president, will accompany our group as we tour the plant, learn what it takes to achieve platinum status, and get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the parts made at the facility.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**9. TAPS No-Kill Animal Shelter 1 2****Tuesday, March 24, 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

Join OLLI for a private tour of the Tazewell Animal Protective Society (TAPS) No-Kill Animal Shelter with volunteer coordinator Amy Glover. During our visit, we'll have the opportunity to meet four-legged friends available for adoption (or currently receiving care), including dogs and cats. TAPS brings companion animals together through a comprehensive, holistic adoption center complete with community outreach and education, aggressive spay/neuter services, and rehabilitation and training programs to ensure a loving partnership for life. Our tour will also include an overview of volunteer opportunities, animal control laws, issues regarding overpopulation and inhumane care, and how residents can help abandoned, neglected, or abused animals in our own communities.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**10. Wilton Mortuary 1 2****Wednesday, March 25, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

The Wilton Mortuary has a distinguished history of service dating back to 1884. As the oldest family-owned mortuary in Peoria, now under the personal direction of the fourth generation of the Wilton family, we'll learn about the history of funeral services and trends in the industry, including cremation and personalized funerals. In addition, we'll receive a private tour of the funeral home facility and have the opportunity for a question-and-answer session.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**11. Thyme with Travis Mohlenbrink 1 2****Thursday, March 26, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

Join owner Travis Mohlenbrink for a tour of Thyme Kitchen + Craft Beer. Drawing on his experience with his other successful restaurant ventures (Cracked Pepper, Cayenne, Industry Brewing, and Sugar Wood Fired Bistro), Travis will discuss how his menu and interior design combine to offer guests a unique experience. We will tour the facility, then hear first-hand how he transformed the old Sealtest Building in the heart of Peoria's Warehouse District into one of his latest restaurant adventures. We will indulge in some of Thyme's signature offerings when we stay for lunch.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**12. Rail Splitter Wind Farm 1 2****Friday, April 17, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.****28 seats available**

Rail Splitter Wind Farm, located in Tazewell and Logan counties, is comprised of 67 turbines that produce enough clean electricity to power more than 35,000 Illinois homes. Modern wind turbine generators are sophisticated, high-tech machines designed to capture the kinetic energy of the wind and convert it into electricity. We will learn more about the turbines, how they operate, and get a behind-the-scenes look at the technicians' shop and tools they use on a daily basis.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (RT)

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*At the Greater Peoria Sanitary District, OLLI members learn from manager Paul Keturi how wastewater is filtered.*

**13. Peoria Rescue Ministries 1 2****Tuesday, April 21, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

It all began with two women serving donuts and coffee in a storefront on SW Adams Street because of the compassion they felt for the homeless. Peoria Rescue Ministries has grown from that storefront to a thriving ministry with nearly 100 beds, clothing, food, and overnight lodging for several dozen men every night of the year. On this trip, we'll learn how this multifaceted industry now serves the entire Central Illinois community through a variety of programs, including Victory Acres, Barnabas Center, Esther House, Thrift Store, and the Women's Pregnancy Center. Its reach also extends to International Ministry in Ukraine and Latvia.

\$30 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**14. Springdale Cemetery with Bernie Drake 1 2****Tuesday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****13 seats available**

Springdale Cemetery was founded in 1854 and is comprised of over six miles of roadways winding through its hills and valleys. It is the final resting place for over 70,000 former Peoria area residents and many of Peoria's historic business and community leaders, including Lydia Moss Bradley. During our visit, we will briefly tour a small portion of the 225-acre cemetery with Bernie Drake, past OLLI president, former President of the Peoria Historical Society, and frequent instructor to gain an appreciation for the landscape, art, and architecture. Mark Matuszak, general manager, will also talk with us about the history, strategies, and challenges for the cemetery.

\$45 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**15. Natural Fiber Welding, Inc. 1 2****Friday, May 15, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

Peoria-based Natural Fiber Welding, Inc. (NFW) is a chemistry and technology company poised to offer sustainable alternatives to nonrenewable plastics and produce high value materials from low cost, highly functional naturally occurring fibers. NFW is the product of more than \$10 million of transformative fundamental and applied research funded by several Department of Defense initiatives. Join OLLI as we tour NFW and learn how plant-based leather (without any plastic) is made.

\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)



*OLLI members take a break on the Sculpture and Monument tour to pose by Seward Johnson's sculpture God Bless America.*

**16. Caterpillar Inc.'s Parts Distribution****Headquarters 1 2****Friday, May 22, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

Morton is the home of Caterpillar Inc.'s Parts Distribution Headquarters, the largest of 21 global Cat Parts Distribution Centers. We'll enjoy a private tour of the facility and learn how the company delivers the right parts to the right place at the right time by utilizing high-rise crane systems, hands-free voice-pick technology, goods-to-person stations, and autonomous vehicles. We'll also learn how the Morton facility holds a critical role in a customer's buying decision, as it handles the support after the sale of the machine.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

**17. Hummingbird Haven 1 2****Friday, May 29, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.****28 seats available**

Hummingbird enthusiasts from around the world have visited Hummingbird Haven in Smithfield (about an hour from Peoria) to learn about these tiny birds, named after the sound created by their beating wings which flap at high frequencies. Join OLLI as we enjoy a private visit with Lois White, who has owned Hummingbird Haven for more than 30 years. She'll show us how she attracts hundreds of birds to more than 40 feeders, discuss how to care for hummingbirds, and talk about her three-time yearly banding events, during which a biologist bands the birds for research purposes.

\$35 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (RT)





*Pilot Brad Van Beuning and Gene Olson, Director of Airports, give OLLI members a tour of Mt. Hawley Airport.*

### ACTIVITY LEVEL 3

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#### 18. Better Earth and Better Earth Logistics 1 2 3 Wednesday, March 4, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 28 seats available

Paul and June Rosenbohm started Better Earth Compost in 1998, and are committed to providing their customers with quality compost, mulch, and soil mixes for home owners to industrial projects in Central Illinois. Their products are made from organic waste that would normally end up burned or in a landfill. Luke and Yvonne Rosenbohm created Better Earth Logistics, a custom recycling service for food scraps in Central Illinois focused on closing the loop of sustainability through end-to-end composting services. On this trip, we will learn how these local business are helping to get us one step closer to zero waste.  
\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (NT)

#### 19. Morton Buildings, Inc. 1 2 3 Friday, March 6, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 20 seats available

Morton Buildings, Inc. is a design-build manufacturer of post-frame buildings located in nearby Morton, Illinois. The corporation's manufacturing plants produce all of the building components, custom package the materials, and load them onto company-owned trailers for transport and delivery to customers' job sites. On this tour, we will learn about Morton Buildings, Inc. and review a post-frame building as it sits on a delivery trailer. We will also visit the manufacturing and packaging areas (three different buildings) to see the various methods of manufacture and preparation of the building components.  
\$35 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, fees, and shuttle transportation (RT)

#### 20. SC2: Supply Chain Services and Solutions 1 2 3 Tuesday, March 31, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 28 seats available

Join OLLI as we tour SC2 Supply Chain Services and Solutions, a leader in contract packaging with an extensive range of capabilities and over 30 years of experience. Since 1988, SC2 has been 100% employee-owned: every employee you will meet is either a future owner or a current owner of SC2. Their employee-owners package over 150 million units per year and deliver many other third-party-logistic services. As the supplier of worldwide product returns for a local fortune 500 company, you will see how SC2 employee-owners package and process precisely to customer specifications. Brian Prina, director of operations, will give us a private tour of SC2's largest packaging facility in Bartonville.  
\$30 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (NT)

#### 21. Dental Arts Laboratories, Inc. 1 2 3 Thursday, April 2, 9:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 13 seats available

Dental Arts Laboratories, Inc. (DAL) has been serving the dental profession since 1934. As a family owned and operated group of dental laboratories, its primary objective is to consistently provide high-quality, high-performance restorations with a professional, customer-oriented level of service. Through 12 locations, DAL provides a high level of skilled expertise in all phases of laboratory services: ceramics, full and partial dentures, flexible partials, splints, snoring/sleep apnea appliances, and implant prosthetics. Join OLLI as we learn how DAL is using the sophisticated CAD/ CAM milling and 3D printing during our tour of its Peoria lab.  
\$45 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (NT)

## 22. ICC Caterpillar Dealer Service Technology and Diesel Powered Equipment Technology Programs 1 2 3

**Monday, April 6, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

On this trip, we will have the opportunity to learn about two technical programs offered by Illinois Central College, Caterpillar Dealer Service Technology and Diesel Powered Equipment Technology. Caterpillar Dealer Service Technology is a two-year technician training program designed to prepare students to become entry-level technicians for the dealerships that buy, sell, and repair Caterpillar equipment. The Diesel Powered Equipment Technology program is a two-year program that trains students to service, repair, and diagnose diesel powered equipment like agricultural machinery, tractors, on-highway trucks, bulldozers, road graders, combines, loaders, and more. Join us as we tour the facility on ICC's East Peoria campus and learn how the program combines classroom and real world experience to teach engine fundamentals, machine hydraulics, Caterpillar fuel systems, transmissions and torque converters, undercarriage/final drives, and more. \$30 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (RT)

*The registration for Trip #23 will be determined by a lottery. You may request either 1 or 2 seats. Please make your selections on page 42 on the appropriate lines. No money is required to enter the lottery. We will accept registrations from January 15 – January 31. Randomly selected registrants will be contacted on February 3, and will have until February 21 to make payment in full. If payment is not received by February 21, we will select participants from the waitlist.*

## 23. A Day with Preston Jackson 1 2 3

**Thursday, April 9, 11:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

International artist and Peoria resident Preston Jackson will lead a tour of his studio at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria. We'll have an opportunity to view his work in progress, gain insight into his art, and learn more about his diverse artistic background which includes painting, sculpture, and metal fabrication, with steel and foundry cast metals. Our next stop will be the Peoria Riverfront Museum, where Jackson will give a guided tour of his artwork there. Preston Jackson was chosen a 1998 Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, the highest honor given to individuals in the State. He is professor emeritus of sculpture at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. \$40 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**You'll Love Class #9**

## 24. Carl Sandburg Home and Central Congregational Church 1 2 3

**Thursday, April 23, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

Join us as we head to Galesburg to visit two historic sites, the first of which will be the home where poet and author Carl Sandburg was born. We'll start in the Visitor's Center, which houses a museum containing hundreds of artifacts and displays. Docents will provide a private tour of his home and grounds, which include the garden, barn, and quotation walk in the backyard. After lunch, we will tour the Central Congregational Church, a historic church on Central Square in Galesburg. Central Congregational was built in 1898 and has 75 stained glass windows. Carl Sandburg packed the 880-seat sanctuary when he spoke and played his guitar there for his 75th birthday. \$45 – includes lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation (RT)

## 25. Heartland Community College 1 2 3

**Friday, April 24, 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**28 seats available**

Heartland Community College in Normal, founded in 1990, is now home to more than 40 programs for career training and transfer preparation. Among the ten buildings that make up the main campus is the first state-funded LEED-Certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building in Illinois – the Workforce Development Center (WDC). During our tour, we'll learn how the college, a founding member of the Illinois Green Economy Network, provides training and education that responds to the workforce needs of the regional green economy, helping to address state and national sustainability initiatives. We'll also visit the WDC, the renewable energy lab, Pregracke Center's turbine, and (weather permitting) the solar shed. \$35 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**You'll Love Class #26**



*Dave Pittman, president of the Friends of Rocky Glen, discusses the history of the hiking area.*



**26. Generations at Riverview 1 2 3****Monday, April 27, 10:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.****28 seats available**

On our tour, we'll get a behind-the-scenes look at Generations at Riverview, a continuing care retirement community. We'll learn about the wide array of senior living options available at this beautifully maintained campus, including restaurant-style dining, rehabilitation rooms, movie theatre, and outdoor gardens. We'll also meet the food service director, Marty Lacefield, who will update us on what's new in dining and delight us with a live presentation of a dessert.

\$30 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**27. Peoria Heights with KDB Group 1 2 3****Friday, May 1, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

Peoria Heights has had some major development recently. Join OLLI as we find out what is happening in the Heights with Greg Birkland, CEO of KDB Group. We will start at the Betty Jayne Brimmer Center for Performing Arts (the former Kelly Avenue Library), where Greg will explain why and how Kim Blickenstaff, a San Diego businessman and developer, has invested in the Heights. Next, he will lead a guided tour of multiple new developments at the Grayboy motor sports building, Save-A-Lot property, and the Pabst property. OLLI members will get an insider's look at the fast-paced transformation and how KDB Group would like to make Peoria Heights an even more walkable, vibrant, and enticing village.

\$30 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**28. Ameren Illinois 1 2 3****Thursday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

On this trip, we will have the rare opportunity to tour Ameren's gas meter shop. Ameren Illinois is a regulated electric and gas delivery company headquartered in Collinsville, Illinois. Its service territory spans 43,700 square miles, or about three-quarters of Illinois. Scott Coppernoll, superintendent of metering services, will show us how meters work and what goes into providing gas services to homes and businesses. We will also learn more about the history of Ameren and some of its new initiatives.

\$30 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**29. Backyard Garden Tours 1 2 3****Wednesday, May 20, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.****28 seats available**

Join OLLI as we tour private, unique, and lovely gardens owned by two passionate gardeners and OLLI members. Jan Powers occupies a century-old Victorian farmhouse surrounded by an acre of gardens that she lovingly tends in tribute to the three generations of gardeners who came before her. An original carriage house on the property serves as workshop, garden shed, and studio for Jan, and is the site of the twice-yearly outdoor event, Market On Moss, a French Market Experience. Nancy Crawford is a Master Gardener, landscape design critic, flower designer, and passionate gardener. In her garden she emphasizes year-round interest, color, and ease of maintenance. Lilies, zinnias, dahlias, along with unique evergreens, shrubs, and groundcover are part of her "softscape" design.

\$35 – includes lunch at local restaurant, gratuities, tours, and shuttle transportation (NT)

**ACTIVITY LEVEL 4**

**All trips listed in this section may require participants to participate in extended walking and standing beyond normal trip expectations, participate in six hours of moderate physical activity, plus all Level 1, 2, and 3 requirements.**

**30. Hiking ParkLands 1 2 3 4****Tuesday, May 19, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.****28 seats available**

A unique and historic geologic area along Mackinaw Valley will be our destination as we enjoy a guided spring hike with Jessica Chambers, president of the ParkLands Foundation. The ParkLands Foundation's mission is to preserve, protect, and ecologically restore historic natural lands in the middle and upper Mackinaw Valley watershed. These lands are dedicated primarily for preserving the biological diversity of native plants and wildlife, and secondarily for passive public recreation, and environmental educational and scientific research. Because special attire is recommended for this hike, your trip itinerary will include a list of suggested clothing options. Please note that this trip will require two hours of hiking in very steep terrain, and participants must meet Level 4 activity requirements in order to take part in this learning adventure.

\$35 – includes lunch at local restaurant, tour fees, and shuttle transportation (NT)

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OLLI member Jim Kendall takes a break during a learning trip hike.

## REGIONAL TRIPS

Spend time with OLLI enjoying travel throughout Illinois and nearby states. The price of each trip varies, but includes meal, charter coach transportation (unless otherwise indicated), entrance fees, gratuities, snacks, and tour guides. Detailed itineraries are mailed upon registration. Register early – these trips are usually limited to 40 and fill quickly. **Please note: all times listed are approximate and subject to change.**

### ACTIVITY LEVEL 3

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### 31. St. Bede Abbey and Academy 1 2 3

Thursday, April 16, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

45 seats available

Join OLLI as we spend the day at St. Bede Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in the Illinois Valley area of North Central Illinois. St. Bede Abbey was established in 1891 and operates St. Bede Academy, a co-educational Catholic high school serving nearly 280 day and boarding students. We will start our day with Abbot Philip who will lead our tour of the Abbey and Academy. We will then join the monks for midday prayer and for a simple lunch. Father Dominic Garramone, Order of Saint Benedict and former host of the PBS cooking show *Breaking Bread with Father Dominic*, will provide a bread-making demonstration. We will have the opportunity to purchase bread and candles made by the monks.

\$85 – includes admissions, tour fees, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation (NT)

### 32. Restoration Works, Brickstone Brewery, and Rad Rides by Troy 1 2 3

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

45 seats available

Our tour will begin at Restoration Works, the premier company nationwide for historic window, door, and architectural element restoration and preservation. In just over 35 years, Restoration Works has restored thousands of windows on hundreds of buildings, more than 50 of which can be found on the National Register of Historic Places. This company created a holistic window restoration program for the Rookery, the jewel of Chicago's historic downtown office buildings. Next, we will stop at BrickStone Brewery for lunch and a tour of the brewery. We will finish our day at Rad Rides by Troy, established in 1995 as a father and son business that has grown to become one of America's top automotive shops for the past 23 years. Today, Rad Rides by Troy is one of the most well-known and respected names in custom automotive building. In addition to building cars for many of the top automotive collectors in the country, Troy has worked closely with Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, and Toyota on a variety of promotional vehicles. Troy has been featured on Discovery Channel's *Rides*, participated with Chip Foose on two *Overhulin* episodes, and been highlighted in several documentaries about his efforts in Bonneville land speed racing.

\$115 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, fees, and shuttle transportation (NT)

### 33. John Deere and Rock Island

Arsenal Museum 1 2 3

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

45 seats available

Our first stop of the day will be a tour of the John Deere Harvester Works, the largest, most modern combine manufacturing facility in the world. Located in East Moline, Illinois, it is approximately 90 acres under one roof (that's nearly 4 million square feet) and has produced products since 1913. After lunch, we'll head to the Rock Island Arsenal, an active U.S. Army facility located on a 946-acre island on the Mississippi River. A step-on guide will highlight several sites at the National Historic Landmark, including the Confederate Cemetery, Quarters One, and the Arsenal Museum. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is nationally recognized for its large and impressive small arms collection. Over 1,200 small arms are on permanent display. And what would a trip to the Quad Cities be without stopping by the legendary Lagomarcino's Confectionery? We'll make a quick stop to enjoy ice cream sundaes as we head out of town.

\$120 – includes admissions, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation (RT)



### 34. Illinois State Museum and Illinois State Research and Collection Center 1 2 3

Monday, May 18, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

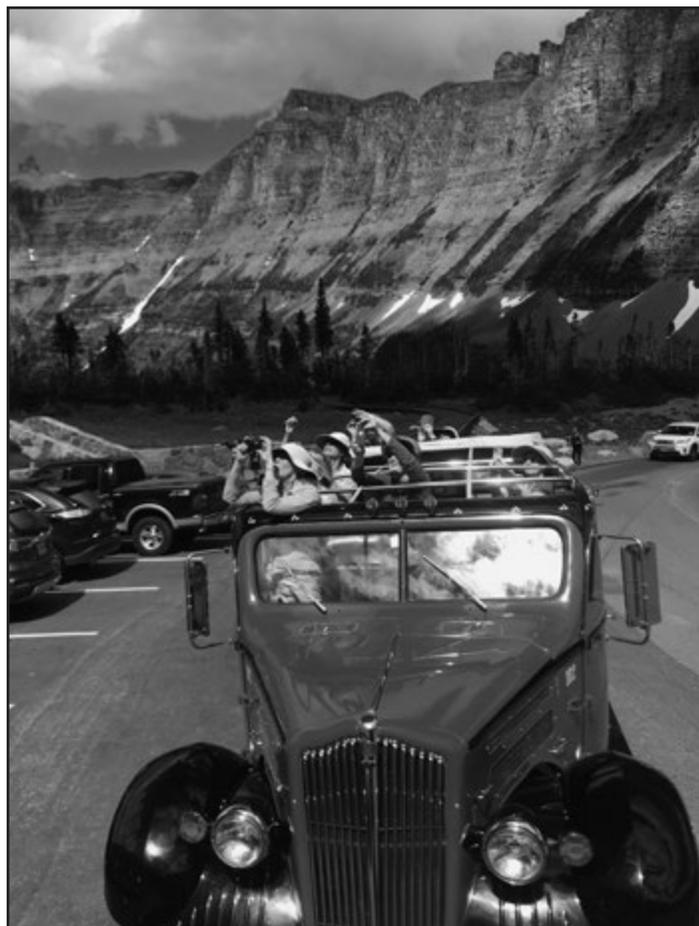
45 seats available

Join us for a guided tour of both of these amazing facilities in our state capital. The museum maintains collections of art, history, anthropology, and natural history which are critical resources to its education, research, publication, and exhibition programs. Erika Holst, curator of decorative arts and history, will lead us through the exhibit *Fashioning Illinois: 1820-1900*, a celebration of women's history through the lens of 19th century fashion. We will proceed to the Illinois State Museum-Research and Collections Center, a 97,000 square-foot facility that houses the majority of the museum's 13.5 million collections objects. Curators from various disciplines will open the doors to reveal the museum's treasures and explain how they are used and cared for. This unique trip, highlighted by the insights of museum staff, will provide a glimpse of the State's collections, with archaeology, geology, and decorative arts in between.

\$120 – includes admissions, tour fees, lunch at a local restaurant, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation (RT)



*Leila McCrea climbs aboard an excavator during a learning trip to the Caterpillar Demonstration and Learning Center.*



*OLLI members take in the breathtaking sites during a multi-day trip to Glacier National Park.*

### 35. Historic Pontiac 1 2 3

Thursday, May 28, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

45 seats available

Our day in historic Pontiac will begin with a visit with Ellie Alexander, tourism director for the city, who will explain how tourism impacts the number of visitors to the city. We will then tour the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame and Museum, which features *The Route 66: Photo Journal* exhibit and a fascinating display about life in the 1940s. We'll also visit the Livingston County War Museum, which many equate to taking a tour of the 20th Century, as it features artifacts, films, books, uniforms, and weapons of several wars. Next, we'll hop aboard a trolley for a guided tour of the town's 20 outdoor murals, which depict its local commercial, cultural, and political history. Most were painted by the Walldogs, a collection of 150 sign painters and muralists who came to town in 2009 and painted 18 murals in just four days. After lunch at Edinger's Filling Station, we'll tour the Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum, which features antique and classic cars and artifacts. From there, we will visit the Museum of the Gilding Arts, a small but unique museum showcasing the craft of gold and silver leaf gilding, including items from the Swift Collection.

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