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**SMITHSONIAN STUDENT TRAVEL ANNOUNCES SIX NEW GOLDEN BOARDING
PASS WINNERS**

**Class trip provider awards one Golden Trip Travel Scholarship, one VIP tour of the
Smithsonian and four iPod touches from Apple.**

Cambridge, MA / March 18, 2010 - Smithsonian Student Travel announced six new winners in their Golden Boarding Pass sweepstakes today. The student travel operator awarded one teacher a Golden Trip Travel Scholarship, one teacher a VIP tour of the Smithsonian and four teachers new iPod touches from Apple.

Leora Whitehill, a middle school teacher from Ada, Okla., won the Golden Trip Travel Scholarship. One of two scholarships to be awarded in the sweepstakes, Whitehill has elected to split the scholarship among several of her students. She said, "I will spread the travel scholarship over the students traveling in my group to give them a great experience for a low price."

Whitehill added travel will "open new doors" for her students and she is looking forward to her student trip to Washington, D.C. to see the Smithsonian museums and the U.S. Capitol building.

Middle school English teacher Ashley Hathcoat of Pampa, Texas won a Smithsonian Student Travel VIP tour of the Smithsonian. A first-year teacher, she said she is eager to travel.

Beth Ball of Greely, Colo. won an Apple iPod touch. This will be her first iPod, and she said, "I have plenty of kids who will show me how to use it!"

Other Apple iPod touch winners included Amanda Duncan of Highland, Texas; Jacqueline Bartlett of Carmel Valley, Calif.; and Michelle Pankey of Ellijay, Ga. Duncan teaches middle school social studies, Barlett is an ancient history high school teacher, and Pankey is an elementary school math teacher.

Smithsonian Student Travel's Golden Boarding Pass sweepstakes began in January, 2010 and runs until March 31, 2010. The tour operator will then announce the grand prize winner of a free trip for ten to Washington, D.C. Go online to view all student tours from Smithsonian Student Travel.

Smithsonian Student Travel combines the educational resources of the Smithsonian Institution with the travel expertise of EF Education First to create educationally-enhanced tours for students and teachers. Smithsonian Student Travel tours are operated by EF Education First, the world's largest private education organization with 45 years experience. EF's North American headquarters are in Cambridge, MA, though the company spans the globe with hundreds of offices in more than 50 countries, a staff of over 29,000 employees, teachers and volunteers.

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