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**Have a Roaring Good Time this Summer with
New Adventures along Michigan's West Coast**

(Grand Rapids – April 18, 2008) There are always plenty of exciting events and activities along Michigan's West Coast, but Summer 2008 introduces several new attractions to roar about!

Lions to Roar Again at John Ball Zoo

Lions are returning to Grand Rapids' John Ball Zoo. Bissell's Lions of Manyara, opening in June, will be one of the largest lions' exhibits in the nation. Because the exhibit is replicated after Lake Manyara in Tanzania, one of the few places in the world where lions have been known to climb trees, this new exhibit features a climbing tree that is heated in the cooler months and cooled when it is warm. Visitors can get a look at the lions from a variety of viewing vantage points. Two bomas, replicas of Tanzanian buildings, sit at the foot of the exhibit providing a panoramic view. One of the bomas contains a rock that is both inside the boma and outside the exhibit so that children can actually 'share a rock' with the lions. There is also a two-story viewing deck that provides a bird's-eye view of the lions.

Also debuting at the zoo this summer is the exciting Sky Trail. This high ropes course promises double deck adventure. Participants, outfitted with a harness and a lanyard, trek across rustic bridges, ropes and swings. The Sky Trail, along with the four-story-high Zipline that opened last year, makes John Ball Zoo the only action zoo in Michigan.

Thunderhawk Roars onto the Coaster Scene at Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park

Thunderhawk, the first suspended looping roller coaster in the state, opens this season at Michigan's Adventure in Muskegon. The steel coaster peaks at 105 feet with an exhilarating 86-foot drop. Thrill seekers will fly through the air as their feet dangle beneath them along a winding course that features five inversions at a speed of 50 mph. Thunderhawk is the seventh roller coaster and one of 60 rides and attractions.

The Roar of Applause to echo at Saugatuck's Tenth Annual Waterfront Film Festival

The Tenth Annual Waterfront Film Festival in Saugatuck on June 12th – 15th introduces a new venture, the Waterfront NewMedia Television Festival. This premier event will serve as a platform for independent producers, directors, writers and actors to share their pilots that could be aired via network or cable television, web media or other forms of broadcast.

The Winter 2007 edition of *Screen Actors' Guild Magazine* listed Waterfront as one of the top five favorite film festivals, along with Cannes and Sundance.

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