

Optional Organized Activities

Friday, August 26th

5:00pm – Free Evening

Sign up for 1 of these 4 activities at online conference registration:

1) Discover Beer City USA

(Free, beer not included)

Organized by Experience GR, take the free DASH shuttle to designated stops at pubs and breweries along the way on a scavenger hunt through Grand Rapids, Beer City USA. *Tour begins/ends at the hotel, with **GRSMA point person Jack Latta**.*

2) Take the "African American History on the Grand" Walking Tour

(Free, private 90-minute guided tour for ICSOM by Chief Tour Ambassador Caroline Cook)

This outdoor tour specifically examines the African American population of Grand Rapids from 1826 to present, passing touchstones along the Grand River that prompt the telling of the tales of remarkable people, places, events, and issues. *Tour begins/ends at our hotel lobby, with **GRSMA point person Barb Corbato**.*

<https://grandrapidsrunningtours.com/tours/>

3) Visit the Frank Lloyd Wright's Meyer May House

(Free, private 75-minute tour for ICSOM, **with a maximum of 18 persons**, and COVID guidelines must be followed: masks, temperature check, health screening that day)

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1908 for a prominent Grand Rapids clothier, the Meyer May House was meticulously restored and opened to the public in the 1980s. Today, complete with original furnishings and faithfully executed reproductions, the Meyer May House provides the rare opportunity to experience a Prairie-style house exactly as Frank Lloyd Wright intended. Participants are asked to watch this film in advance of the tour at their website meyermayhouse.steelcase.com

*GRSMA musicians will provide transportation to/from this location, which is about two miles from our hotel, with **GRSMA point person Leslie Van Becker.***

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4) Hike to Lake Michigan from Saugatuck Dunes State Park ***

(Free, must bring appropriate footwear)

After a 45-minute car trip to the state park, we will follow the yellow beach markers for 3/4s of a mile while walking over the rolling terrain trails, eventually opening to the scenic sandy shoreline of Lake Michigan. *GRSMA musicians will provide transportation to/from the park to the hotel, with plans to return to our hotel by 8pm, with **GRSMA point person Paul Austin.***

<https://www.michigan.org/property/saugatuck-dunes-state-park>

*** (subject to change due to weather)