

Faculty and Staff Diversity Mini-Grant Final Report

Project Title: "Students with Children (SWC) – Tour of Museums"

Grant Recipients: Students with Children Program

Date Project Started: Summer 2011

Amount of Money Funded by the Mini-Grant: \$5,000.00



1. How was the grant used to address a diversity or inclusion related goal?

Students with Children (SWC) program at Ferris State University is a diverse program in itself. Students of multiple ages, physical abilities, ethnic, religious, geographic and demographic backgrounds are participants in the program. The program provides support to families with children from infancy until 18 years of age. These families often times feel excluded from the general enrollment due to their family status. The museums scheduled were appropriate for a variety of age groups represented at Ferris State (ranging from ages 1-60+) and allowed families to choose the museum tour(s) that best "fits" their family structure and interest. The purpose of applying for the mini grant funds was to provide this underserved population of students an opportunity to learn about different cultures, animal species, art, creativity and history. We believe this grant allowed the program to fulfill the purpose to those who attended the museum tours.

2. Describe the audience that was impacted by the grant's implementation. Provide quantitative data, if available.

Our goal was to offer a variety of museum options that could enhance their family learning by selecting museums that the student may have previously attended and chose to share that experience with the child(ren) and to expand their horizons by choosing a museum that was a new experience for them.

These events not only built Ferris student-family relationships by supporting positive family interactions for our students, but also inspired their children by leaving long lasting memories that they shared with their peers. The SWC program concluded the "Tour of Museums" by exposing participants to two of the world's largest museums; The Shedd Aquarium and The Museum of Science and Industry. This trip was blended with other attractions in downtown Chicago and provided overnight accommodations. Participants who attend The Tour of Museums, other programs offered by SWC, and took advantage of the University and community resources developed a bond with Ferris and each other that will strengthen and promote ties to the University community. We believe that SWC participants are more likely to be retained and graduate from Ferris in comparison to families who choose not to take advantage of the family resources. It was not noted in the evaluation comments, but many parents stated verbally that their family would not have been able to see these attractions if it wasn't for the resources provided by the grant and the SWC program.

**3. What is your overall assessment of the project's impact on the Ferris community?
How did this impact compare to what you expected?**

In reviewing the written feedback from the questionnaire summaries and recalling the verbal feedback at the time of museum tours, we believe the feedback was more positive than what we expected. The excitement from the kids during the hands-on activities, the visual attractions, and seeing animal species confirmed a great learning experience. The parents were very engaged as well. With some of the museum tours the SWC program was able to combine a visit to a nearby attraction, such as a zoo or an adventure train ride. The cost for the added attraction was paid for by the SWC program.

There was an average of 30 attendees (include parents & children) at each event with a total of eight museums scheduled throughout the grant period. The SWC program scheduled a grand finale museum trip to Chicago to visit The Shedd Aquarium and The Museum of Science and Industry. Participants were eligible to attend the grand finale if they had attended at least two of the prior museum tours throughout the grant period. There were 37 attendees who participated in the grand finale. Attached with this report are the evaluation summaries for each museum for your review. Also attached is the expense report for the cost of the museum tours and a separate expense report for the Chicago trip. Attached to this report are summaries of each museum tour for your review.

Museum Event Photos

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Impression 5



Museum of Science & Industry



Ferris Bus



Students With Childen - Tour of Museum Event Expenses

Sumer 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012

Date	Event	Attendance	Vendor	Vendor Exp.	Student Mileage Reimbursement	Ferris Bus
07/27/11	Card Wildlife Museum	17	Meal	\$ 52.90		
10/22/11	Train Ride & Museum	61	Ticket/Meal	\$ 304.39	\$ 366.32	\$ 257.40
02/25/12	Charles H. Wright Museum	22	Ticket/Meal	\$ 324.43		\$ 457.50
04/07/12	Kalamazoo Air Zoo	35	Ticket/Meal	\$ 457.00	\$ 442.00	\$ 486.00
05/12/12	Kingman Museum & Binder Park Zoo	36	Ticket/Meal	\$ 473.69	\$ 282.00	\$ 642.12
06/14/12	GR Children's Museum	22	Ticket/Meal	\$ 220.64	\$ 56.50	\$ 265.08
06/20/12	Spirit of the Woods Museum	11	Ticket/Meal	\$ 228.55		\$ 436.32
06/30/12	Impression 5 Museum	32	Ticket/Meal	\$ 239.88	\$ 231.00	\$ 510.96
08/17/12	Chicago Museum	37	Ticket/Meal	\$ 1,437.85	\$ 654.15	\$ 3,902.18
	Total # of Participants	273		\$ 3,739.33	\$ 2,031.97	\$ 6,957.56
					Vendor/Travel Total	\$ 12,728.86
					Mini Grant Award	\$ 5,000.00
					SWC Contribution	\$ 7,728.86



Card Wildlife Education Center

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
0	8	9	17	6	6	100.0%
<u>Event Rating</u>			<u>(Highest) 1</u>	2	3	NA
1. The event was very entertaining	# of Ratings	6	0	0	0	
2. I learned something new during this event.	# of Ratings	6	0	0	0	
3. My family enjoyed the opportunity to attend this event.	# of Ratings	6	0	0	0	
		Yes	No			
4. Have you ever attended an event like this before?	# of Ratings	4	2			
5. Did you meet someone new on this trip?	# of Ratings	4	2			
<u>Comments</u>						
Thank you very much for the refreshments!!						
A lot of fun! We liked the animals a lot! We love museums!						
I'm very excited to attend all the museum events. My family is ready to learn and enjoy all the museum trips!						

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Grand Rapids Museum and Train Ride

Saturday, October 22, 2011

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
5	23	31	59	19	22	86.4%
		<u>Event Rating</u>	<u>(Highest) 1</u>	2	3	NA
1. The Event was very entertaining	# of Ratings		14	2	3	0
2. I learned something new during this event.	# of Ratings		14	3	2	0
3. My family enjoyed the opportunity to attend this event.	# of Ratings		16	2	1	0
		Yes	No	SWC		
4. Did you attend this event with your mentor or mentee?	# of Ratings		0	6	13	
5. Have you ever attended an event like this before?	# of Ratings		7	12		
6. Did you meet someone new on this trip?	# of Ratings		12	7		

Comments

Where's the food and train robbery?

We should have a movie night!

Train was boring. Museum was ok. 3 yr old isn't interested in history.

We loved it! Very fun day!

Was extremely fun. Should go again in the summer for train robbery!

The Children's Museum would have been more interesting for children.

Could we visit a pumpkin patch next year? Like Andersen + Girls, with the petting zoo?

Thanks a bundle!

Enjoyed ever aspect of the event, on the top of the list of best ever events!

My family really enjoyed this trip and we would like to say thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Saturday, February 25, 2012

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys</u> <u>Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
4	8	13	25	11	12	91.7%
		<u>Event Rating</u>	<u>(Highest) 1</u>	2	3	NA
1. The event was very entertaining.		# of Ratings	7	4	0	0
2. I learned something new during this event.		# of Ratings	9	2	0	0
3. My family enjoyed the opportunity to attend this event.		# of Ratings	10	1	0	0
		Yes	No	SWC		
4. Did you attend this event with your mentor or mentee?		# of Ratings	3	1	7	
5. Have you ever attended an event like this before?		# of Ratings	3	8		
6. Did you meet someone new on this trip?		# of Ratings	8	3		
<u>Comments</u>						
We loved this trip. Very moving- thank you so much for providing lunch, snacks, and dinner. So nice!						
Thank you!						
I will try to behave on the next trip.						
Good job and enjoyed the traveling!						
I really enjoyed this event!						
Good trip, wonderful experience!						

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Kalamazoo Air Zoo

Saturday, April 07, 2012

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
0	16	21	37	9	11	81.8%
		<u>Event Rating</u>	<u>(Highest) 1</u>	2	3	NA
1. The event was very entertaining	# of Ratings		7	2	0	0
2. I learned something new during this event.	# of Ratings		8	0	1	0
3. My family enjoyed the opportunity to attend this event.	# of Ratings		6	3	0	0
			Yes	No	SWC	
4. Did you attend this event with your mentor or mentee?	# of Ratings		0	0	9	
5. Have you ever attended an event like this before?	# of Ratings		4	5		
6. Did you meet someone new on this trip?	# of Ratings		6	3		
<u>Comments</u>						
Very enjoyable trip, children didn't want to go home.						
Food service was terrible.						
Loved it!						
Tour optional, small children not patient enough.						
This was very fun, very informative. I think we should visit the Science Center in Detroit.						
We had a fantastic time! Kids loved it! Thanks so much!						

Kid

Kingman Museum and Binder Park Zoo

Saturday, May 12, 2012

<i>SCHOLARS</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Total Attendance</i>	<i>Total Surveys Turned In</i>	<i>Total Families</i>	<i>Return %</i>
0	16	22	38	14	10	140.0%
		<i>Event Rating</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>		NA
1. Do you think this museum was worth your time?		# of Ratings	13	1	0	0
2. Would you do this again?		# of Ratings	14	0	0	0

3. What was your favorite exhibit at the Kingman Museum?

Planetarium (8)

Carnivorous Exhibit (3)

Star Exhibit

Animals

Rocks

4. What did you enjoy most about the Zoo?

Animals

Wild African Peacocks

The African Exhibit (2)

The animals, view, and the rides.

Giraffes (2)

Looking at Africa and the train.

Everything

Free roam of animals

I enjoyed seeing the animals in a big area instead of being confined.

Spending time with my family and the giraffes.

Seeing the animals and my children feeding the giraffes.

Feeding the giraffes.

5. What motivated you to attend this Museum and Zoo today?

I have been wanting to go for a while.

Spend time with family.

I love the Students w/Children trips!

The fact that we were coming.

A fun filled day with my family.

To be with my daughter.

Lack of family activites in Big Rapids.

During school break and did not have to study.

I love and enjoy the experience of learning from museums and zoos!

Learning with my family.

Mom
Wife
We have never been to Binder Park Zoo. I thought it would be a good family event.
2 children and great people.
Comments and/or Suggestions
Halloween at Binder Park Zoo! No Marne Train. www.binderparkzoo.org/boo
Bowling, swimming, and movies
Doing great! Thanks!
I had lots of fun despite the rain. Thank you!
I loved the museum and my kids loved the zoo.
It was great and you guys are wonderful! Thank you!!!
I really enjoyed all the things to learn at these events (museum and zoo).
We had a great time!
Everything turned out great despite the rain.
Had a wonderful time!!

Grand Rapids Children's Museum

Thursday, June 14, 2012

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
0	9	13	22	9	7	128.6%
		<u>Event Rating</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>NA</u>	
1. Do you think this museum trip was a valuable experience?		# of Ratings	9	0	0	
2. Would you visit this museum again?		# of Ratings	9	0	0	

3. What was your child(ren)'s favorite exhibit at the Museum?

Yes

Animal Doctor/Blocks

The Bubbles (5)

Bees and Bubbles

Bee Exhibit

4. What did you enjoy most about the Museum?

Kids could touch.

Magnets

The kids were busy and happy the entire time.

The Bubbles! (3)

Masks and Bees

Everything! There was lots to do.

Family time with daughter.

That the kids could be kids doing everything.

Bees and Bubbles

5. What motivated you to attend the Grand Rapids Children's Museum today?

Sounded fun. (2)

Fun for the kids.

Family time. (2)

I knew my children would love it.

Spending time with my children.

Continuing with the museum trips of the semester.

Comments and/or Suggestions

Michigan's Adventure and Cedar Point. Suggestion sheets please

Lunchable - great idea!

Disney World or Land

It was fun and my first time here.

Spirit of the Woods Museum & Music House Museum

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
0	6	8	14	8	5	160.0%
		Event Rating	Yes	No	NA	
1. Do you think this museum trip was a valuable experience		# of Ratings	8	0	0	
2. Would you visit this museum again?		# of Ratings	8	0	0	
3. What was your favorite exhibit at the Spirit of the Woods Museum or Music House Museum?						
The Owls						
Big Bear						
The Animals						
At the music museum, loved the organs.						
Large White Organ						
Pipe Organ						
Organs						
The Silent Movie						
4. What did you enjoy most about the Spirit of the Woods Museum or the Music House Museum?						
Great customer service!						
All the many stuff animals!						
The Shoes!						
That you could feel the furs. The music boxes.						
All the old time juke boxes.						
Movie						
The Music						
The History						
5. What motivated you to attend the Spirit of the Woods Museum or Music House Museum today?						
The kids wanted to go.						
My daughter.						
Something new and family time.						
To do something with my daughter. To attend museums.						
Part of the trip, but we loved it!						
Trip with my family.						
Family time						
Love of music						
Comments and/or Suggestions						
Thank you very much! (2)						

Impression 5 Science Museum

Saturday, June 30, 2012

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
0	17	16	33	15	11	136.4%
		<u>Event Rating</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>NA</u>	
1. Do you think this museum trip was a valuable experience?		# of Ratings	15	0	0	
2. Would you visit this museum again?		# of Ratings	11	4	0	

3. What was your child(ren)'s favorite exhibit at the Museum?

Brushing the teeth.

Teeth

Did not come with children today.

Playing with bricks and making the slime. (2)

Water area (2)

Water play

Pulleys and balls

Music (2)

Slime (2)

Chemistry

Speed throw

4. What did you enjoy most about the Museum?

The hands on concept.

Making the slime. (2)

Bubbles

The lights

Good educational experience for kids.

Playing with bubbles and the learning experience.

The first impression room.

Water

All science stuff. (3)

Chemistry

Completing the circuit.

All the hands on stuff. (3)

The learning activities.

5. What motivated you to attend the Impressoin 5 Science Museum today?
Family time out of the house.
My daughter
To get out of Big Rapids.
To give my son new experiences.
The location!
Experience
SWC!!
Part of museum trip.
Spending time with family.
I had visited as a kid and wanted my daughter to experience the museum as well.
Comments and/or Suggestions
Great for kids! Hot inside.
Need way more time!

Tour of Museums Finale - Chicago

8/17/2012 - 8/18/2012

<u>SCHOLARS</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Surveys Turned In</u>	<u>Total Families</u>	<u>Return %</u>
0	17	20	37	13	12	108.3%
		Event Rating	Yes	No	NA	
1. Did your family enjoy the opportunity to travel to Chicago?		# of Ratings	13	0	0	
2. Did you enjoy the meals provided?		# of Ratings	13	1	1	
6. Did you enjoy the Oceanarium show at the Shedd Aquarium?		# of Ratings	13	0	0	

3. What was your favorite attraction at the Museum of Science & Industry?

Dissect an eye (2)

The U-Boat 505/submarine (4)

The "You" exhibit

Lightening attraction

Eyeball dissection and Happy Brr-thday exhibit

Watching the toy being made.

Eggs hatching, coal mine

Everything

Shedd Aquarium

4. What did you enjoy the most about the Museum of Science & Industry?

Tesla exhibit

There was so MUCH to see, and so fun and educational.

All of the different attractions. Great variety

Interactive things

All the hands on activities

The man made tornado

EVERYthing!!

Human anatomy

Eyeball dissection

Seeing my daughter have fun.

Coal mine

Seeing old items

Weather/small city scale

5. What was your favorite attraction at the Shedd Aquarium?

Dolphins

Wild Reef, with the sharks!

The center aquarium

The aquarium
Otters and dolphins
The dolphin and whale show (2)
Shark tank
Otters
I liked the Coral Reef.
Hammerhead sharks, otter, whales, dolphins
Everything
Group activity
7. What did you enjoy most about the Tour of Museums Finale trip?
That we went out of town.
Going on a fabulous mini-vacation with my kids that I never could have afforded myself.
Going to the city of CHICAGO!
Trip to Chicago
Enjoying the dolphin show.
All of it
U-Boat 505
It was in Chicago.
Seeing museums I couldn't afford now.
So much fun
Awesome
Everything
8. What motivated you to attend the Tour of Museums Chicago trip?
Good experience for the kids.
I've always wanted to see the Chicago museums.
Learning & teaching the kids. The cost
I like museums.
Never been to Chicago
I have enjoyed all of the museums so far.
Would be fun
The experience
The aquarium and time with family
See Chicago and museums with my daughter.
Aquarium
The chance to go somewhere we had not been to.
SWC
9. What did you learn most from the museums you attended throughout the year?
What a big, beautiful world we have - hoping it's inspired my kids to aspire to do something substantial.
Science is great.
You can build a museum around a submarine.

Many new things
There's a lot of history.
There is so much to learn.
I learned more about science.
There is so much out there to see and learn.
How fun learning can be.
You can never be done learning.
Unknown information
Comments and/or Suggestions
I LOVE this program and the people who run it and hope one day to help in some way so I can give back to Ferris SWC.
Great trip, lots of fun.
Thank you!
Might want to choose a dining option that appeals to most (several options, not just one). Thanks!
Cedar Point, DQ
Thank you for the opportunity to visit all of the museums.
More time for museums
Thank you so much for the wonderful experiences!
Overall great trip. Appreciate from the bottom of my heart.

