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Cold Water Canyon Retreat Exclusive Site for Groups, Weddings

(WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis.) – A quaint, historic stone building that once greeted sightseers, now hosts small groups and wedding parties on the shores of the scenic Wisconsin River. For decades, the Pavilion at Cold Water Canyon served as a concession building and rest area for Dells Boat Tours passengers. Now fully refurbished, the site is a beautiful, secluded location for small groups and private party events.

“Cold Water Canyon is a great location for special events, such as wedding ceremonies and receptions, reunion banquets, or even for a small meeting retreat,” said Stephanie Gunderson, group sales director for Dells Boat Tours.

Getting to the exclusive spot is part of the allure of this unique venue. All events for Cold Water Canyon start by way of a private chartered Dells Boat excursion. Guests embark at the main Upper Dells Boat dock and enjoy a leisurely cruise upriver to what is one of the most scenic tributary channels of the Wisconsin River.

The center piece of Cold Water Canyon is the historic stone Pavilion, perched among the trees of the shady ravine. The 700-square-foot building was erected in 1939 as a concession stand stop for regular boat tours. In recent years it was refurbished to provide an enclosed space for groups to enjoy. Guests will find its updated interior blends with its historical standing as well as the natural surroundings. The building features stone and wood décor, along with stylish wrought iron lighting making it suitable for elegant affairs or more casual gatherings. The Pavilion is equipped with a built-in bar service area, a lighted dance floor and a gas fireplace. The space is wired for audio/visual needs and features indoor/outdoor speakers.

The Cold Water Canyon site is an attractive choice for weddings. Various package options are available combining charter excursions with a stop at the Pavilion for a ceremony, dinner or cocktail party event.

“Cold Water Canyon is such a beautiful location for a ceremony or a small reception; couples are drawn to the unique spot for celebrating their special day,” Gunderson said. The tranquil Pavilion is also a wonderful place for other gatherings including banquets, family reunions, special occasion dinners, parties, celebrations, meetings and business retreats.

The Pavilion can be arranged for 80 sit-down guests at round tables or up to 100 people seated at rectangular banquet tables. Either sit-down meal service or buffet options are available. Larger groups can be accommodated for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in a cocktail reception-type set up. Outside stone patio areas can serve as an overflow or break area. As well, there is a 40x40-foot framed white-colored event tent outside to accommodate additional seating options.

Event packages have been set up to accommodate smaller groups of up to 75 people, as well as larger gatherings with as many as 150 guests. Package options include events that run from two to eight hours in length. All include charter boat roundtrip transportation and cruising time, use of the canyon site and amenities, as well as pre-event set-up time. Interested parties should call Dells Boat Tours direct to discuss their event needs and get pricing details.

Catering, entertainment and any other extras are contracted separately from the charter boat and venue rentals. Dells Boat Tours has a list of service providers in the area who have been involved with events at the Pavilion including: caterers, wedding planners, florists, officiates, audio/visual equipment, table linens & tent rentals and transportation services.

Dells Boat Tours have been operating in Wisconsin Dells for more than 165 years. For additional information, or to book an event, please contact Stephanie Gunderson, group sales director, at (608) 254-8555 or email groups@dellsboats.com. Additional details and photos can be viewed at www.dellsboats.com. Tours of the Pavilion and Cold Water Canyon are available by appointment.

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