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Activities Issue

Spring and summer are coming and it will be time for SGHP activities outside your classroom. We're hard at work planning fun and informative trips and learning opportunities for you. This newsletter will give you a brief idea so you can start making plans.

NCHE Pittsburg Trip

Our SW Georgia RESA cohort will be going to Pittsburg in April for the annual National Council of History Educators Conference. NCHE is an organization dedicated to helping teachers at all levels in improving content knowledge. Although nationally recognized author David McCullough is the keynote speaker, presenters at all the concurrent sessions are classroom teachers from all levels. For the first time we have a teacher presenting to a national audience. Jim Hall of Thomas County Central will present his unit on "Teaching Conscription-A Historical Overview of US Draft Policy, 1775-present". Al Jacobs and Dr John Dunn will assist.

Dr Walsh's Research Class

The Okefenokee cohort will have their turn with Dr Walsh's SEED 7150 class. Those class dates are

History 7102, The Gilded Age

Dr. Charles Johnson's graduate course, is going forward for the OK cohort. We looked around for a good place to meet and decided on the new meeting room of Jimbo's Log

Kitchen, the primo BBQ restaurant in Homerville. So far no one has complained about being forced to eat lunch next door!!

The SGHP course offering for Fall semester 2005 will be a new course, HIST 7103, The Progressive Era taught by Dr Johnson. It will be offered on the VSU campus and unlike previous classes will be open to everyone in the program, regardless of your RESA. We're doing that because the end of SGHP is in sight and we want everyone to have full opportunity to get the class. Of course if you do decide to make the trek to VSU, we will pay your travel regardless of where you're coming from.

Summer Trip

We're hard at work putting together our summer bus trip offering for you. Here's the schedule:

June 26 - Depart Coastal Plains RESA in afternoon to Savannah

June 27 - Architectural history of Savannah - depart to Charleston

June 28 - Religious/church history of Charleston

June 29 - History of the rice plantation and Gullah cultures - depart to Augusta

June 30 - History of the Industrial Revolution - Augusta Canal and King Mill
Return to Lenox.

This is the first announcement but we're actively working right now on reservations, tour guides, lodging, etc. Spouses will be invited if there is space available. What we



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need from you is a commitment by March 15th so we can lock in our plans. Please look at your summer calendar and Email Al.

Fall Conference

Conference date for this year will be August 5th and 6th at the Valdosta Conference Center. Those dates should be the end of planning week for school year 2005-2006 for most of you.

Cruisin News

If you missed Al's newsletters from his Cape Horn/South America trip, they're now available in downloadable format at <http://home.alltel.net/taljacobs> . Click "Cruisin News" at bottom of home page.

End of SGHP

As most of you know, SGHP comes to an end on SEP 30, 2005. However, we have asked for a one year extension to SEP 30, 2006 and have been assured that there won't be a problem.

For anyone teaching the Cold War or U.S. foreign policy related topics:

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) now offers numerous maps, briefing materials, communiqués, timelines, wall charts, DVDs, etc., for free to any interested party. They have examples on their "e-generation" web page <http://www.nato.int/education/home.htm>