Join DeGraaf Nature Center on this amazing tour of two of the most magnificent places in our country: Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Yellowstone National Park is rich with natural wonders, the likes of which can be found nowhere else in the world. Yellowstone is home to the highest concentration of geothermal features on the planet including: fumaroles, geysers, hot springs, mudpots and travertine terraces. It is also home to the breathtaking “Grand Canyon of Yellowstone” where the Yellowstone River has carved its path over time. Millions of people visit the park in hopes of seeing some of its diverse wildlife. The Lamar Valley in the northeast part of the park is a viewing hotspot for many of the large mammals in the park including bison, elk, mule deer, and even bears and wolves. Contrasting the Yellowstone caldera are the rugged peaks of Grand Teton National Park to the south. A trip to the Grand Tetons and the Jackson Hole valley will take you back in time to see how billions of years of earthquakes, uplift, glaciers and erosion have formed this majestic landscape for us to explore. Grand Teton National Park is renowned for its trails and backcountry, blessed with beautiful mountain lakes, and is crossed by the stunning Snake River with uncompromised views to the Teton Range. This trip will be even more amazing as you will be in one of the best places on earth to witness the total solar eclipse on August 21.
Your trip will begin on Thursday, August 17 at DeGraaf Nature Center with a shuttle to Gerald R. Ford International Airport for our flight to Bozeman, MT. Upon arrival, we will proceed by van to our lodging at the Canyon Lodge inside Yellowstone National Park, our home base for four days of exploring the park. After taking in the sights and sounds (and smells) of Yellowstone, we will continue to Grand Teton National Park where we will stay three nights in the cabins at Colter Bay Village on the shore of Jackson Lake. Your days in the Grand Tetons and the Jackson Hole valley will be filled with amazing views, hikes, and a scenic float down the Snake River. The week will end with a scenic drive back to Bozeman for our flight back to Michigan.

Itinerary

**Day 1:** Travel to Yellowstone National Park via Bozeman, Montana and proceed to Lodging at Canyon Lodge in Yellowstone NP. Afternoon/evening hike on the North Rim Trail

**Day 2:** Hike/Explore the Yellowstone Canyon area in the AM then travel north along the Grand Loop Road toward Tower-Roosevelt with stops at Mt. Washburn, Tower Fall, and the petrified forest. Wild West Cookout at Roosevelt Lodge.

**Day 3:** Lamar Valley Wildlife viewing and Mammoth Hot Springs with stops at Wraith and Undine Falls, Obsidian Cliff and Roaring Mountain.

**Day 4:** Old Faithful Lodge and Geyser basin via Norris and Madison, Firehole Canyon Drive and Firehole Falls. Explore surrounding geyser basins and geothermal features and waterfalls.

**Day 5:** Travel south to Fishing Lake for a Yellowstone Lake Scenic Cruise then on to Lake Village and Grant Village.

**Day 6:** Travel to Grand Teton National Park to Colter Bay Village with stops/hikes along the way.

**Day 7:** The day will begin with a hike to Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point. In the afternoon we will have a 10-mile float trip down the scenic Snake River. This evening, take some time to explore Jackson, Wyoming and take in an authentic Wyoming rodeo.

**Day 8:** Today we will reach to the heights of Grand Teton National Park with an areal tram ride from Teton Village to access hiking trails, an adventure park, or if you are really looking for adventure, Paragliding!

**Day 9:** Depart for Holland, MI via Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
This tour of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks includes all transportation throughout the trip including round-trip airfare from Grand Rapids to Bozeman, MT, as well as ground transportation in the parks. Lodging is also included within the parks at Yellowstone’s Canyon Lodge and Grand Teton’s Colter Bay Village allowing us to spend less time getting to the park, and more time exploring. Your tour fees also include park admissions, ranger-led programs and tours, Wild West Cookout, float trip and other activities, as well as two naturalist guides. Not covered by the tour fees are meals, souvenirs, paragliding or other additional activities, gratuities, etc.

Fee: $2,799.00 based on double occupancy for Friends of DeGraaf; $2,829.00 for non-members (which includes a 1-year membership). There is a $350.00 deposit per person due at the time of reservation. If traveling alone, you will be placed with a roommate unless a single room is requested, at which time a single supplement fee of $1,200.00 will be imposed.

For more information, a detailed itinerary, or to make a reservation, Please call 616-355-1057 or email degraafnaturecenter@cityofholland.com