

Park Family Reunion 2016 Itinerary (updated July 11, 2016)

Thursday, July 14

Evening gathering at Robert and Barbara's house

Starting at 7:00 pm: An after-dinner wine and cheese tasting gathering to "open" our reunion

Address: 5610 Hammersley Rd, Madison 53711

(608) 273-8775

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Friday, July 15

Blue Mound/Spring Green area Day

(see Park family Scrapbook at <http://parkscribble.us/ParkReunion/2016/index.htm> for more information.)

Morning through afternoon at Blue Mound State Park (about 25 miles west of Madison)

Website: (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/bluemound/>) The park offers scenic views from observation towers, hiking, a swimming pool and a splash pad. We have rented an open-shelter with picnic tables for the day. The shelter will serve as our group's home base while we are at the park. Snack food, beverages and yard games will be set up at our shelter starting around 10:30 AM.

We'll serve a picnic lunch at 11:30 AM at the shelter.

Evening: Those interested can stay in the area for an **American Players Theatre** supper and play, *An Ideal Husband* by Oscar Wilde. Barbara has ordered tickets for those who have contacted her. The play starts at 8:00. It is about 21 miles between Blue Mound Park and APT, and it takes about half an hour to get there. It is best to arrive 30 minutes early. You can get a picnic dinner which will be delivered on site. **The picnic dinner has to be ordered on APT's website before 4:00 PM of the previous day.** There is also a limited menu of sandwiches, snacks and beverages at a stand above the parking lot. For more information, go to <http://americanplayers.org>.

Alternative in evening: Others can make plans as they wish.

Saturday, July 16

Madison Day

Morning: Dane County Farmers' Market and exploration of the capitol building area. The Dane County Farmer's market is the largest producer-only market in the country and is located right next to Madison's beautiful **State Capitol building**. Highlights include a "Taste of the Market" breakfast, live music, and crafts for sale.

According to the Farmer's Market website, <http://dcfm.org/faq/>, the market is open from 8:30 AM - 2 PM. "A Taste of the Market" breakfast is available starting at 8:30. AM

Website for the Capitol building tours:

<http://tours.wisconsin.gov/pub/Content.aspx?p=Capitol%20Tour>. The capitol is open from 8 AM - 6 PM and has free tours at 9 AM, 10 AM, and 11 AM and also in the afternoon.

Note: Families will explore the area on their own. It is not expected that our whole group try to arrive or tour together.

Noon: Meal and gathering at Barbara and Robert's house. **Plan to arrive between noon and 1 PM.** This will be a great chance for us all to connect and spend time relaxing together.

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Late afternoon/evening: Families are invited to go to the UW campus area and/or the adjacent downtown area as they wish. Activities could include a walk at Picnic Point, supper at the Union Memorial terrace or restaurants on State Street, and a concert or play.

Websites:

Overview of things to do in the area: <http://www.visitmadison.com/things-to-do/>

Memorial Union at UW: <https://union.wisc.edu/visit/terrace-at-the-memorial-union/>

Picnic Point: <http://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/visit/picnicpoint.htm>

Sunday, July 17

Free time during the day; supper at The Great Dane restaurant in Fitchburg

During the day: Families choose and plan events on their own, either in Madison or surrounding areas. A few possibilities:

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (<http://www.olbrich.org/>)*

Henry Vilas Zoo (<http://vilaszoo.org/>)

Madison Children's Museum <http://madisonchildrensmuseum.org/>

Taliesin (Frank Lloyd Wright's estate in Spring Green) tour:

(<http://www.taliesinpreservation.org/visit/tours-tickets>)

*Note: Warren, Patty, Daniel, Jamie, Malcolm, and Sadie plan to go to Olbrich Gardens, starting around 10 AM. We'd love to see other family members there, too.

Evening, starting at 6:00 PM: Dinner at the **Great Dane Restaurant, 2980 Cahill Main in Fitchburg.** Several tables are reserved for our group. People will order off the menu and get separate bills.

Directions from Madison: Take Fish Hatchery Rd south of the Beltline about 2 miles and turn right onto Cahill Main. Cahill Main turns to the right in one block. The Great Dane is immediately on your right after that turn.

Monday, July 18

Wisconsin Dells (and area) Day

Water parks and amusement parks, Tommy Bartlett water skiing show, scenic boat rides, nature trails in the Dells; attractions in nearby Reedsburg or Baraboo (circus museum or Mid-Continental train rides, 400 State Trail, Devil's Lake Park etc.)

Families choose and plan events on their own.