

JHS '63 Birthday Trip to Chicago
Preliminary Schedule and Roster
as of 9/3/10

Fellow Chicago Travelers:

Thanks to legwork by Geoff Gieske and a number of web searches, phone calls and emails, here is a proposed schedule for our time in Chicago. We hope that you find these options to your liking but you are, of course, welcome to make other plans in place of some or all of them. **We ask only that you reply to this message by Monday, September 6** with your plans for the events for which reservations are required. You can register your intentions with us and we will make the actual reservations.

Page 3 of this document is a form that you use to reply with the required information.

Page 4 contains the current list of travelers.

Thanks. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in the “Windy City.”

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Monday, September 13		
	8:24am	Train ride to Chicago. Plan to arrive at the Jackson Amtrak station at 7:45. Free long-term parking is available at the east end of the building but you need to go inside first to get a permit. We will be on Train 351. According to Amtrak, we cannot take any food or drinks to consume on the trip. They will have food service on the train. We can not check any luggage and can only have two carry-on bags per person. We arrive at Chicago's Union Station at 11:24am (CDT).
	Lunchtime	Cab rides from the train station to the Affinia, 166 E. Superior St.
	Afternoon	Arrive at the Affinia (official check-in is 3:00 but we can leave our bags at the bell desk), lunch, exploring the Magnificent Mile, John Hancock building, shopping, napping, etc.
	5:30pm	Kickoff meeting in the rooftop bar at the Affinia (remember, we are now on Central time).
	6:30pm	Pizza Party at Gino's East (next door to the Affinia at 162 E. Superior St.). \$22.50 per person includes salad, breadsticks, a variety of pizzas, soft drinks and cookies. Cash bar available. Reservations required (see page 3).
	Later	Afterglow in the Affinia.
Tuesday, September 14		
	Morning	Breakfast get-together at the Affinia or nearby coffee shop (come and go on your own schedule).

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	Lunchtime	Billy Goat Tavern (it's the inspiration for the old "Cheeseburger, Cheeseburger" skit from Saturday Night Live). 430 N. Michigan Avenue at the lower level.
	2:00pm	Architectural Boat Cruise (meet at 1:30 at the Wendella Dock at 400 N. Michigan Ave. at the Chicago River). The tour is 90 minutes. The price is \$15 if we have 20 or more, otherwise \$23. Reservations required.
	After the boat tour	Strolling around downtown sights such as Willis (Sears) Tower, Millenium Park and/or Navy Pier.
	7:00pm	Birthday dinner at Ed Debevic's restaurant, 640 N. Wells St. Our dinner package will include appetizers, an entrée from the regular menu, soft drinks and dessert. \$23 per person. Cash bar available. Reservations required.
Wednesday, September 15		
	Morning	Breakfast get-together at the Affinia or nearby coffee shop (come and go on your own schedule).
	9:30am	Two hour (one mile) guided walking tour of the eastern end of Route 66 (meet in front of the Art Institute, 111 S. Michigan Avenue at 9:15). \$10 per person. Reservations required. Lunch to follow.
	Lunchtime	Route 66 walkers will end up at Lou Mitchell's Restaurant, 565 W. Jackson Blvd. at 11:30am. Others are welcome to join the walkers. Separate checks but Reservations required.
	Afternoon	Some options: Various museums. Matinee performance of "Billy Elliott" or another show. Bicycle rentals. "Untouchables" bus tour.
	5:30pm	Pre-show dinner at the Fireplace Inn, 1448 N. Wells Street. Choose from BBQ ribs, filet mignon, chicken, pork chops and tilapia as part of a complete meal for \$47 per person. Cash bar available. Reservations required.
	8:00pm	Second City Comedy Club (in Old Town at 1616 N. Wells Street). Tickets are \$22 each. Reservations required.
Thursday, September 16		
	Morning	Breakfast get-together at the Affinia or nearby coffee shop (come and go on your own schedule). Last-minute shopping and sightseeing.
	Lunchtime	Eat before we board or buy food on the train.
	11:30am	Train trip to Jackson on Amtrak 352 leaving 12:16 (CDT). Arriving Jackson at 5:05 (EDT).
	Dinner	Jackson Coney Island.
	Later	Head for home to recover before our 50 year reunion in 2013.

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Please return this form or at least the information on it by Monday, September 6 so that we can make the required reservations. You can call us (734-662-9873) or respond to the email (john.white@jhs63.org). No need to pay right now.

Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

Cell phone numbers (so we can make a list to share with everyone):

Name: _____ Number: _____

Name: _____ Number: _____

I (we) will wish to make reservations for the following activities (enter the number of participants):

- _____. Pizza party at Gino's East on Monday evening (\$22.50 per person).
- _____. Boat cruise on Tuesday afternoon (\$15 or \$23 per person).
- _____. Dinner at Ed Debevic's Restaurant on Tuesday evening (\$23 per person).
- _____. Walking tour of Route 66 on Wednesday morning (\$10 per person)
- _____. Lunch at Lou Mitchell's Restaurant on Wednesday (pay for your own lunch).
- _____. Dinner at the Fireplace Inn on Wednesday evening (\$47 per person).
- _____. Tickets for The Second City Comedy show on Wed. evening (\$22 per person).

Note: If you have any ideas for activities while we are there, please write them in below. We will collect them and share with the other travelers so that small group outings might be arranged by those interested.

p.s. Our rooms at the Affinia have a queen bed and a queen sleeper sofa but our contract with the hotel allows for two free upgrades to a king bed (plus the queen sleeper). If you want one of these upgrades, indicate below. We will draw lots for them if we get more than two requests.

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Classmates and spouses you can expect to see in Chicago (please let us know of any last-minute updates):

First	Last	Attending	Train
Val (Baylor)	Baldwin	1	1
Jeanette (Wing) and Gary	Childs	2	2
Sandy (Reimers)	Demay	maybe	
Janet (Eberle) and Bill	Forbes	2	2
Geoff	Gieske	1	
Sara and Larry	Finton	2	2
June (Miller) and Steve	Gift	2	
Karen (Stroup) and Dan	Harris	2	
Diana (Donnelly) and Dan	Henning	2	
Pat and Tom	Hunt	2	2
Anne (Friske) and Mark	Lee	2	2
Sandy (Bristow) and Roger	Luce	2	2
Mary (Layhe) and Tom	Maneikis	2	2
Diane and Fred	McEldowney	2	
Jeff	Miller	maybe	
Sandy (Sparks) and Bill	Nichols	2	2
Jane (Neilson) and Gaylin	Olson	2	
Marlys and Tom	Peck	2	2
DiAnne (McLain)	Shumard	maybe	
Linda (Stroup) and Bob	Trumbull	2	2
Libby (Preston)	Warner	1	1
Mary (Page) and Rob	West	2	2
Lynn (Stone) and John	White	2	2
Totals:		37	26