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Group Travel News!

As we approach the end of 2008, I hope you have had a wonderful year in travels. As you begin to work on your 2009 & 2010 itineraries, please feel free to contact us for a current Visitor Guide, Tour Planner or an itinerary catered to the interests of your group. A few itinerary ideas are Song & Dance, Ag Heritage, History Buff, Game Day, Tour the Town and a Day with the Grandparents. I look forward to working with you on a trip in the future.

Performing Arts

We would like to welcome **Lindsay Haskins** as the new group sales contact person and Advancement Assistant at the **Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC)**.

The GBPAC offers a phenomenal line-up for the 2008-2009 season! From the best of Broadway to comedy, from cultural dance to classical ballet, the Gallagher-Bluedorn is truly your center for the arts! Book your group of 15 or more to receive a 10% discount off regular adult ticket prices.

Be sure to check out these select performances where groups of 15 or more receive **50%** off adult ticket prices: Handel's Messiah featuring the Metropolitan Chorale, awe-inspiring pianist Ji-Yong, "To Kill a Mockingbird," and one of the most profound choreographers of modern dance, Ronald K. Brown with his dance company, Evidence.

Visit www.gbpac.com for the complete 2008-2009 season schedule. To make reservations, contact **Lindsay Haskins** at (319) 273-3672 or lindsay.haskins@uni.edu.

At the **Lampost Theatre & Coffee Co.** your group will have a one-of-a-kind experience. Lampost Theatre offers dessert & dinner theatre in a delightful atmosphere. Lampost productions range from sketch comedy & variety to large-scale musical theatre productions. Shows are always marked by their unique, engaging style and their family-friendly content. In addition to theatre, food and coffee you group may take to the dance floor for swing dancing or line dancing, complete with lessons.

For more information, you may contact **Sarah Twito** at info@lampost.com or (319) 277-8034.

Think Spring!

Hartman Reserve Nature Center presents their **Maple Syrup Experience** on **March 24 & 25** from 10am-4pm. Your group will taste real maple syrup, explore a working "Sugar Shack", meet a ranger on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail, listen to storytellers inside a real Teepee and much more! For more details please contact Hartman Reserve; (319) 277-2187.

For the gardeners, tour the **Petersen & Tietz Greenhouse** where your group will see behind the scenes of a working greenhouse and receive great tips for getting your garden ready for planting!

Tour the recently renovated **University of Northern Iowa's Botanical Center**. This Center has been an intriguing part of the UNI campus for 70+ years. The teaching collection at the Center contains a diversity of plants that range from ancient tree ferns and cycads to a large number of economically important plants from around the world. For more on the Botanical Center visit their website at www.biology.uni.edu/botanicalcenter.

Attraction Updates

The **Grout Museum District** will be opening its newest addition, **Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum**, this November. This addition honors Iowa veterans who served in the defense of the nation from the Civil War to the present conflict in the Middle East. If you would like additional information regarding the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum or other museums in the Grout Museum District, please visit their website at www.groutmuseumdistrict.org or contact **Christy Schroeder**, Director of Adult Programs and Group Tours at (319) 234-6357

In June of 2008 the **Ice House Museum** suffered flood damage. The structure and artifacts survived this historic flood; however, the Cedar Falls Historical Society has not been able to reopen the Ice House Museum this year as the displays need to be reconstructed. The Historical Society has requested consultation from Split Rock Studios in St. Paul, MN to help in redesigning the displays. We are looking forward to the "new look" the Ice House Museum will have and will keep you informed as to when they will be open for tours.

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