



Commissioners Training Program

2011 May Mobile Classroom:

“A Magic Carpet Ride”

-A focus on ensuring resources
for our future

May 19th and 20th

-In partnership with the
Vinson Institute of Government

Tentative Itinerary

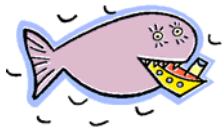
Join your fellow commissioners for the first Mobile Classroom of 2011! Look over this itinerary and make your plans to register – participants will receive six hours elective credit in the Commissioners Training Program, CCAP or Standard of Excellence.

Thursday, May 19th

7:30 a.m.

**Check in at the Clarence Brown Conference Center
Cartersville/Bartow County**

Park your car and bring your stuff! We’ll get you checked in and on the bus – so be ready to hit the road!



Segment 1 – Sustaining Your Community: People and Places, Floyd County

8:00 a.m.

Depart Cartersville/Bartow County for Rome/Floyd County

9:00 a.m.

ECO Center/Boat Tour of the Oostanaula, Etowah, and Coosa Rivers

The mobile classroom kicks-off with a trip to Rome/Floyd County and a focus on community and leadership development. We’ll start at the Rome-Floyd County ECO Center where we’ll hear about the LEED certification of the building and environmental education efforts for the community at the center. We’ll also be introduced to the fish and critters indigenous to the area as well as the native plants on the property. After our visit at the ECO Center we’ll board the *Roman Holiday* for a tour of the rivers there – the Oostanaula and Etowah merge to form the Coosa. While on board, we’ll hear about the man-made and natural features along the river and the successful Floyd County-City of Rome partnerships on joint projects. Finally we’ll hear about the community’s leadership programs for school children and adults.

Segment 2 – “Almost Heaven,” Dade County (with apologies to the late John Denver...)

1:00 p.m.

Depart Rome/Floyd County

2:00 p.m.

Cloudland Canyon State Park

After lunch, our happy band of travelers will head north toward Lookout Mountain where we’ll stop at Cloudland Canyon State Park to explore one of the state’s most unique ecological areas. One of the largest and most scenic parks in Georgia, Cloudland Canyon State Park contains rugged geology and offers a range of vistas across the deep gorge cut through the mountain by Sitton Gulch Creek with elevations



that vary from 800 to over 1,800 feet. While we're at the park, we'll hear from staff with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources about land conservation efforts in our state parks and the ways county governments across the state are helping preserve our parks. Before we leave Dade County, we'll check out the hang gliding park at Lookout Mountain, an ecotourism feature of the area – who knew people were hang gliding in Northwest Georgia?

4:00 p.m. Depart Dade County

5:15 p.m. Dinner and Overnight in Dalton/Whitfield County

Hotel accommodations are still being finalized; we expect room rates to be about \$100.

Friday, May 20th

7:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel



Segment 3 – Ensuring our Future: Leadership Development and Environmental Resources, Whitfield and Bartow Counties

8:00 a.m. Breakfast with the Whitfield County Young Professionals

Good Morning Voyagers! Day 2 of the 2011 May Mobile Classroom will start in Dalton with a breakfast presentation from the Whitfield County Young Professionals, a group of developing leaders organized in conjunction with the University of Georgia's Archway Partnership. The group is working to mentor young people to build a group of leaders ready to become active in the community.

9:30 a.m. Arrive Shaw Industries

We are in the "Carpet Capital of the World" so we need to see one of the factories in the 65-mile radius of Dalton that produces more than 90% of the functional carpet on the planet! Shaw Industries is the world's largest carpet manufacturer with more than \$4 billion in annual sales and approximately 25,000 employees. But the company is also known as a leader in environmental sustainability, both within the industry and in the communities they work. We'll hear from company representatives about the ways they are preserving resources in their manufacturing processes and in the Dalton/Whitfield County area.

2:00 p.m. Arrive Anheuser-Busch Brewery

Our final stop on the 2011 May Mobile Classroom will be at the Anheuser-Busch brewery in Cartersville/Bartow County. Anheuser-Bush has been involved in environmental sustainability since its founding when Adolphus Busch began the company's practice of recycling leftover grain from the brewing process as cattle feed. We'll learn how the brewery here supports the community and works with the Cartersville/Bartow County to preserve its environmental resources.

3:00 p.m. Arrive Clarence Brown Conference Center – Have a Safe Trip Home!



Questions or additional information?

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Registration Form

Name _____

County _____ Title _____

Registration is \$175.00; please check one:

- Fees paid by check (enclosed)
- Fees paid by Visa/MasterCard/American Express

Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Total Fees Paid \$ _____ **Signature (required for credit card)** _____

The registration fee covers lunch and dinner on May 19th and breakfast and lunch on May 20th, all transportation costs, and materials.

Once we have finalized our hotel arrangements, ACCG will make your reservation for the night of May 19th. (Don't forget to send your tax exemption forms or tax will be on top of this rate.)

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Email address for registration/hotel confirmation _____



Please return this form and your registration fee payment to:

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If you need special assistance to attend this session or if you have any questions regarding it, please contact Carol Baker at ACCG (800/858-2224).