

Crawford County Older Adult Recreational Survey

This survey was distributed via email in January 2015 and received 58 responses.

1 What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? Please list your top five favorite activities or hobbies.

26 - Reading
17 - Walking
8 - Watch Movies
8 - Gardening
7 - Watching TV; watching sports; watching news
7 - Travel
7 - crochet
6 - Sewing
6 - Cross Country Skiing
5 - Swimming
5 - Pool
5 - Hiking
5 - Bicycling
4 - Play with grandchildren; watch their activities
4 - Motorcycles
4 - Kayaking
4 - Fishing
4 - exercise
4 - Crafting
4 - computer; computer games; social media sites
4 - Camping
3 - Activities with my animals
3 - Sports Cars
3 - Quilting
3 - playing games
3 - Genealogy research
3 - Fly Fishing and Tying
3 - Dancing
3 - bowling
3 - baking
2 - woodworking
2 - volunteering
2 - stamping
2 - spending time with friends
2 - Snowshoeing
2 - Remodeling
2 - playing cards
2 - listening to music
2 - cooking
2 - Canoeing
2 - arts and crafts
Backpacking
Bible Study
bingo
boating
BRANSON / MUSIC SHOWS
Church
Confederate Sons of America
craft shows
Creative Writing
Darts
Drives around Northern Mich.
easy workouts

go to parks
going out to eat
going to a new or favorite restaurant
Going to Disneyland!
going to get-togethers where there's food,
dancing and conversation
going to new,different, exciting places
going to the casino
High Speed Walking
Hunting
I have little spare time
I play on the computer, so I'm good at home.
jewelry making
Knitting
live entertainment
Mountain Biking
music
Needlework
Perform Music/Storytelling
play cards
Play guitar
Play instrument
Plays
Politics
Program Development
Research History
Restore Tractors
Riding my motorscooter
Running
scrapbooking
Shakespeare
shooting
Singing
Solitaire
Sons of the American Revolution
Spin Yarn
stir up community to future needs
Take rides with my wife
target shooting
Teaching Children
Visiting Nursing Facilities
water color painting
wine tasting
word searches
working around my house
write

Are there social activities missing in your life/community?

answered question 40

skipped question 17

15 - No
 4 - playing card parties
 3 - Dances
 2 - workouts
 2 - shopping
 2 - partners for travel
 2 - Live entertainment; i.e., comics
 ability to gather handicapped individuals or couples for limited recreation
 access to senior center because not enough parking
 Although I haven't attended any events, I think the Senior Center offers a wide variety of activities.
 being with family
 Book Clubs
 coffee shop or book store to meet and greet. non medical
 community service such as making cards for service people or shut-ins
 crafting lessons/quilting lessons
 culture!! museums, book clubs, music
 Dinner Party
 diy activities like woodworking
 dog park
 fellowship
 fine dining
 foreign language training & political awareness re: islamization of America
 fun place that connect educated like-minded people
 general social gatherings
 get-to-gether (long)
 Good restaurants for that special night out with something other than bar food.
 Group music playing
 groups: grief, staying healthy,
 health and cooking classes
 I am a widow of six year
 indoor affordable walking area for winter
 Lecture series
 Michigan Time Bank
 need to play more games with friends
 old fashion hometown fair i.e. prizes for baked goods,can goods,etc.
 Potlucks
 Running Errands for each other on a trade-off basis
 Sometimes I just have to look a little harder
 Theatre day including transportation discount and assisting handicapped; opera, shakespeare; more
 than high school
 trips (long) to different,exciting places
 Writng to Shut Ins
 yoga

7 - trips - Canada, China, Disneyland, Vegas in a group setting; farms & local historical museums; one/two days; side trips; day trips

4 - walking - indoor in the winter; better opportunities; in Roscommon as Grayling is 20 miles away

3 - yoga: chair; evening

3 - Swimming; swimming pool

3 - I can't think of any.

3 - exercise - workouts; physical

3 - Book clubs

2 - shopping opportunities besides Grayling; mystery shopping days

2 - movie group

2 - good christian singers or ones like Amanda Keri

2 - Dance classes; after 5pm

2 - Concerts

any of the above that wouldn't cost a whole lotta money

bike trails (more), particularly down M-72 towards Mio.

bingo

Bungee Jumping

class exercising our brain

classes crafting (evening)

classes for new subjects or activities

Community band

Community choir

cooking classes, foreign cuisine, using herbs, using spices

corn roast or community pot luck over bon fire chat

cribbage or pinochle group?

day care for seniors

Discuss Shakespeare

Entertainment in pubs

fine dining

I wish we still had a Curves in Grayling

indoor vegetable gardening, alternative therapies

interesting speakers /theatrical performances

learn Arabic

Lecture series

live entertainment

live music

live theater

Mediation classes

Michigan Time Bank

museums

music

Restaurants

riverwalk - paved

Sewing / embroidery classes

Shuffle board

Skydiving

Swap Shop paper

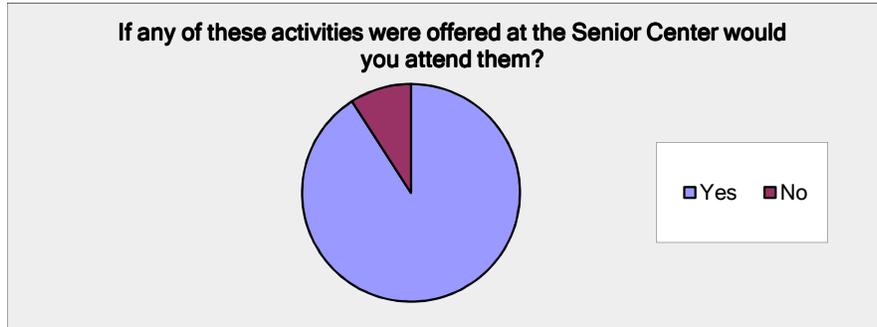
Sweet Adeline's

tai chi evening

Writing Clubs to promote publishing opportunities

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If any of these activities were offered at the Senior Center would you attend them?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	90.9%	40
No	9.1%	4
<i>answered question</i>		44
<i>skipped question</i>		13



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If you attended activities at the Senior Center, what is the best day and time for your activities?	
	Response Count
	47
<i>answered question</i>	47
<i>skipped question</i>	10

- 14 - Evenings
- 8 - Anytime
- 6 - Afternoon
- 4 - Weekends
- 2 - Thursday's work good 6:30p.m. would be better
- 2 - Mornings
- 2 - Monday thru Thursday
- 2 - Late morning or early afternoon, most weekdays
- 9-10 am or just before dinner
- after my meds kick in at 11 am or later
- Late morning or early afternoon. Not Tuesday, Friday or weekends
- mid week
- Mornings early in the week
- not at night don't likie to drive when the sun set
- Tues and Thursday afternoon
- Tues, Thurs & Friday
- Tuesday &/or Thursday, daytime
- Wednesday. After 10am
- Week days

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If you would not attend events at the Senior Center, what is preventing you from attending? Please explain why.

	Response Count
	28
<i>answered question</i>	28
<i>skipped question</i>	29

4 - Work - I am still employed and it is difficult to participate in daytime activities; Still working full time and meeting my recreational needs outside of the Senior Center.

3 - Weather

3 - transportation, and cost of getting there, hard to find money on the small fixed income; don't drive

3 - Other commitments.

3 - N/A

3 - Distance - We live closer to Roscommon; less than a mile from county line with Roscommon & 3 miles from town. Would go to Roscommon Seniors Center for any & all activities, rather than drive 20 miles one way!!!! Crawford residents should be able to transfer/attend adjacent county senior centers without charge if closer to them--especially since seniors can't or don't drive long distance or on the freeway! Current "rules" not fair or equitable to the senior seniors for above reason; too far; I live 22 miles away from the center - sometimes just too far to come unless I'm already in town for something else. I have attended a few events & have not found the participants to be particularly friendly.

Church commitments

Didn't really feel old enough!! Just turned 60. Sometimes something is offered once and it's not a convenient time - would be great to have more choices of activities and times. Also, we don't live in town so sometimes it's just easier to stay home. Would like to see more "younger" seniors like us participating.... Thanks!!

Events don't address interests

Health I have fibromyalgia

I like being home, making it a priority

I would love to attend some of the Zumba Gold and exercise classes but I can't get to the center in the mornings.

If it costs money, I do not have it, ever, it seems. If it is only for an hour, it is not worth the gas to go to it.

My age.

Nothing offered that is of interest.

parking, privacy, and space and quiet that is needed for some activities

Time

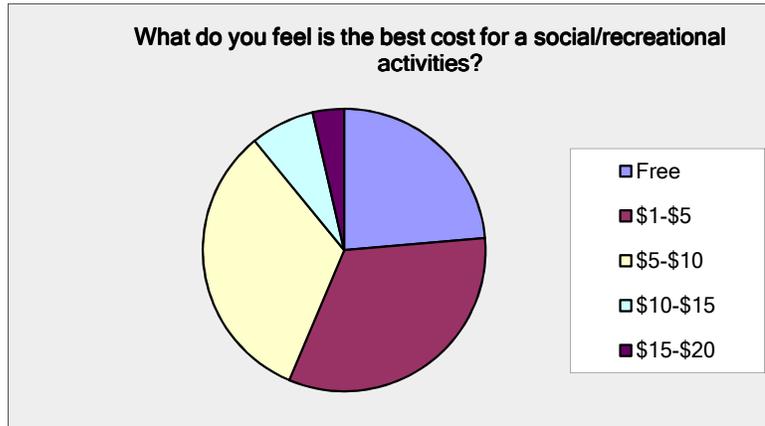
Volunteer or work during the week

weary in the evening - work part time in the daytime

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What do you feel is the best cost for a social/recreational activities?

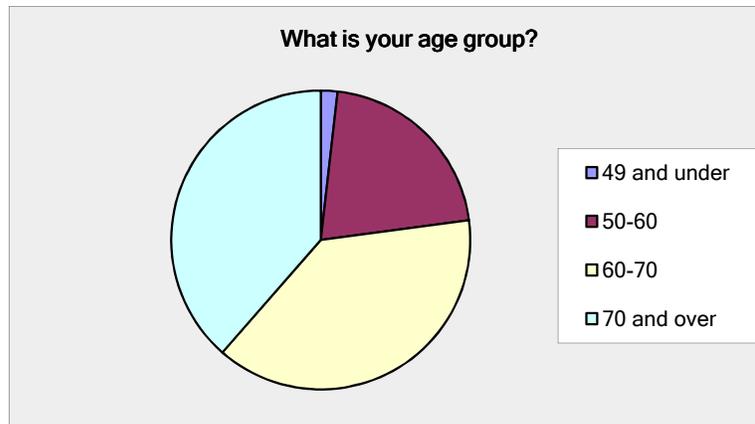
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Free	23.6%	13
\$1-\$5	32.7%	18
\$5-\$10	32.7%	18
\$10-\$15	7.3%	4
\$15-\$20	3.6%	2
<i>answered question</i>		55
<i>skipped question</i>		2



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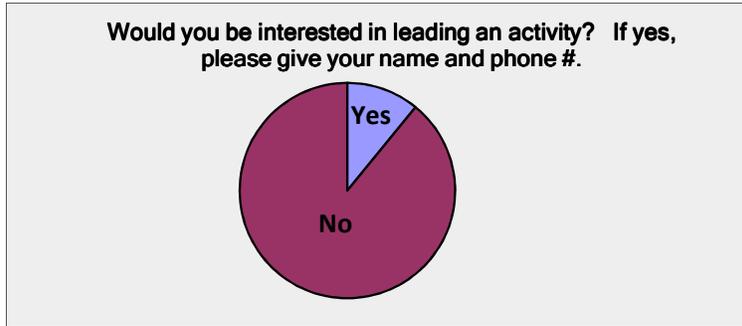
What is your age group?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
49 and under	1.8%	1
50-60	21.1%	12
60-70	38.6%	22
70 and over	38.6%	22
<i>answered question</i>		57
<i>skipped question</i>		0



9 Would you be interested in leading an activity? If yes, please give your name and phone #.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	10.9%	5
No	89.1%	41
Name and Phone #		10
		<i>answered question</i> 46
		<i>skipped question</i> 11



10 If you are not willing to lead an activity, would you consider co-leading an activity?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	20.0%	9
No	80.0%	36
Name and Phone #		16
		<i>answered question</i> 45
		<i>skipped question</i> 12

