

A Magnificent Historic House Museum and Country Estate



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NEWS RELEASE

Stan Hywet is THE DESTINATION for Families

Akron's Best Backyard Offers Engaging Activities for All

April 6, 2018— Akron, Ohio — Historic Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, known as one of the best examples of Tudor revival architecture, is also a vast estate for children and families to enjoy a fun and refreshingly unique experience while learning about history, architecture and the natural environment. The new Youth Tour is geared for elementary school age children; Seiberling Explorers is an adventure for children, ages 3-6. Playgarden, Homes of Nature, Joe's Adventure, the Butterfly Habitat, Explorer Backpacks, Questing and Geocaching round out the list of exhibits on the estate for families to enjoy together.

Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio.

In the Manor House, the **Youth Tour** begins on June 1. Offered twice daily and given from the point-of-view of F.A. & Gertrude Seiberling's youngest child, Franklin, the tour explains to children the differences between growing up now and growing up in the early 20th century. Highlights on the 40-minute tour include 14 rooms with several *Touch-it Stations* which may include telephones, musical instruments, kitchen utensils, sporting equipment, cameras, and vintage games.

Seiberling Explorers is a new program in the Playgarden and throughout the Estate, taking children with their parents on a variety of adventures to learn about bugs, butterflies, geocaching, questing and physical fitness. Offered on Wednesdays at 10:30am and 1pm from June 6-August 15, this program is included in admission.

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Activities available for families every day include geocaching, Questing, Joe's Adventure, the Butterfly Habitat (opens June 17), Playgarden, Homes of Nature and Explorer Backpacks and more:

- **Playgarden** includes six interactive adventures that relate to the history and architecture of the estate to capture the delight and imagination of the entire family.
- **Homes of Nature**, across from Playgarden, are colossal interactive installations built to climb up, down and all around.
- **The Pollinator Garden** is an experiential and educational garden featuring plants that attract bee colonies. Guests will learn about the pollination and importance of bees to the environment.
- The **Explorer Backpack** is filled with binoculars, bug collectors and more. Children may sign out a backpack, perfect for family hikes around the estate.
- Visitors can get up-close-and-personal to a variety of domestic *lepidoptera* by visiting **Butterflies of North America**, located next to the Corbin Conservatory.
- Garden secrets and hidden architectural elements are waiting to be uncovered. Guests will follow a series of clues that lead to a hidden treasure box in **Questing**. Or guests may try **Geocaching** and find a "cache" by using a smart phone or handheld GPS.
- In the Manor House (part of admission), clues lead families on **Joe's Adventure**, a scavenger hunt throughout the Manor House. A completed adventure booklet may be redeemed for a prize. **Touch-It Stations** are interactive learning stations. The eight new **Story Cards**, feature fun facts about the Seiberlings. **Walk the Hall Guides** are a way to dive deeper into the history of Stan Hywet on a self-guided tour. The activities are included in a Manor House admission.

ADMISSION

Gardens, Grounds, Conservatory: \$12 adults, \$5 youth (ages 6-17), children 5 & under are free
Self-guided Manor House tour & grounds: \$15 adults, \$6 youth, children 5 & under are free
Guided Manor House tour & grounds: \$19 adults, \$8, youth, children 5 & under are free
Visit stanhywet.org for other tour prices.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10am-6pm; the last admission is at 4:30pm. The Estate is also open on the following Monday holidays with regular operating hours: Memorial Day, and Labor Day.

Hours of operation for public programs (special events) may be different; please check stanhywet.org for specifics. Daytime hours change in December; please check stanhywet.org for more details.

More information is available at www.stanhywet.org or by calling 330-836-5533.

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