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SMITHSONIAN STUDENT TRAVEL ANNOUNCES FINAL THREE GOLDEN BOARDING PASS PRIZE WINNERS

Student trip provider awards Golden Trip Travel Scholarship, VIP tour of the Smithsonian and Apple iPod touch.

Cambridge, MA / April 26, 2010 – Smithsonian Student Travel announced three more winners in their Golden Boarding Pass sweepstakes today. The educational travel company awarded one Golden Trip Travel Scholarship, one VIP tour of the Smithsonian Institution and one Apple iPod touch.

Josh Heckendorf of Aurora, Colo. was the winner of the second of two Golden Trip Travel Scholarships awarded in the sweepstakes. The prize covers the cost of a class trip for one student. Heckendorf also has the option of spreading the scholarship across multiple students in his tour group.

Greg Clouse of Houston, Texas won a special VIP tour of the Smithsonian. A sixth grade science teacher at West Chester Academy, he said, “I chose to teach to directly affect kids everyday.” Clouse is considering tours to Washington, D.C. and New York City with his students.

Krista Barker of Sacramento, Calif. won a new Apple iPod touch. Barker is a teacher and experienced group leader who has led student trips to Washington D.C. in past years. This year, she is considering a student trip to New York City instead. She says, “I enjoy interacting with students and love watching them grow into young adults.”

Smithsonian Student Travel’s Golden Boarding Pass sweepstakes began in January, 2010 and ended March 31, 2010. The student tour provider awarded \$4,000 in student travel scholarships, four VIP tours of the Smithsonian and ten Apple iPods during the sweepstakes. Smithsonian Student Travel President Skip Carpenter said, “Our mission is to help as many students see America as possible. With the Golden Boarding Pass sweepstakes, we were able to help more students afford travel with scholarships. Four of our groups will get a special perspective of Washington, D.C. on our VIP tours. And ten teachers out there now have iPods – just a small way we can thank teachers for all that they do.”

Later this spring, the grand prize winner of a free class trip for ten to Washington, D.C. will be announced.

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 student trips 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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