

The Fox Trot

A Newsletter for Upper Palmetto YMCA's Silver Fox Club Members

Dead Sea Scrolls...

Join us on February 6. Debbie Curry, VP of Programs at Discovery Place will speak about the Dead Sea Scrolls. The meeting will be held at the YMCA on Charlotte Avenue. There is a 9:30 am social. The meeting begins at 10:00 am. Please join us!

Glenn Miller Orchestra

February 19, 2006

Join the Silver Fox Club for a jaunt over to York to see the Glenn Miller Orchestra in York. We will depart at 2 pm for the 3 pm show. The fee includes transportation on a YMCA bus, and show tickets. **The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.** Our seats are on the lower level. **This trip was previously full. I secured additional tickets and a second bus if needed. Each person on the waiting list received a phone call. If you are interested in traveling with us, please inquire.**

Dead Sea Scrolls

February 24, 2005

Join the group for a tour of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will depart from the YMCA at 8:30 am for Discovery Place. We will visit the exhibit at our appointed time with a 1 ½ hour viewing time. After the exhibit, we will have a late lunch together. According to Discovery Place, "The exhibit will feature 2,000-year old fragments from ten separate Scrolls including some of the earliest known manuscripts of Genesis, Numbers and Psalms. It will contain Scrolls never before seen in the United States along with other artifacts discovered in association with the scrolls at the ancient ruin of Qumran near the Dead Sea. Discovery Place anticipates that visitors will travel from as far as 400 miles to see the exhibit." We will return by 4 pm.

The fee is \$45 for Silver Fox Club members and \$50 for non-members. It includes transportation on a YMCA bus, tickets to the exhibit and lunch. TICKETS TO THE EXHIBIT ARE LIMITED, TIMED, and NON-REFUNDABLE. (If you must cancel and we can find a replacement for you, you can receive a refund (less \$5 cancellation fee). Otherwise, a partial refund will apply.)

To Kill A Mockingbird

March 26, 2006

We will travel to see Theatre Charlotte perform *To Kill A Mockingbird*. The group will depart at 1:00 for the 2:30 pm show. According to their website, "Theatre Charlotte is North Carolina's oldest continually producing Community Theatre, with a production history dating from 1927. During the past 78 years these factors have combined to create a reputation for excellence unrivalled in the Southeast. Since 1941, the theatre has been housed at 501 Queens Road, located in the heart of the historic Myers Park district of Charlotte." We will return by 6 pm. **The trip is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members. It includes transportation and show tickets.**

2006 Schedule at a Glance

Monday, February 6	Silver Fox Meeting
Sunday, February 19	Glenn Miller
Friday, February 24	Dead Sea Scrolls
Monday, March 6	Silver Fox Meeting
Monday, March 6-7	AARP Driving Course
Sunday, March 26	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Monday, April 3	Silver Fox Meeting
Monday, April 10	Eggs
Tuesday, April 11	Eggs
Wednesday, April 12	Eggs
Tuesday, April 18-20	Callaway Gardens
Monday, May 1	Silver Fox Meeting
TBA	Aiken
Monday, June 5	Silver Fox Meeting
Tuesday, June 6-10	Ohio Amish Country
Tuesday, June 15	<i>Chicago the Musical</i>
Summer 2006	Flat Rock and CPCC
November 2006	Italy

Callaway Gardens and the Little White House

April 18-20, 2006

Join us for a visit to the award winning Callaway Gardens located in the Foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. We will depart at 8 am from Rock Hill on a motor coach. After settling into your room, you can enjoy an invigorating walk on the grounds or relax in your room. The group will then dine at the resort with a full dinner buffet. The following day, we will have a guided tour of the gardens including a stop at the *Ida Cason Callaway* Memorial Chapel. This chapel has a design that includes fieldstone quartz and other natural materials, plus six stained glass windows depicting the Southern forest in a progression of seasons. A custom-built Möller pipe organ sits in the front corner and its music can be enjoyed inside and outside the chapel. Flights of fancy also await you in the *Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center* where 1,000 tropical butterflies, representing more than 50 different species, flutter freely through the air. After the guided tour, we will enjoy a leisurely lunch in Warm Springs. Afterwards, we are off to Roosevelt's Little White House. Our evening meal is at the resort. On Thursday, we will return to Rock Hill by 5 pm. The trip includes 2 nights lodging (double occupancy), 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, guided tour, admission to the gardens and Little White House, transportation, baggage handling and gratuities for the bus driver and local guide. **There is a \$10 discount for registering by February 6, 2006. A \$100 deposit is due at registration. It is fully refundable until March 6, 2006. Final payments are due on March 6, 2006. Please see the Silver Fox Guidelines for complete refund information.**

Occupancy	Silver Fox Member	Non-Silver Fox Member
Double	\$360	\$370
Single	\$510	\$520
Triple	\$320	\$330

EGGS!!

April 10-12, 2006

We need your help! As a community service project, the Silver Fox Club stuffs 40,000 eggs with candy each year for the Great Easter Egg Classic. The Classic will be held on Maundy Thursday. We will stuff eggs at the enclosed shelter at Cherry Park, Monday through Wednesday. The stuffing will begin at 9 am each morning and end with lunch served at 12:30 pm. We need lots of hands, so invite your friends. Lunch is your payment for services ☺. I hope that you will join us for loads of eggs, fellowship and good food.

Ohio Amish Country

June 6-9, 2006

Step back in time on a trip to the Ohio Amish Country. We will depart on June 6 at 8 am. After a long drive, with lunch en route, we will settle into our hotel and have dinner at a nearby restaurant. The next morning, we will have breakfast at leisure and free time to rest after the long ride or walk to some of the shops located close to our hotel. Our tour of the area will begin at 11:30 am. A local guide will join our group. She will dine with us at the Farmstead Restaurant on a meal of soup and salad. Next, we will visit the Behalt Historical Mural. It depicts the Amish culture. After the guided tour, we will visit a man who makes brooms. After a short rest at the hotel, we will depart for dinner at the Chalet in the Valley. We will feast on a hot buffet including German potato salad, sauerkraut (my favorite), bratwurst, red beet cabbage, roast beef and other offerings.

The tour continues on day 3 as we travel to Lehman's Hardware and weekly flea market. We will see the Amish bring their livestock to the weekly auction with horse drawn wagons. Lehman's is known for its large variety of non-electrical household and hardware items. A fabric and quilt shop is located there as well. The indoor, air conditioned flea market is our lunch stop. After lunch, we will visit Warther's Carvings. He is the world's master carver of trains. And, Mrs. Warther collected over 73,000 buttons and arranged in a quilt like fashion. The farewell dinner tonight will feature fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans...and the Dixie Boys Gospel Dinner Concert.

We will return to Rock Hill on Friday, June 9 by 7 pm. As always, we will stop at least every 2-2 ½ hours for a bathroom and stretching break. We will also have lunch en route. Travel time to Holmes County, Ohio is

approximately 7 ½ hours. The group will travel on a comfortable motor coach equipped with restroom and TV/VCR.

You don't want to miss this trip. The fee includes 3-nights accommodations (double-occupancy) at Comfort Suites in Berlin, Ohio. It is an all suite hotel with each room featuring a small kitchenette and living area. Breakfast each morning and dinner each evening is included (3 breakfasts, 3 dinners). The price also includes gratuities for the bus driver, baggage handlers and local guide and tips on all meals included with the trip. **There is a \$10 discount for registering by March 6, 2006.** A \$150 deposit is due at registration. It is fully refundable until April 3, 2006. Final payments are due on April 3, 2006. Please see the Silver Fox Guidelines for complete refund information.

Occupancy	Silver Fox Member	Non-Silver Fox Member
Double	\$465	\$480
Single	\$585	\$600
Triple	\$425	\$440

Chicago

June 15, 2006

We have secured tickets for Chicago. Seats are located in the orchestra. Chicago is reported to be the most popular musical on Broadway. The YMCA bus will depart at 6:30 pm for the 8 pm show. **The price is \$60 for Silver Fox Members and \$65 for non-members. The trip includes tickets and transportation.**

Silver Fox Club Guidelines

Reservations

To register for a trip, mail payment (payable to YMCA) to Silver Fox Club, YMCA, 361 Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730. Or, pay by check for the trip at a Silver Fox Club meeting. Or, register the front desk at the YMCA on Charlotte Avenue. One-day trips and tours priced under \$100 must be paid in full. Tours priced from \$100-\$500 require a minimum \$50 deposit (review individual trip requirements). Tours priced over \$500 may require a deposit up to \$250. Please see the trip description for more information. Registrations cannot be made by phone. Seats cannot be held or saved without proper payment. Registration is taken on a first come, first served basis.

Payment

Please make checks payable to the YMCA. Cash and credit can only be taken as payment at the front desk on Charlotte Avenue. Include your name, address, phone number, and your roommate's name if registering for an overnight trip. The bottom left hand corner of the check should have the name of the trip that you are paying for. We prefer that you write separate checks for each trip for which you register at the Silver Fox Club meetings. Full payment is normally due 60 days prior unless noted otherwise.

Cancellation Policy

No refunds or transfer of funds will be given for no-shows or for persons canceling on the day of the trip. A full refund (minus a \$5 handling fee) will be given to tour members on cancellations received in writing 60 days or more before tour departure on motor coach tours arranged by the YMCA unless otherwise noted. Cancellations received less than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund based on expenses the club incurs as a result of your cancellation. The club cannot return payment for non-refundable expenses charged to us by hotels, motels, and pre-purchased tickets and meals. All efforts will be made to ensure a refund whenever possible. If you are able to replace your space with another tour member, a complete refund will apply (minus \$5 cancellation fee). Refunds are not given for meals, attractions, etc. during the trip in which travelers do not participate. When one person cancels or leaves a tour and a roommate remains, the rate charged the remaining person would be the tour rate for the new accommodations. All persons canceling will be charged a \$5 handling fee. All refunds are given by check and normally take up to 3 weeks to process. Please note: A cancellation policy of up to 90 days before departure may apply to some fly-in, overseas, and contracted/pre-packaged trips and cruises. Policies vary with different cruises and airlines. Please ask for information when booking your reservation.

Service for Singles

If you are traveling alone on an overnight trip and would like to share a room, the YMCA will attempt to arrange a roommate for you. However, the YMCA is not responsible for finding a roommate. If a roommate is not available, there is an additional fee.

Seat Rotation

On overnight trips, you and your seating partner will rotate two seats in a clockwise manner when boarding in the morning or as directed by the group leader. On one-day trips, you will remain in the same seat for the entire trip. The seat directly behind the driver is reserved for the tour escort and will not be rotated. Seat rotation allows you to sit in different areas of the bus and gives you the opportunity to get acquainted with other members of the tour. When departing the bus, we will alternate the right and left sides of the bus. Please be courteous to those with walking difficulties.

Luggage Handling

Luggage handling is included, if it is listed with the tour. Everyone may bring one suitcase to be handled by the driver and hotels. This piece must have a luggage tag with your name and address. You may bring one smaller piece that must be handled by you. It is your responsibility to gather this piece as you depart the bus.

Fees

Motor coach trips arranged by the YMCA include a customary tip for the bus driver. If the club is paying for a meal, it normally includes the tax and tip in your trip cost. Trips do not include: valet and room service, telephone calls, and other items of personal nature.

Daily Schedule

We plan each trip and daily schedule before departure; however, it may be altered if necessary. Exact times of arrival and departure, rest stops, etc. are left to the tour host/hostess. Rest stops are included approximately every 2 ½ hours. It is your responsibility to assist in keeping the coach free of litter at all times. No smoking, alcoholic beverages or uncontrolled drugs are allowed on the bus.

A fee of \$15 for a YMCA member and \$20 for a non-YMCA member entitles an active older adult, 50 and older, to membership in the Silver Fox Club. All memberships expire on December 31. Club members get reduced rates on each trip, a nametag, and early notification of upcoming trips.

Responsibility of the YMCA

The Rock Hill Area YMCA will provide use of the YMCA's resources for trip promotion, postage, toll calls, management of income and expenses for trips and club memberships. The YMCA will provide a staff member to oversee club activities. The YMCA accepts no responsibility for accidents, baggage loss, loss or damage of personal property, expenses or other injury.

The club members agree to participate in the monthly meetings and trips with a positive and helpful attitude. They agree to select a committee each July to plan trips and assist in trip registrations at each meeting. Members agree to maintain a current roster and mailing list of the club members, to pay all costs of each trip and meeting such as tickets, transportation and tour guide expenses, and to assist with mail-outs and other administrative work as needed.

Club Meetings

The club meets year round on the first Monday of each month at the YMCA on Charlotte Avenue. There is a social from 9:30-10 am, and the meeting is held from 10-11 am. During September, we meet on the second Monday due to Labor Day. The Christmas celebration takes the place of the regularly scheduled December meeting.



Don't forget that membership dues are \$15 per year for YMCA members and \$20 per year for non-members. All memberships expire on December 31 each year. Rejoin now for the best value (and so you won't miss a newsletter)!



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