

2026 TRIP

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WELCOME

WELCOME to the 2026 YMCA of the Fox Cities Adult Bus Trip season!

Get inspired by new experiences, destinations, cultures and cuisines. Take this opportunity to expand your knowledge and step out of your comfort zone, while building long-lasting connections with fellow travelers.

Here at the Y, our core values are caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, and we do our best to provide programming and an atmosphere that reflects these values.

Trips are developed by the FOREVERWELL Department and are designed for a wide range of interests, ages, activity and mobility levels. Two-tiered pricing for one-day trips reflects a discount that is given to our YMCA of the Fox Cities' members.

Transportation for most trips (unless otherwise noted) is a deluxe motorcoach. These buses come with the following amenities: Restroom • Climate control • Reading lamps • Extra head and leg room • Passenger windows that offer a panoramic view • Plush-covered, reclining seats • High-capacity cargo bays, plus above-head storage space.

So sit back and enjoy the ride!

UNDERSTANDING ACTIVITY LEVELS:

Activity levels for each trip vary, and can range from lightly active, moderately active and very active. We have indicated the activity level next to each trip. While these levels are determined by our team, please remember that you know your abilities best. Please reach out if you have any questions.



Lightly Active



Moderately Active



Very Active

Please confirm that the Y has your current address, phone number and email contact information. REGISTRATION FOR ONE-DAY TRIPS:

Registration begins February 16 for all one-day trips. Detailed information for each registered trip will be

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emailed out prior to the trip date. You can register: • In-person with cash, check or credit card at any YMCA of the Fox Cities location.

Online anytime at ymcafoxcities.org with a credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover).

REGISTRATION FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

We partner with various organizations to provide extended trip opportunities. For more information regarding your options, contact Kate Yates at 920.886.2105, or kyates@ymcafoxcities.org. You can also view your options on our website at ymcafoxcities.org/adult-flight-based-trips.

REGISTRATION

CANCELLATIO

CANCELLATION POLICY: ONE-DAY TRIPS

UP TO 2 WEEKS BEFORE TRIP DATE

Refund for most/all monies paid*

LESS THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE TRIP DATE

· No refund given

ILLNESS OR INJURY (MEDICAL)

 Refund issued as a System Credit** for most/all monies paid* with a submitted signed doctor's note

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- No refunds if the bus is able to travel and the attractions are not closed
- If the transportation company determines that it is unsafe to transport passengers the trip may be rescheduled and/or a credit will be issued

*Charges pre-paid by the Y, such as, but not limited to, theater tickets or cruise tickets are non-refundable and will not be included in the refund.

**System Credit can be used for all future Y programming or

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Detailed information for each trip's cancellation policy will vary.

PICK UP LOCATIONS AND PARKING

All trips have only one pick-up and return point. These are indicated in the trip description. The Y is unable to provide transportation help to and from departure locations. Pick up and parking locations departure locations. Pick up and parking location are subject to change, please review your confirmation email for final departure location.

1. Heart of the Valley YMCA (HVY)

225 W. Kennedy Avenue Kimberly, WI 54136

Park your vehicle in the southwest corner of the parking lot.

2. Fox West YMCA (FWY)

W6931 School Road Greenville, WI 54942

Park your vehicle in the northeast corner of the parking lot.

3. Ogden YMCA (OGY)

720 Shady Lane Neenah, WI 54956

Park your vehicle in the east end of the parking lot away from the building.

FAQ: ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What is the minimum age for bus trips?

Participants must be 18 years of age or older to register for most trips unless otherwise noted.

Are buses equipped with wheelchair lifts?

Not all transportation vendors can accommodate wheelchair accessible vehicles. Persons who require assistance must be accompanied by a paid participant who is fully responsible for that person. The YMCA of the Fox Cities and its volunteers may not physically lift participants into transportation vehicles, nor provide special individual assistance to participants for walking or other personal care needs.

What should I do if a trip I want to go on is full?

We encourage you to add your name to the waitlist, in the event there are cancellations. We will add additional buses to a trip with extensive interest, if available.

Could a trip be canceled due to bad weather?

Trips will continue "rain or shine" unless the transportation company determines otherwise. In this case, the trip may be rescheduled and/or a credit will be issued.

What bus companies are used by the Y?

The Y charters transportation locally from Lamers Bus Lines or Kobussen Buses.

When is gratuity included?

Gratuity is included unless otherwise noted.

After I register, will I get more detailed information about the upcoming trip?

FOR ONE DAY BUS TRIPS: Before your trip, you will receive a confirmation email that will include specific trip-related information and any itinerary updates.

FOR OVERNIGHT BUS TRIPS: Prior to trip departure, a mandatory pre-trip meeting will be hosted at a Y branch. There you will receive itineraries and any other final details.

How are special requests handled?

For special health or dietary requests, please notify Julie Swiecichowski as soon as possible. Walkers are permitted but the Y does not provide them and walkers can be stored under the coach. Oxygen tanks need special securing so advance notice must be provided (minimal AC power is available).



For additional question or information, please contact:

Julie Swiecichowski Phone: 920.886.2177

Email: jswiecichowski@ymcafoxcities.org

COST: Y Member - \$164 General Public - \$179

Includes: Deluxe transportation, theater ticket, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 8:15 AM RETURN: 6:15 PM



COST: Y Member - \$114 General Public - \$129

Includes: Deluxe transportation, admissions, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: HVY 9:00 AM RETURN: 4:45 PM



FIRESIDE DINNER THEATER: HAIRSPRAY

Friday, April 24, 2026

It is Baltimore in 1962 and a lovable girl with big hair and an even bigger heart is transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Cheer her on as she uses her newfound power to defeat her nemesis, win the affections of a heartthrob, and integrate a TV network in this story of acceptance. Winner of 8 Tony Awards, it is a story of equality told with humor and heart, '60's rock and roll, and spectacular high-energy dancing. Join us at The Fireside for this unforgettable musical and a delicious meal.

FARM FRESH FUN & GREENHOUSE MAGIC

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Celebrate the spirit of spring and Mother's Day with a delightful day trip designed for curious minds and adventurous hearts! Join us as we journey to **Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center**, where agriculture comes to life. Explore interactive exhibits, witness the miracle of birth in the Birthing Barn, and enjoy a guided farm tour that offers a behind-the-scenes look at Wisconsin's farming heritage. Don't forget to browse the charming gift shop for unique finds!

After a hearty lunch featuring a soup, sandwich, and salad bar—plus ice cream to top it off—we'll continue our adventure to **LeClare Family Creamery**. Here, we'll enjoy a guided tour, indulge in a cheese tasting, and meet the friendly goats that help make it all possible. You'll also have time to shop in their greenhouse, with plenty of room on the bus to bring home your new favorite plants.

This trip is perfect for anyone looking to celebrate the spring season with good food, great company, and a touch of farm-fresh fun. Join us for a relaxing, educational, and heartwarming day filled with good company, great food, and the beauty of Wisconsin's countryside.

DOOR COUNTY TROLLEY LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Step into the charm of Door County this spring as we journey north for a scenic and relaxing day filled with history, flavor, and floral beauty. On this tour, we will spend a beautiful spring day in Door County! First, we will have a guided tour of the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse which is set against a backdrop of Green Bay islands. Then we will visit a local winery and artisan cheese shop for a tasting. That afternoon, after a sit-down lunch at a restaurant along the way, we will stop at the Canal Station Lighthouse which is located at a fully operational U.S. Coast Guard station on Lake Michigan. Join us for a refreshing spring escape filled with natural beauty, local flavor, and unforgettable memories.

COST:

Y Member - \$174

General Public - \$189

Includes: Deluxe transportation, trolley tour, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: HVY 7:45 AM RETURN: 5:45 PM



COST: Y Member - \$89 General Public - \$104

Includes: Deluxe transportation, game ticket, and all gratuities

DEPART: FWY 10:00 AM RETURN: 7:00 PM



MILWAUKEE BREWERS GAME DAY

Thursday, June 18, 2026

It's the Y's ever popular trip to Milwaukee to root for our home team. Head to American Family Field for a game between the Milwaukee Brewers and the Cleveland Guardians. It's a classic summertime activity, so let's go out to the ballgame!

Lunch is on your own. You can choose ballpark food or bring a bag lunch to enjoy. You are allowed to bring in sealed beverages and personal sized food items at this time. Then it's "Play Ball," so take in the game along with the sights, sounds and smells of the stadium.

Our shaded group seats are located in the Loge Infield Boxes. The stadium is large and there are some steps to negotiate getting to your seat.

Also, if you would like to bring a child under the age of 16, please contact the FOREVERWELL Department. **GO BREW CREW!**

COST: Y Member - \$164 General Public - \$179

Includes: Deluxe transportation, admissions, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 7:30 AM RETURN: 5:00 PM



COST: Y Member - \$164 General Public - \$179

Includes: Deluxe transportation, admissions/tickets, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 7:30 AM RETURN: 6:30 PM



DISCOVER MILWAUKEE'S CHARM

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Join us for an unforgettable day exploring Milwaukee! Our adventure begins with a guided tour of the historic **Pabst Mansion**, where you'll step back in time and experience the elegance of a bygone era. Next, savor a traditional German lunch at **Mader's**, a Milwaukee landmark known for its authentic flavors and warm hospitality. In the afternoon, relax and take in the city's beauty on an **Edelweiss boat tour**, cruising down the Milwaukee River and out to the Inner Harbor of Lake Michigan.

This trip offers the perfect blend of history, culture, and scenic enjoyment—ideal for anyone looking for a memorable day out!

WILD WISCONSIN - CRANES & RIVER WONDERS

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Wisconsin's natural landscapes! Our day begins at the **International Crane Foundation**, where you'll enjoy a guided tour through serene habitats and learn about the conservation of these elegant, endangered birds.

Next, we'll travel to Wisconsin Dells, giving you time to explore and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant of your choice on the **River Walk**.

In the afternoon, relax aboard a **boat tour of the Upper Wisconsin River**, gliding past towering sandstone cliffs, lush forests, and unique rock formations shaped by centuries of flowing water. This cruise includes two exclusive shore landings: Witches Gulch — a dramatic and spooky walk through a passage carved by wind and water; and Stand Rock — a towering pillar of sandstone that's home to the famous dog leap to the top of the tall rock.

Travel back to the valley reflecting on all the natural beauty of the day.

COST: Y Member - \$164 General Public - \$179

Includes: Deluxe transportation, admissions, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 6:30 AM RETURN: 6:00 PM



COST: Y Member - \$109 General Public - \$124

Includes: Deluxe transportation, lunch, cruise and all gratuities

DEPART: FWY 9:15 AM RETURN: 5:45 PM



COST: Y Member - \$124 General Public - \$139

Includes: Deluxe transportation, show ticket, and gratuities

DEPART: HVY 8:15 AM RETURN: 6:15 PM



COST: Y Member - \$114 General Public - \$129

Includes: Deluxe transportation, brunch, admissions, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 9:00 AM RETURN: 6:45 PM



LAKE GENEVA MAILBOAT ADVENTURE

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Experience one of Wisconsin's most unique attractions—the famous **Mailboat Tour of Lake Geneva**! Departing from **Gage Marina**, you'll cruise the sparkling waters while watching mail jumpers deliver letters to lakeside homes—a tradition that's been thrilling visitors for decades.

After the tour, enjoy a delicious lunch at **Popeyes**, a local favorite with stunning lake views. On our return trip, we'll make a sweet stop at **Kelley's Creamery**, home to some of the best ice cream in the state.

This relaxing and scenic day is perfect for adults looking for a memorable outing filled with history, beauty, and flavor.

Reserve your seat today—space is limited!

SHOP, SAVOR AND SAIL – A DAY IN WAUPACA

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Spend a relaxing day exploring the beauty and charm of Waupaca! Our adventure begins in **downtown Waupaca**, where you'll have time to browse unique shops and discover local treasures. Next, we'll head to **The Woods** for a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. After lunch, we will move to **Clear Water Harbor** with stunning views. There we will enjoy a scenic boat tour on the Chain of Lakes, gliding through crystal-clear waters surrounded by lush forests and picturesque shoreline homes. **This trip is perfect for those who love small-town charm and tranquil lake scenery!**

PENINSULA PLAYERS PRESENTS RING OF FIRE – THE MUSIC OF JOHNNY CASH

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Spend the morning in Fish Creek; while enjoying shopping, dining and arts in the heart of Wisconsin's Door Peninsula! There is a unique variety of locally-owned-and-operated stores throughout this walkable charming town. Lunch is on your own with countless dining options from gourmet to simple.

Next, you'll enjoy a matinee show at Peninsula Players Theater, a professional theatrical treasure, presenting Ring of Fire. This musical tribute shares the remarkable life story of Johnny Cash — one of the most revered storytellers in American music. From country to rock 'n' roll to searing ballads of love and faith, this theatrical experience showcases the journey of the beloved legend.

Enjoy a truly unforgettable experience and delight in the Players renowned artistic company and picturesque shoreline location.

Space is limited... Sign up today!

BRUNCH & UNDERGROUND ADVENTURE

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Join us for a day of delicious food and natural wonders! We'll start with a hearty brunch at The **Pancake Café** in Fitchburg, known for its cozy atmosphere and mouthwatering breakfast favorites. Next, we'll head to **Cave of the Mounds**, a National Natural Landmark. Enjoy a guided cave tour through stunning crystal formations, then step outside for a Karst Topography Guided Hike, where you'll learn about the fascinating geology that shapes this unique landscape. On our way home, we'll sweeten the day with a stop at **Sassy Cow Creamery**, where you can indulge in fresh dairy treats and shop for local goodies. **This day will be filled with great food, new friends and a fun, underground adventure!**

COST: Y Member – \$64 General Public – \$79

Includes: Deluxe transportation, admission to the fair, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 8:30 AM RETURN: 5:30 PM



COST: Y Member - \$179 General Public - \$194

Includes: Deluxe transportation, admissions, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 10:00 AM RETURN: 7:00 PM



COST: Y Member - \$144 General Public - \$159

Includes: Deluxe transportation, theater ticket, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 10:30 AM RETURN: 5:45 PM



COST: Y Member - \$164 General Public - \$179

Includes: Deluxe transportation, theater ticket, lunch, and gratuities

DEPART: FWY 8:15 AM RETURN: 6:15 PM



HOLY HILL ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Join us on for a delightful day at the **Holy Hill Basilica and National Shrine of Mary** during their renowned **Arts & Crafts Fair** where handmade treasures meet historic beauty. We'll arrive just as the fair opens, giving you plenty of time to explore hundreds of artisan booths, savor delicious treats, and soak in the stunning scenery from one of Wisconsin's most iconic landmarks. Whether you're shopping for unique handmade treasures or simply enjoying the vibrant atmosphere, this trip promises inspiration and fun. This will be a day where creativity, history, and scenic splendor come together in one unforgettable day. **You will be sure to leave with fond memories—and maybe a few special finds—to take home!**

DISCOVER CULTURE & HISTORY CHICAGO DAY TRIP

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Join us for an inspiring journey filled with architecture, fine dining, and history.

Our day begins at the breathtaking **Bahá'í House of Worship**, one of only eight continental Bahá'í temples in the world. Enjoy a guided tour of this architectural masterpiece and its serene gardens. Next, we'll savor a delicious **Italian lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy**, known for its warm hospitality and classic dishes. In the afternoon, we'll visit the **Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center** for a powerful, docent-led tour. This moving experience honors the past and inspires a commitment to human rights. **Join us as we explore the Bahá'í Temple, savor Italian classics, and reflect at the Holocaust Museum—all in one unforgettable day.**

CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM – CLAUSSEN FAMILY SHOW

November Friday (TBD)

Celebrate the magic of the season with an unforgettable holiday experience at the Claussen Family Show! **Christmas on the Farm** combines heartwarming traditions, festive music, and dazzling performances in a charming country setting. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas as talented entertainers bring holiday cheer to life with laughter, song, and a touch of down-home hospitality. **Join us for a delicious buffet-style dinner followed by this Christmas Show experience the Claussen way!**

FIRESIDE DINNER THEATER: A CHRISTMAS STORY

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Ralphie wants only one thing for Christmas: An Official Red Ryder Carbine–Action 200–shot Range Model Air Rifle. A CHRISTMAS STORY The Musical is the hilarious account of Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure that this most perfect gift ends up under his tree. Based on the classic 1983 movie, the musical features a funny and heartfelt score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul who wrote music for the hit movies LA LA LAND and THE GREATEST SHOWMAN and the hit Broadway show DEAR EVAN HANSEN. A CHRISTMAS STORY The Musical captures holiday wonder with such deliciously wicked wit that it is sure to delight children and grown–ups alike! Join us at The Fireside for this Christmas Classic full of music and laughter accompanied by a delicious meal.



YMCA OF THE FOX CITIES

218 E. Lawrence St. Appleton, WI 54911

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OUR MISSION: To put Christian principles into practice by promoting youth, adult and family activities that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.