

Public Invited To Stroll Across Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day

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struction or working fixtures left on the bridge.

There are no restrooms on the bridge and the average time to walk the span is two hours. Portable toilets will be positioned at each end of the bridge and at the bus loading area.

Baby strollers and wheelchairs are allowed on the bridge during the walk, but bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, wagons, and similar implements are not permitted. With the exception of seeing-eye dogs, no pets are allowed.

Michigan National Guard troops and Mackinac Bridge Authority employees will be stationed along the bridge roadway for any emergencies, and ambulances will be stationed at each end of the bridge.

Walkers should keep clear of oncoming traffic and be careful not to trip over the median grates. Motorists should expect delays, be alert to the walkers, and be patient when driving over the bridge.

All toll booths will be open

except for the booth closest to the administration building, which will be used to allow walkers and busloads of passengers through.

At the completion of the walk in Mackinaw City, participants will receive a numbered certificate to commemorate the accomplishment. Merchants in St. Ignace and Mackinaw City will display numbers in their store windows and matching numbers will earn the certificate holder a prize valued at between \$15 and \$150.

Information regarding special assistance for disabled walkers can be obtained from the Mackinac Bridge Authority at (906) 643-7600.

Supporting law enforcement will be from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Mackinac County Sheriff's Department, Emmet County Sheriff's Department, and Michigan State Police from Petoskey, Cheboygan, and St. Ignace.

The United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast

Guard Auxiliary will be on hand.

Bridge 'Fun Run'

The "fun run" with Governor Jennifer Granholm will be continued this year. It is promoted by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and permits 300 Michigan residents, selected at random June 30, to run the bridge ahead of the walkers. The Governor and the first wave of runners will start at 6:45 a.m., with the last group taking off five minutes before the walkers.

The event will not be timed and the course will not be certi-

fied for distance.

Whether walking or running the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day, Governor Granholm said, "participants can be true fitness role models for citizens across the state."

Early Island Boats

Arnold Transit Company and Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry will provide early boat departures to and from Mackinac Island and the mainland for the Labor Day Bridge Walk.

Shepler's will have a departure to St. Ignace from the Island at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. A

special departure to the Island from St. Ignace will leave at 6:30 a.m.

In Mackinaw City, Shepler's will have a boat heading to the Island at 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Special boat departures from the Island to Mackinaw City are scheduled for 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. The company will then resume its regularly scheduled departures from both docks.

Arnold Transit has special boat departures from the Island to St. Ignace at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. and the boat leaves St. Ignace for the Island at 6:30 a.m.

Youth Enjoy Summer Recreation Programs

Board Gets Update on Youth Activities

By Leslie Rott

When the Mackinac Island City Recreation Board met Monday, August 22, President Leanne Brodeur updated board members on the results of summer programs.

Twenty-four children, ages five to 13, participated in the "Arts & Nature-In-the-Park" program, which was held Wednesdays, from June 15 through July 20. The favorite activity of children was the nature walk and the Recreation Department hopes the program will take place again next summer.

There were 15 participants, grades seven through 12, at

the youth soccer camp, led by former professional soccer player Drago Dumbovic and members of the women's soccer team from Saginaw Valley State University. The camp was held Monday, June 27, through Wednesday, June 29, and generated \$845 in fees for the Recreation Department. Accommodations for the coach and players were funded by the Doris St. Onge Memorial Athletic Scholarship, Mackinac Island Public School Athletic Boosters, and the Recreation Department.

Fifteen children in grades six through 12 took part in a volleyball camp held Monday, July 18 through Wednesday, July 20, led by John Knuth, Marysville High School head volleyball coach and National Volleyball Coach of the Year. The program generated \$870, which went to Coach Knuth, and the Recreation Department supplied him with a hotel room at Mission Point Resort for one night.

Seventeen participants took

part in a basketball camp held Tuesday, August 9, through Thursday, August 11, led by Coach Sam Cornett from South Haven Public Schools. The program made \$440 for the Recreation Department, which provided a hotel room at the Chippewa Hotel and ferry tickets for the coach. Coach Cornett donated his time for the camp.

Twenty-three children participated in Wawashkamo Golf Course's children's program and 38 children participated in horseback riding lessons taught by Mrs. Brodeur.

Also deemed successful by the board were the youth softball, gymnastics, and dance class programs.

In other business at the meeting, the board discussed preliminary plans to resurface the softball field at Great Turtle Park, which is getting lumpy and uneven. Mrs. Brodeur suggested stripping the top and reseeding. Board member Barb Fisher told the board they should start locally and get opinions from contractors in the area. It is also hoped that a lighting engineer can be brought in to address lighting issues at the softball field and the park in general.

The board also discussed the possibility of a driving range, but arrived at no consensus as to where to put it. Board member Michael Hart suggested the board keep the idea alive.

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