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DISCOVER CHICAGO THIS SUMMER

Chicago History Museum explores Chicago with a series of summertime tours

CHICAGO (July 20, 2011) – This summer, the Chicago History Museum invites guests to discover the city like never before with expert-led tours examining life in the Windy City, past and present. **Walking, bus, pub, bike, boat, L, and kayak tours** are all on the roster this season, offering an unprecedented look into the unique history of our city.

On **Sunday, July 24 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**, take **"The World Tour"** and globetrot by trolley to taverns representing countries across the world (\$45/\$40 members). Learn about the histories of the nations visited and their communities in Chicago today. On **Thursday, August 11 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm**, join the **"And Action! Saloons on the Screen"** trolley tour on a cinematic journey to the taverns used by filmmakers and movie producers in famous movies and TV shows (\$30/\$25 members).

Historical kayak tours take place on **Saturdays and Sundays in July and August from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**, giving guests a chance to explore the architectural canyons of the city while learning more about its history. For an added "bang", catch the fireworks show on the **"Fireworks Paddle"** kayak tour (**Wednesday, August 3 from 7:15 pm to 10:45 pm**). All kayak tours are \$60/\$55 members and paddle approximately 6 miles. No experience is required.

Neighborhood walking tours focus on specific communities to shed light on the little known history of everyday living, including the colorful past and vibrant present of Old Town in the **"Old Town Trek"** (**Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**) and the history of America's first officially recognized gay neighborhood with **"Out in Lakeview"** (**Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**). Guided tours of **Oz Park** (**Saturdays July 30 and**

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August 20 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am) and Lincoln Park (Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm) similarly explore the history of Chicago's beloved neighborhood parks. All tours are \$15/\$10 members.

The **"Devil in the White City"** bus tour, taking place on **Saturdays July 23 and August 6**, examines the 1893 World's Fair and the devilish doings of serial killer HH Holmes.

Architectural historian Rolf Achilles leads **"Inside Five Houses of Devotion"** on **Saturday, July 30**, detailing five of the city's most glorious spiritual sites. Join co-curator Jill Austin on **Saturday, August 27** on the **"Out in Chicago"** tour of Chicago's historic LGBT sites, including Hull-House, Henry Gerber's residence, and the Belmont Rocks. All tours take place from **1:00 to 5:00 pm**. \$45/\$40 members (\$115 for three/\$100 members).

Tickets and information on these and all of Chicago History Museum upcoming events can be found by visiting <http://chicagohistory.org/planavisit/upcomingevents> or by calling 312-642-4600.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 73, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.