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THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUMS ANNOUNCES TWO-DAY SUMMER GETAWAY

**Guided tours of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Warm Springs Ranch, &
Civil War gravesites to be featured**

March 22, 2011—For a summer trip with everything, make plans to join the June 11 and 12, 2011 St. Joseph Museum sponsored getaway to sites in Jefferson City and Boonville, Missouri. The trip will include a driving tour of Jefferson City including the Civil War section of the National Cemetery. There will also be guided tours of the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri, and Warm Springs Ranch in Boonville, Missouri.

The two-day adventure will begin with lunch in a beautiful turn-of-the-century banquet room at Bones Restaurant. The next stop will be a two-hour guided tour of the 1836 – 2004 Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City. This in-depth look at what was the oldest prison west of the Mississippi will include Housing Unit 1, also known as the Control Center, and A-Hall, the oldest building still standing on the site. There will be the opportunity to tour the Upper Yard, Housing Unit 3, known for “The Cages,” and the Missouri State Penitentiary plants, factories, and the gas chamber. Over the years, the prison housed some of America’s most notorious inmates including James Earl Ray, Sonny Liston, and Pretty Boy Floyd. St. Joseph residents Bonnie Heady and Carl Austin Hall were also housed at the Missouri State Penitentiary. The two inmates were executed for the kidnapping and murder of Bobby Greenlease in 1953. Another tie to St. Joseph is the façade of one of the main halls at the Missouri State Penitentiary, which was designed by St. Joseph architect E.J. Eckel in 1903.

Tour guides at the prison are quick to point out that there are countless stories of all kinds associated with the buildings of the Missouri State Penitentiary. Some stories are comical, some are deeply tragic, and some are a combination of the two.

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Jefferson City Two-Day Trip

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“There is a story inside these walls for everyone to enjoy, relate to, smile with, cringe about, or shed a tear over,” said Daniel Stroesser, tour coordinator with the Jefferson City Visitors Bureau.

In the evening, participants will have a chance to relax and enjoy a buffet dinner in the private dining room at Madison’s restaurant in Jefferson City.

In the morning, a step-on guide will escort participants on a driving tour of Jefferson City with a focus on the Civil War section of the National Cemetery and the other main attractions in the area. From there, participants will travel to Boonville, Missouri, to enjoy a guided tour of the 25,000-square-foot breeding facility and 300 plus acres of pastures that make up the headquarters for the Budweiser Clydesdales. The tour allows guests to meet and interact with foals, mares, and stallions and get a close-up look at the custom-made equipment used to care for and transport the ever-popular Clydesdales to events all over the United States.

The motor coach will leave from the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., at 8:30 a.m. on June 11, and return to the museum at approximately 6:30 p.m. on June 12. The cost of the trip will be \$195 for museum members and \$215 for non-members. The fee includes luxury motor coach transportation, all admission fees, double occupancy accommodations at the Best Western Capitol Inn, step-on guide service, all meals, snacks, and tips. Single occupancy hotel accommodations are available for an additional \$40. **Paid reservations must be made by May 10. To make a reservation to join the trip, please call 816.232.8471.**

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Join an exciting summer getaway as we explore



Jefferson City & Boonville, Missouri, with tours of the Missouri State Penitentiary, the Civil War Section of the National Cemetery, and Warm Springs Ranch, which is the Breeding Ranch & Home of the World-Famous Clydesdales

June 11 & 12, 2011

Depart: 8:30 a.m.

Return: 6:30 p.m.

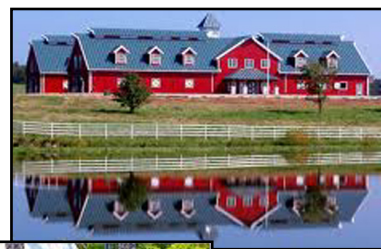
**(Leaving from the St. Joseph Museum
3406 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri, 64506)**



The Missouri State Penitentiary closed in 2004 & opened to tours in 2009. The facade was designed by E. J. Eckel of St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1903.

1836 - 2004 Missouri State Penitentiary

It was the oldest prison west of the Mississippi and it housed some of America's most famous inmates. There is a story inside these walls for everyone to enjoy, relate to, smile with, cringe about or shed a tear over. Our two-hour tour will be an in-depth exploration of a facility that is endlessly fascinating.



Warm Springs Ranch

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Warm Springs Ranch, home for more than 100 Clydesdales.

Cost: \$195.00 for museum members & \$215.00 for non-members

Please add 3% for payment by credit card

Trip Fee Includes:

Luxury motorcoach transportation (water and snacks provided)

Double occupancy hotel accommodations at the Best Western Capital Inn
(Single occupancy hotel accommodations are available for an additional \$40)

A two-hour guided tour of the 1836 Missouri State Penitentiary

A driving tour of the Civil War gravesites & other historical sites in Jefferson City, Missouri

A guided tour of Warm Springs Ranch in Boonville, Missouri

All meals, step-on guide service, & admission fees

Space is limited & paid reservations are required by May 10.

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