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Date: 10.30.2023

To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Michelle Michels, Recreation Team Leader

Re: Request to escort a 4-day Senior Center trip to Kentucky and Ohio

The Senior Center has been offering more day trips due to increased interest. We have been offering one day trip per month (usually avoiding January and February due to weather concerns). All of the trips have had enough participation so that we haven't had to cancel, many have been full with a wait list.

We have had many trip participants, members, and non-members asking for shortened extended trips (2-4 days). Due to these requests we did offer a 3-day trip to Madeline Island in August, 2023 which was well attended and everyone said they enjoyed. We have been getting many requests to go the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. This would take a driving day there, a day back (with stops along the way). We would spend one day at the Ark Encounter in Kentucky with a river cruise dinner at night and one day at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

Trips have not only been creating revenue for special events, but also for Senior Center memberships as there is a discounted rate for Senior Center members.

Trips are an integral part of senior centers and recreation programs and activities. We have learned that sending a staff escort ensures the highest quality experience for the travelers. For these reasons, I would escort this trip and do my best to flex hours accordingly. Any other staffing expenses would be offset by the trip revenue. In addition, we would plan this trip outside of the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center season.

Respectfully,

Michelle Michels

Recreation Team Leader