

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 get to 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. All land excursions travel via our comfortable, easy-access OLLI shuttles or by charter coach.

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.**
 - 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. Peoria County Coroner 1

Thursday, September 13, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meet our new Peoria County Coroner, Jamie Harwood, an elected official charged with investigating sudden, unusual, or traumatic deaths and assuring a scientific, forensic investigation is completed. Our visit will include a discussion about why the coroner investigates a death, what a typical day is like, a tour of the autopsy room and morgue, as well as a question and answer period. Harwood, a Certified Forensic Nurse, will also discuss how the office provides advocacy for the survivors, justice for the deceased, and a determination of cause and manner of death with the most efficient, evidenced-based, best practice methods. \$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

2. Catholic Diocese and St. Mary's Cathedral 1

Tuesday, September 18, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria hosts two museums in the Spalding Pastoral Center: the Diocesan Museum and the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Museum. Our private, guided tour will feature two exhibits: the story of Fulton Sheen's life, work, and cause for canonization; and the life of the First Bishop of Diocese of Peoria, John Lancaster Spalding. We will also have the opportunity to tour the newly

DON'T MISS THESE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON UPCOMING TRIPS!

Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans – America's Music Cities

Thursday, August 30, 1:30 p.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

Immerse yourself in the musical cultures of Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans on this 8-day trip, March 15 – 22, 2019. Discover how to cook New Orleans-style; tour Graceland and the French Quarter; and enjoy the Grand Ole Opry, a swamp boat ride, a Jazz Revue and more! Check the box on page 35 to receive more information, including a full itinerary and pricing.

Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks

Tuesday, November 27, 9:30 a.m.

Peoria Next Innovation Center, 801 W. Main, Peoria

We're teaming with Road Scholar for a trip to Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks on July 10 – 17, 2019. Immerse yourself in the history, beauty, and untamed wilderness of this soaring wonderland through its historic lodges, amazing geological features, and diverse flora and fauna. Check the box on page 35 to register for an informational meeting about this trip.



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renovated St. Mary's Cathedral, which will include a visit to the Saint Thomas More Chapel to view the collection of relics and to the Lady Chapel with its own unique stories, such as Golden Roses of St. T  r  se. After the tour, we will enjoy a catered lunch in the Spalding Center while viewing a movie (made in Peoria) about the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Each participant will also receive a gift blessed by Bishop Jenky.

\$28 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, presentation, gift, and shuttle transportation

3. Caterpillar Demonstration and Learning Center 1

Ride the shuttles to and from Campustown

Friday, September 21, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
or

4. Caterpillar Demonstration and Learning Center

Transportation not provided – meet us there!

Friday, September 21, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join OLLI for a unique opportunity to visit the Caterpillar Demonstration and Learning Center at Edwards. Nestled in 720 acres of unspoiled Illinois prairie, every square foot of this Caterpillar resource reflects truly advanced technology. Designed to demonstrate the value of Cat® products and services through the operation and application of their equipment, this innovative facility allows its operators hands-on experience in a real field setting. We will see and learn about the latest Cat® equipment in an environment unlike any other.

\$39 – includes lunch, gratuities and tour.

5. Spanish/ Portugese Ethnic Dinner with Dr. Jeanie Bukowski

Thursday, November 1, 5:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

This fall OLLI invites you to celebrate the cultures of Spain and Portugal with an evening at Bradley's Michel Student Center ballrooms. Enjoy authentic cuisine, a presentation, and a travel feature remembering OLLI's September 2018 trip to Spain and Portugal. Our speaker will be Bradley Professor Dr. Jeanie Bukowski, an associate professor in International Studies who has co-edited two books on Europeanization and the redistribution of political authority, and has published articles on regional development and other policies in Spain. She has carried out extensive fieldwork in Spain and Portugal, on both regional economic development and shared resource issues. The evening's menu will feature Portugese piri piri chicken, Spanish orange fennel salad, and more.

\$44 – includes dinner, dessert, gratuities, presentation. No transportation – we'll meet you there!

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6. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments Tour 1 Wednesday, November 7, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. OR

7. Peoria Sculptures and Monuments Tour Friday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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 and OLLI past president Bernie Drake will serve as our guides. 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, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

ACTIVITY LEVEL 2

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8. Blue Ridge Community Farm 1 2

Thursday, September 6, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Laura and Jim Sniff have long known the benefits of a day in the country for their cognitively disabled son, so they share that joy with other special needs kids and adults. The couple runs Blue Ridge Community Farm, a non-profit, 245-acre working farm near Chillicothe for adults and children with special needs. We'll visit the farm to learn more about the free educational field trips they hold for special education and life skills classes throughout central Illinois. The trips typically include interacting with farm animals, music, crafts, hay rack rides, and learning opportunities revolving around crops grown on the farm, animal care, and general farm knowledge. We'll have the opportunity to tour the farm which is home to ten alpacas, four donkeys, chickens, and one horse. Sniff will discuss future plans for the farm, such as offering employment and learning opportunities for adults with special needs in the areas of animal husbandry, horticulture, agriculture, and lawn care/maintenance.

\$30 – includes tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation

9. Mackinaw Valley Vineyard 1 2

Friday, September 7, 10:15- a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Learn about wine making and wine tasting with this behind-the-scenes look at Mackinaw Valley Vineyard, located just east of Mackinaw in Tazewell County. Bradley University alumnae Diane Hahn, owner of the working vineyard, will guide our private tour of the winery that sits on a glacial moraine and features an amazing

30-mile view of the valley and farms below. Our tour will include a walk-through of the wine making room and a formal tasting of at least six wines, including some varieties named after the Hahn children.

\$35 – includes hot buffet lunch, gratuities, private tour, wine tasting, and shuttle transportation

10. Precision Planting 1 2

Tuesday, September 11, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Your Agriculture Company (AGCO), a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment, acquired Precision Planting in 2017. As a company, Precision Planting continues to look for opportunities to improve the way we plant, with planter systems that contribute to better seed spacing, better depth control, and better root systems for farmers. During our tour of the Morton facility, we'll learn how the company's 150 employees assemble and package manufactured parts into kits to be shipped to its 600+ dealers around the world, provide dealer and product support, and complete product testing.

\$28 – includes tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation

11. Redbud Ridge Custom Shop 1 2

Tuesday September 25, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join OLLI for a private tour of Redbud Ridge Custom Shop in Bartonville. In 1991, Patrick and Debbie Ruder established Redbud Ridge, a solid surface, architectural millwork, and custom cabinet supplier. We will get an overview and history of this woodworking business that provides quality services for commercial, industrial, and personal uses. We'll also have an opportunity to tour the facility to see first-hand their quality craftsmen and state-of-the-art equipment.

\$28 – includes tour, lunch, gratuities, and shuttle transportation

12. Peoria City Hall 1 2

Monday, October 1, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Peoria City Hall is well known for its priceless art and architecture. Stacy Peterson, Communications Specialist with 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.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

13. Tannins and Hops:

A Modern Day Speakeasy 1 2

Friday, October 5, 10:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Tannins and Hops is located in the heart of Peoria's Warehouse District. Like all true speakeasies, you have to know the password to get in! OLLI has the password, so join us for a private tour with owner Bryan Harlan as he recounts the history of the building that was part of the infamous whisky smuggling business with Capone, and still has an 1870s-era jail cell at the entrance. Harlan will share his philosophy of "support local," and how most of the materials used in building were reclaimed from around the Peoria area. After the tour we'll have lunch on-site and a chance to sample the alcohol selections, with tips on how to find what wine you might like best based on your beer preference and vice-versa.

\$32– includes lunch, gratuities, tour, tastings, and shuttle transportation

14. Muir Omni Graphics 1 2

Monday, October 8, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Muir Omni Graphics is a second-generation, family-owned business and leading manufacturer of industrial graphics. Since 1963, the company has provided leading manufacturing companies and service organizations with decals, fleet markings, corporate identity labels, and specialty graphics. Our tour will consist of an in-depth look at how the company takes an order and processes it through the production shop. We'll also get a closer look at the pre-press operations and the silk screen printing manufacturing process.

\$25– includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation



Four lovely OLLI members “take flight” at the butterfly display during a learning trip to Wildlife Prairie Park.



15. Leman Precast 1 2**Tuesday, October 9, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Leman Precast, Inc. is a concrete company in Eureka serving excavators, contractors, homeowners, and the land improvement industry for over 30 years. We'll join general manager, Kent Leman, to learn how the company produces a variety of concrete products from septic tanks to utility boxes and specialty items like retaining wall systems, and their use of self-leveling concrete. He'll discuss how the company evolved from pouring concrete parking blocks to duck blind pits.

\$28 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

16. Pat Sullivan's Downtown 1 2**Monday, October 15, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Peoria native Pat Sullivan, an entrepreneur and co-developer of the city's Warehouse District, will be our host as we enjoy a private, behind-the-scenes look at the Le Vieux Carre ("small quarters") building on Water Street. This former buggy and implement warehouse built in the 1800s now houses offices, apartments, and, of course, Kelleher's Irish Pub and Eatery. During our visit, we hope to also see the redeveloped Sealtest building, which now consists of offices, condominiums, and the restaurant, Thyme. Along the way, we'll hear about Sullivan's efforts to create a new urban neighborhood in Peoria's Warehouse District.

\$25– includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

17. CountyLine Tool 1 2**Friday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

CountyLine Tool provides expert manufacturing and refurbishing of cutting tools. The company was founded in 1984 and purchased in 2012 by current President Vonda Jones. During our tour of the 10,500-square-foot facility in East Peoria, we'll see technologically advanced equipment and learn how the company uses high-caliber tools and personalized service to manufacture and refurbish a vast array of cutting tools, such as high-performance carbide drills, gear hobs and shapers, reamers, end mills, step tools, gun drills, and more.

\$28 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation.

18. The Dream Center Peoria 1 2**Friday, October 26, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Dream Center Peoria is a faith based not-for-profit in downtown Peoria that aims to impact families in poverty, starting with kids. They do this through a four-pronged approach - basic needs, youth services, future development, and community outreach. These four areas have a multitude of programming including emergency and transitional housing for women, children, and families;

clothing/household items through the HOPE Store; after school tutoring; mentoring, summer camp, and success skills; PROMise of HOPE (providing prom dresses and accessories to high school girls), and Backpack Peoria. Join us for a tour of the activity areas for youth services, the HOPE Store, the shelter, and much more.

\$25– includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

19. Peoria Police Department 1 2**Monday, October 29, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

On this trip, we'll visit the Peoria Police Department and tour the building that has served as its headquarters since 1994. The building features a 50-seat community/training room, an enclosed sally port, an in-house crime lab, and locker rooms, shower facilities, and workout space for use by department personnel. During our tour, we will view holding cells, line up rooms, interview rooms, the evidence room, and a museum that highlights equipment, photographs, and evidence collected over the last 80 years. Our tour will also include the adjacent Emergency Communications Center, where we'll observe the trained staff handle emergency calls for all of Peoria County law enforcement, fire, and ambulance services.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

20. Heritage Restoration and Design Studio 1 2**Friday, November 2, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Heritage Restoration and Design traces its roots back to the 1800s in Bavaria, Germany. The work broadened from stone cutting and carving to restoration of antique pieces and the creation of stained glass when the family brought the company to the United States in 1965. Join us as we visit the company, headquartered in Peoria since 1971, and learn how it preserves old world craftsmanship and creates designs for churches, historic buildings, corporate offices, and private homes.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

21. Heartis Village of Peoria 1 2**Monday, November 5, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Join OLLI for a tour of Peoria's newest senior living community, Heartis Village. The community, located on Route 91, offers assisted living with private apartments, services, and amenities, as well as memory care services for residents with dementia. We will enjoy a private visit to Heartis to learn all about what it takes to operate a senior living village, then enjoy lunch on-site, prepared by the village's head chef Tony Egan.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

22. Beachler's Vehicle Care and Repair 1 2**Tuesday, November 6, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Beachler's Standard on McClure opened in 1951. A short time later, the store moved "out in the sticks" at the corner of University and War Memorial. Times and cars have changed considerably since then, with three generations of the family operating the business. Join owner Brett Beachler ('93), for a behind-the-scenes tour of their new three bay addition built in 2015, which offers a full range of vehicle care and maintenance. He'll provide an overview of the company, and discuss his formula for success – having an excellent group of people and operating with high ethical standards. He'll also share his passion for imparting wisdom about vehicle care, which is evident in the book he recently published, *Beachler's Guide*.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

23. Trefzger's Bakery 1 2**Thursday, November 8, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

We have another opportunity to visit this popular Peoria mainstay! Established in 1861, Trefzger's Bakery is Central Illinois' oldest bakery. After a two-year-long restoration project, Trefzger's moved into a building that is almost as old as the bakery itself. The bakery now occupies the first floor of the Trefzger's Building in downtown Peoria Heights, a warehouse building once home to a late-1800s bicycle factory. On our visit, we'll talk with owners Jeff and Martha Huebner, tour the building, and learn how Trefzger's has been a household name in Peoria for generations.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

24. C.T. Gabbert Remodeling and Construction 1 2**Friday, November 9, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

C.T. Gabbert Remodeling and Construction is a professional design build home remodeling company. We'll meet with owner Chuck Gabbert who started the company in 1978. He'll give us an overview and history of the company and the multitude of services it provides. We'll tour the beautiful showroom in the bustling Peoria Warehouse District and a complete updated wood shop where they can duplicate or construct custom cabinetry and millwork. We'll also meet the office staff who really make the company. Chuck will discuss Gabbert Art Park which hosts live mural painting.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

25. Industry Brewing Co. 1 2**Tuesday, November 13, 10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Liquor production in Peoria began in 1837 – even before the area was incorporated as a city! Over 100 years later, Industry Brewing seeks to bring Peoria back to its roots – and bring the "Whiskey City" a product like no other. Join owner Travis Mohlenbrink for a tour of Industry Brewing to learn how his team spent hours researching (and lots of trial and error) to hone in on the selection of beers they offer. Mohlenbrink purchased the brewery in 2017 with designs to re-open it this past winter after a quick renovation. Drawing on his experience with his other successful restaurant ventures (Cracked Pepper, Cayenne, Thyme, and Sugar Wood Fired Bistro), he will discuss his latest addition, and how he manages such an impressive array of quality establishments. We'll have a chance to sample some of their signature craft beers and enjoy a delicious lunch from yet another unique menu.

\$32 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, tastings, and shuttle transportation

26. University of Illinois**College of Medicine – Peoria 1 2****Thursday, November 15, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Once located in Bradley University's Burgess Hall, the University of Illinois College of Medicine – Peoria (UICOMP) has graduated more than 2,000 physicians since 1973. During our visit, we'll learn how the school is integral to the region's standing as a healthcare hub and about recent expansion to accommodate more students. While on campus, we'll visit the new anatomy labs, new classroom space, and the Cancer Research Center, where surgeon scientists and researchers are making discoveries aimed at improving patient care and finding a cure.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

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OLLI Past President Jennifer Bass prepares to greet participants at an OLLI Registration Social.



27. The Community Festival of Nativities 1 2**Thursday, November 29, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

The Community Festival of Nativities will be hosting its second annual festival this holiday season. We'll get a behind-the-scenes look at this unique event which boasts over 700 nativities on display from over 30 countries.

Monsignor Charles Beebe, retired from the Peoria Catholic Diocese of Peoria, will provide an educational presentation along with a private pre-show tour of the event.

\$25 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

ACTIVITY LEVEL 3

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28. Rocke Wildlife Studio 1 2 3**Tuesday, September 4, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

On this day, OLLI will travel to Eureka to visit Rocke Wildlife Studio. Owner Robyn Rocke, who has been in the taxidermy business for over 35 years, will show us his studio and share his passion for the art of taxidermy.

During our visit, Robyn will discuss the details of the profession, from design and layout to alterations of custom poses. He will also share that continuous training enables his staff to use the most advanced methods, technology, and material on each mount as well as maintaining the high standards of the studio.

\$28 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

29. der Bauernhof Alpaca Farm 1 2 3**Wednesday, September 12, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Join OLLI for a tour of der Bauernhof Farms, an alpaca farm located east of Bloomington. Owners Stan and Janetta Bauer breed and raise alpacas for the purpose of producing and spinning high-quality yarn from the animals' fiber. They also work with local artisans to create unique clothing from the yarn that has been dyed and spun. During our visit, we will learn about the breeding and shearing techniques, and observe the entire process of taking fiber and spinning it into yarn.

\$35 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

30. Emiquon and Chatauqua Experience 1 2 3**Thursday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

On this trip, we will spend a day experiencing nature and wildlife at its best with visits to both Emiquon and Chatauqua. Our first stop will be

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Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1993 to restore and protect wetland habitats at the confluence of the Illinois and Spoon Rivers. We'll have a guided walk to hear the history and to learn more about the plants, wildlife, and habitat of the Illinois River floodplain ecosystem. We'll also have an opportunity to walk through the Therkildsen Field Station to see the lab space, classrooms, and dorm. After lunch we'll make a stop at Chatauqua National Wildlife Refuge which provides sanctuary and breeding ground for migratory birds, fish, and other wildlife. We'll enjoy a guided walk along the interpretive nature trail that includes three scenic boardwalks overlooking the wetland.

\$44 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

31. Brown's Oakridge Zoo 1 2 3**Friday, September 28, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

A zoo in Smithfield? That's right – Brown's Oakridge Zoo is a family-owned and operated zoo that houses more than 150 exotic and domestic animals. The zoo provides a safe and stress-free life for the animals, many of which were abandoned. In fact, most of the animals have been raised in the family home and have experience with human contact. Join OLLI as we meet the Browns and some of the zoo's residents, including Siberian tigers, Barbary lions, black bears, cougars, and more!

\$39 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, fees, and shuttle transportation

32. Indian Ridge Farm with Bud Grieves 1 2 3**Thursday, October 4, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Join OLLI as we visit Indian Ridge, the Fulton County log home of former Peoria Mayor Bud Grieves, which sits on a high bluff overlooking the Illinois River Valley and Rice Lake. Grieves will discuss the geological history of this valley, how it was formed, and its native habitation. We'll also tour parts of the 400-acre property, which is a showpiece for ecological restoration with wetlands, prairie grasses, and hardwood trees. Grieves will also describe his efforts to preserve the ecological sustainability of the land and water. We will be hiking over rough terrain for part of the tour, so please make sure you are able to meet the activity requirements for this trip.

\$30 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

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33. John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders and Sousa Archives and Center for American Music 1 2 3**Friday, October 12, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Music will be our focus when we visit two

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amazing resources in Champaign. We'll begin our trip with John-Paul Buzard, company founder and master organ builder of Buzard Pipe Organ Builders, who will share his mission: to design and build the best pipe organs in the world, and to restore and rebuild existing pipe organs, using the best workmanship possible. On our tour, we'll see (and hear) how the organs are produced to achieve the superlative and celebratory "Buzard sound." Later, we'll visit the Sousa Archives and Center for American Music (SACAM) at the University of Illinois Library. Here we'll learn how SACAM documents America's music history by acquiring and preserving archival records and historical artifacts. Our tour will include the Center's latest exhibits which include a focus on race and identity through America's music, the Samuel Swaim Stewart banjos, and the banjo and mandolin arrangements of Sousa's march tunes.

\$38– includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

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 6 hours of moderate physical activity, plus all Level 1, 2, and 3 requirements.

34. Hiking Rocky Glen 1 2 3 4

Thursday, October 18, 9:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This unique and historic geologic area along Kickapoo Creek in West Peoria will be our destination as we enjoy a guided fall hike of Rocky Glen. Our host, David Pittman, President of the Friends of Rocky Glen, will lead us on a walk through this beautiful 125-acre natural area that features a flourishing plant community and a hidden canyon scoured out of the bedrock. David will also describe the dedicated efforts of the Friends of Rocky Glen, a nonprofit organization whose volunteers are working to protect this unique area. 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. Participants must meet Level 4 activity requirements in order to take part in this learning trip.

\$28 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

35. Hot Iron Blacksmith 1 2 3 4

Thursday, October 25, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to participate in this popular learning trip, here is your chance to tour a modern-day version of a traditional blacksmith shop. Our visit will include an introduction to what a traditional blacksmith may have made 100 years ago, and what is currently made for the discriminating home decorator who favors handmade house jewelry made from iron. The blacksmith shop is fully equipped with operating machinery and tools dating from the 19th century. Demonstrations on the use of these will be included in the visit. Participants will be standing throughout the entire trip.

\$35 – includes lunch, gratuities, tour, and shuttle transportation

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 2

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36. Hamilton! 1 2

Wednesday, September 5, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Once again, OLLI has secured group tickets to the blockbuster musical, *Hamilton* in Chicago. Due to extremely high demand, registration for this trip will be completed with a lottery. You may request 1 or 2 tickets. If you request 2 tickets, you must include the name of your companion.

No money is required to enter the lottery. We will accept registrations from July 24 – August 3. Those randomly selected registrants will be contacted by Monday, August 6, and will have until Friday, August 10 to make payment in full. If payment is not received by August 10, you will lose your spot and another registrant will be selected to fill your spot.

Participants selected for the lottery will pay \$239 per person which includes a balcony ticket to the performance, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation.



37. Fair Oaks Farm 1 2**Thursday, September 20, 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for this popular trip to Fair Oaks Farm in Indiana! Witness how four million glasses of milk are produced daily by 36,000 cows when we travel to the amazing 25,000 acre Fair Oaks Farm, located in northwestern Indiana. We'll learn how approximately 80 or more calves are born on the farm daily, and (if we are lucky) will have an opportunity to witness one of the real and extraordinary events in the Birthing Barn while the dairy midwife assists. We'll also get to see the nursery where newborns are hand-fed, tour the milking parlor, and more. This tour also includes The Pig Experience, where we can see piglets in the growing barn and maybe even another chance to witness the miracle of life in the farrowing barn.

\$119 – includes admissions, tours, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation

ACTIVITY LEVEL 3

All trips listed in this section may require participants 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 activity, plus all Level 1 and 2 requirements.

38. The Great Pumpkin Patch and Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery 1 2 3**Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Board the motor coach with OLLI to visit The Great Pumpkin Patch (TGPP). In 1859, McDonald immigrants from Scotland purchased ground near Arthur, to grow numerous crops and livestock. Then a new enterprise grew when Bruce and Mary Beth (McDonald) Condill added a few pumpkin seeds to their children's garden. We'll have a chance to meet one of the family and find how their cucurbit business grew to 63 acres of pumpkins, squash, and gourds, their involvement in commercial pumpkin production, and the preservation of heirloom and rare cucurbit seeds. OLLI members will board TGPP Express to take a tour of the Patch while learning about its history, how pumpkin farming has evolved, and see over 300 varieties of pumpkins, squash, and gourds from over 30 countries. We'll then have free time to explore the grounds which include The Homestead Seeds Store, TGPP Museum, The Homestead Bakery, Giant Corn Shock Tower, Rainbow O'Squash, Mum Quilts, mazes, farm animals, and more! After lunch we'll make a stop at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery for a private, guided, educational tour where we'll meet the goats, view the milking parlor and creamery, walk through the orchard and garden, and of course taste some of the farmstead products! We'll hear from the owners Wes Jarrell and Leslie Cooperband and learn how their farm embodies core principles of sustainability including environmental

stewardship, economic viability, and social responsibility. \$119 – includes museum admissions, presentations, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation

39. Argonne National Laboratory and mHUB**1 2 3****Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

On this trip, we'll travel north to tour two leaders in science and industry. Our first stop will be mHUB, Chicago's first innovation center focused on physical product development and manufacturing. We'll tour the workshops and labs of this community of product designers and developers, entrepreneurs, engineers, and manufacturing. We'll learn more about their facility which includes electronics, plastic fabrication, metals, and rapid prototyping as well as a microfactory for small production. After our visit, we'll head to Lemont to have lunch on-site at Argonne National Laboratory, followed by a tour of the facility. We'll learn how the nation's first national laboratory conducts leading-edge scientific research in virtually every scientific discipline, and visit the Argonne tandem linac accelerator system, the nuclear energy discovery center, and the advanced photon source, one of the most technologically complex machines in the world. \$119 – includes museum admissions, presentations, lunch, gratuities, snacks, and charter coach transportation

**Registration Socials****Fall 2018 Registration Social****Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

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Winter 2019 Registration Social**Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

Brochure arrives at post offices October 22

Spring 2019 Registration Social**Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

Brochure arrives at post offices January 7

Summer 2019 Registration Social**Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

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