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TRIPS AND TOURS

**SUMMER
2006**

*Tacoma
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College's Trips
& Tours
Program in
cooperation with
Metro Parks.*

*For people who
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go, but don't
want to go alone,
the TCC
Trips and Tours
program
provides the
solution.
Using a bus or
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and
knowledgeable
travel escorts
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itinerary and
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NEW!!!
*Gig Harbor Residents,
See Note Below*

JULY

Skagit Valley Casino and Silver Reef Casino

Join us for a gambler's holiday. Nestled in a picturesque valley, The Skagit Valley Casino Resort offers all the amenities of a full service resort with the excitement of casino activities. You'll first stop for a free lunch buffet and four hours of casino excitement at the beautiful Silver Reef Casino in Ferndale. Then it's on to the Skagit, where you'll check into your room and enjoy a full dinner buffet and evening of gambling. For breakfast, partake in a deluxe complimentary continental breakfast before hitting the casino again. Next, we're off to the Silver Reef Casino in Ferndale for more gambling and a lunch buffet. Trip includes motor coach, 1 night lodging, deluxe continental breakfast, 2 lunch buffets and 1 dinner buffet. All meals included (what a bargain)! Must be 21 to attend. Sign up by June 1 to guarantee a spot.

Single Occupancy:

9601 Sun & Mon, July 2-3 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$119.00

Double Occupancy:

9599 Sun & Mon, July 2-3 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$79.00

Ride the Duck

Tour Seattle by land and sea, in a WW II landing craft (an amphibious vehicle). A safe and fun ride to see Pike Place Market, Pioneer Square, Funky Fremont Street and the Seattle waterfront, with its famous houseboats. Lunch on your own and shopping at Pike Place Market. Includes transportation, "Duck" ride and escort.

9521 Saturday, July 8 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$55.00

Sequim Lavender Festival

Celebrate the joy of Lavender as we visit the stunning Sequim – Dungeness Valley. See the beautiful purple fields swaying in the breeze, smell the heady aroma of sun-kissed flowers, and taste a variety of delicacies flavored with Lavender. We'll visit two farms, featuring food, music, crafts and demonstrations, have a provided lunch buffet at the 7 Cedars Casino along with a \$5.00 slot play, and then visit the street fair which includes over 100 vendors featuring food and crafts, music and beer and wine gardens. (Optional third farm visit.) Includes all of the above, escort and festival badge. Pickup at Gig Harbor Park and Ride and TCC Only.

9525 Friday, July 14 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$65.00

New For Gig Harbor Residents!!!

We now have a pickup location at the Gig Harbor Park & Ride for a limited number of trips. See trip descriptions for details.

Wilkeson Days

Join the celebration of this town's coal mining heritage. Visit the coal ovens where coal from the surrounding mountains was heated to a high temperature and cooked into a form that was later converted into steel. See the unique Russian Orthodox Church and the privately owned castle. Visit the cemetery with graves dating back to the 1800's. Watch the side car races and wander the streets that today look much as they did during the peak of the mining era. Lunch will be on your own at the Pick and Shovel Restaurant, or from one of the many street vendors. Includes transportation by van and escort.

9529 Saturday, July 15 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Escort: Joanne Flom Cost: \$43.00

Kiana Lodge and Bloedels Reserve

Everyone loves a summer visit to the beautiful Kiana Lodge near Poulsbo, where you will enjoy a great Salmon dinner, and then wander the beautifully landscaped grounds. Then you will be off to Bainbridge Island and Bloedels Reserve. Enjoy 150 acres of plants, reflection pools, moss gardens, and more. We will have two guided tours. One longer one which requires walking farther and on an incline, and one shorter tour which can be managed by all. Wear good walking shoes. Includes transportation, lunch, admissions, guided tours and escort. (Gig Harbor Park and Ride and TCC pickups only.)

9533 Thursday, July 20 8:30 AM – 5:45 PM Escort: Virginia Williams Cost: \$66.00

Everactive-Mount Saint Helens

Now that you have seen the West and North sides of our volcanic monument with their wonderful tourist traps, how 'bout exploring less touristy areas of the monument? If so, then join Joanne Flom in July for a trip to the south and east sides of Saint Helens. We will explore lava caves from two eras and the plain created by a mudflow in 1980. If time permits we may be able to get to Windy Ridge. Our route will take us down I-5 and east to Cougar, around the southern part of the monument to the Lahar, north to Morton and Hwy 7 through Elbe and home. Bring sturdy shoes (very rocky trail beds,) warm clothing (Ape Cave is about 42 degrees,) wet weather clothing; lunch; camera; flashlight with fresh batteries (caves can be VERY dark;) and snacks (few tourists traps.) Bring Golden Age/Eagle Pass or \$5 for admissions to park.

9257 Saturday, July 22 7:30 AM – 7 PM Escort: Joanne Flom Cost: \$35.00

State Capital and Olympia Farmers Market and Waterfront

Take a guided tour of the Capital Building, and then head to the Budd Bay Café on the Olympia waterfront for a provided lunch. After, visit the Olympia Farmers Market to search for fresh produce and crafts. Stroll the waterfront and enjoy what will hopefully be a beautiful day. Includes transportation, tour, lunch and escort. (Gig Harbor Park and Ride and TCC pickups only)

9537 Thursday, July 27 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Escort: Staff Cost: \$54.00

Bellevue Square Mall Art Fair and Bellevue Botanical Garden

Join over 300 artists as they display their fine art in the 56th annual art show. There will be demonstrations and performance stages busy all day. Explore the exhibits and mall, and then add to your visual delight at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. In bloom should be Fuchsias, Dahlias and many Perennials. There are 10 different gardens to view, including the Yao Garden, Alpine Rock Garden, Waterwise Garden and more. Includes transportation, admission, tour of garden and escort. Lunch on your own at the mall.

9541 Friday, July 28 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM Escort: Barb Serr Cost: \$38.00



We would like your input!!!

**If you have trip ideas or would like to volunteer as a van driver, please call
Tacoma Community College at 253.566.5020.**

AUGUST



Train to North Bend Outlet Mall

Travel by bus to Snoqualmie for a ride on a historic diesel locomotive pulling 1912 and 1915 restored rail cars between the town of Snoqualmie and North bend. Our bus will meet us at the North Bend station and transport us to the Outlet mall to shop. We'll return by train to Snoqualmie. Includes bus transportation, train ride and escort.

9545 Saturday, August 5 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$45.00

Blue Angels Cruise

See the Blue Angels as they Fly over our luxury yacht during the Sea Fair Lake Washington Air Show. Enjoy a delicious lunch on this three hour cruise. Register by July 1. Includes transportation, cruise, lunch and escort. (Gig Harbor Park and Ride and TCC pickups only.)

9549 Sunday, August 6 9:15 AM – 3:45 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$80.00

Sol Duc Hot Springs, Hurricane Ridge, Makah Tribal Museum and Hoh Rain Forest.

Travel the Olympic Peninsula to see many popular sights and do a little hiking. Our stops will include Hurricane Ridge, Lake Crescent, Marymere Falls, Makah Tribal Museum, Hoh Rain Forest Hall of Mosses, Cape Flattery, Ruby Beach, Kalaloch and Quinault Lodges and two nights stay at the Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort. You will enjoy swimming or soaking in the hot springs, explore trails of 1/2 to 1 1/2 miles long, photograph wild flowers, view several waterfalls and see a basket weaving demonstration. Box lunches will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday. All other meals are on your own at the resort restaurant and the Quinault Lodge. If you wish to have a massage, you may sign up upon arrival. More details are available by calling 566-5020. Trip includes two nights lodging in heated cabins, Cont. Breakfast, two boxed lunches, admissions, tour and demonstration at museum, transportation by Van and two escorts. Only 10 cabins reserved, so sign up ASAP. **(Departs from So. Park only.)**



9587 Tues-Thurs, Aug 8-10 8:00 AM – 8PM Escort: Carol Wells, Joanne Flom Cost: \$264.00

Double Occupancy:

9586 Tues-Thurs, Aug 8-10 8:00 AM – 8PM Escort: Carol Wells, Joanne Flom Cost: \$269.00

Triple Occupancy:

9589 Tues-Thurs, Aug 8-10 8:00 AM – 8PM Escort: Carol Wells, Joanne Flom Cost: \$189.00

Quad Occupancy:

9592 Tues-Thurs, Aug 8-10 8:00 AM – 8PM Escort: Carol Wells, Joanne Flom Cost: \$184.00

“Showboat” at the Leavenworth Summer Theatre

Travel over the mountains to the charming Bavarian town of Leavenworth. We'll stop at the Sleeping Lady Retreat Center for lunch. It is nestled on the sunny eastern slopes of the cascades beside Icicle Creek. You'll have some time to explore the many unique shops in town before experiencing the talents of the Leavenworth Summer Theatre as they present “Showboat” at the intimate Summer Feshalle. After the performance, you will have time to explore the shops some more and get dinner on your own before boarding the bus for home. Includes transportation, lunch, show and escort.

9553 Saturday, August 12 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$84.00



Salish Lodge and Snoqualmie Falls

Observe the magnificent view of the falls while dining in the elegant Salish Lodge at Snoqualmie Falls. Your 3 course lunch will consist of Caesar Salad, grilled fillet of salmon, seasonal vegetables, mashed potatoes, and chef's choice for dessert. We will explore the North Bend Outlet Mall for 2 hours to work up an appetite for this hearty meal. Includes transportation, 3 course meal and escort. (Gig Harbor Park and Ride and TCC pickups only.)

9557 Tuesday, August 15 8:45 AM – 5:00 PM Escort: Barb Serr Cost: \$59.00

Quinault Casino

As a special "Thank You" to our Trips and Tours family, we invite you to travel with us to the fabulous Quinault Casino at Ocean Shores. Includes motor coach transportation, \$5.00 food coupon, which buys a buffet lunch, gaming coupons and a beautiful beach setting.

9561 Tuesday, August 22 8:15 AM – 5:00 PM Escort: Virginia Williams Cost: \$10.00

NW Carriage Museum and Willapa Seaport Museum

The Northwest Carriage Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Located in Raymond, Washington, the museum holds over 20 elegant horse-drawn carriages, buggies and sleighs from the 19th century. View these fine works of craftsmanship. Next door is the Willapa Seaport Museum, where our guide will introduce us to an astonishing myriad of marine artifacts, information, insight and humor. (Don't miss out on the story about the Ladies of the Night.) The museum ties together displays from the logging industry, shipbuilding, lightships, lighthouses and Native American history of the Willapa Bay area. Lunch will be on your own at Slater's Restaurant, before visiting the historical Pacific County Courthouse in South Bend. Includes transportation, admissions, tours and escort.



9563 Thursday, August 24 8:15 AM – 5:45 PM Escort: Staff Cost: \$42.00

Victoria and Butchart Gardens

Visit the bustling city of Victoria, with our English guide. Bus to Seattle where we'll board the Clipper, and enjoy a hot breakfast on board. Once you arrive at the Inner Harbor, those who wish to visit Butchart Gardens will travel by bus to this splendid garden during the peak of the flowering season. Others will have the chance to explore the many museums available within walking distance of the Inner Harbor, take a city tour by bus, or have High Tea at the elegant Empress Hotel. (We will make your individual reservations for High tea for you. Approx. cost is \$45.00 U.S.) Maps of the area will be provided, and the escort will assist you in locating the magnificent Provincial Museum, Wax Museum, Crystal Garden, Legislative Buildings and more. You'll have over 5 hours to explore this wonderful city. Includes bus transportation, Clipper, bus to Butchart and admission for those choosing that option, breakfast on board the Clipper and escort. What a deal! Regular price for the Clipper alone is \$129 during the summer. Book by July 28th. (Gig Harbor Park and Ride and TCC pickups only.)



**9567 Tuesday, August 31 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM Escort: June Brown
Cost: \$149.00 with Butchart Garden admission and transfer; \$107 without**

SEPTEMBER



Willamette Shore Trolley, Lake Oswego and Portland Saturday Market

Visit the Portland Saturday Market with its many craft and produce booths. Eat a provided lunch at the Spaghetti Factory before boarding the Willamette Shore Trolley for a 6 mile trip along the shores of the Willamette River, traveling through the 1396 foot Elk Rock Tunnel, over the 686 foot Riverwood Trestle, and past the beautiful homes and mansions, enroute to Lake Oswego. Disembark there to shop and stroll the city park for two hours. A stop will be made for dinner on your own on the return trip. Includes bus transportation, trolley ride and lunch.

9596 Saturday, September 9 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Escort: Carol Wells Cost: \$66.00

Toppenish Murals and the American Hops Museum

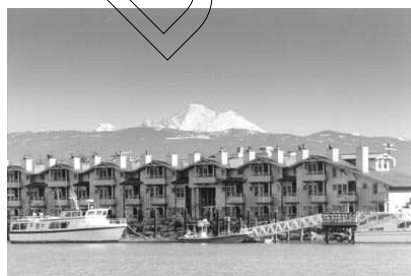
Travel to the “Valley of the Sun” and take an unusual guided tour in a horse-drawn covered wagon to view 68 uniquely creative murals depicting the history of the old west. The murals are painted on walls and buildings all over town. Some murals are small, and some are 200 feet long. After the wagon tour, you will be free to roam around town on your own to get up close views of the murals, shop and get lunch. We'll then all take a guided tour of the American Hops Museum, which is located in the heart of the nation's largest hops producing area. Hops is a vine that grows mostly in the Yakima Valley and is vital in the brewing of beer. Trip includes transportation, wagon tour, museum tour and escort.

9572 Thursday, September 14 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Escort : Staff Cost: \$54.00

Ever Active Hike – Naches Peak Loop Trail

Starting at Tipsoo Lake on Chinook Pass, we'll follow this meandering trail in and out of Mt. Rainier National Park amid sub alpine fir and ripe huckleberries, above Dewey Lake. The 4 ½ mile hike is gentle, but not flat, gaining 1300 feet. (Would be considered by most an intermediate hike.) Call for further details. Includes transportation by van and guide. Bring Golden Age/Eagle Pass or \$5 for admissions to park.

9258 Saturday, September 16 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM Escort: Joanne Flom Cost: \$35.00



Crab Feed Cruise in LaConner

Drive to LaConner where we will board the Viking Star for a special 3 hour narrated lunch cruise. Float under the Rainbow Bridge and near Deception Pass while you enjoy a wonderful cracked crab lunch. If we're lucky, we'll see bald eagles, seals and many waterfowl. After we disembark, we'll explore the quaint shops of the seaport town of LaConner. Includes transportation, cruise and crab feed. (Gig Harbor Park and Ride, and TCC pickups only.)

9576 Tuesday, September 19 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Escort: June Brown Cost: \$84.00

Russian Monastery Vashon Island

Take the ferry to Maury Island and tour the All –Merciful Savior Russian Orthodox Monastery to learn about the daily life of the monks, and how they support themselves by the labor of their hands. After a stop for lunch on your own, we will tour the islands farms and specialty shops. Includes transportation by bus, ferry, tours and escort.

9580 Thursday, September 28 9:00 AM – 5:50 PM Escort: Staff Cost: \$38.00



Diablo Lake Adventure

Explore the remote Skagit River Gorge in the North Cascades wilderness! Travel across massive Diablo Dam and board the Alice III for a cruise on emerald green, Diablo Lake. Cascading waterfalls, jagged snow-capped mountain peaks, alpine vistas and abundant wildlife are yours to enjoy. Learn the history of this magnificent Hydro electric project, and take a historic walking tour of Newhalem after the cruise. Includes transportation, 2.5 hour Diablo tour, lunch and escort. (Gig Harbor Park and Ride and TCC pickup only.)

9584 Saturday, September 23 8:15 AM – 9:45 PM Escort: Carol Wells Cost: \$76.00



Tillicum Village

Board the boat at pier 55, and take a narrated 45 min. cruise to Blake Island, where you will be greeted with a clam appetizer before entering the cedar long house for an award-winning salmon feast, where the salmon is cooked over an open fire on cedar stakes. Enjoy “Dance on the Wind,” a stage performance of traditional dances, myths and legends. Explore the gift shop and beach as time allows before taking the boat back to Seattle. Stroll the waterfront for an hour. Includes transportation, narrated boat ride, salmon lunch, show and escort.

9594 Saturday, September 30 9:15 AM – 6:00 PM Escort: Helen Davis Cost: \$71.00

New! Extended Trips escorted by June Brown
Call T.C.C. at 253.566.5020 for Brochure

Beijing City Stay with Collette Tours

September 19-27, 2006 Cost: Double Occupancy \$1599; Single Occupancy \$1849

A Pacific Northwest Getaway Cruise Aboard the Celebrity Mercury

September 25-29, 2006 Cost: Inside Cabin \$529; Outside Cabin \$639; Balcony \$769.
Deposit of \$175 due upon registration. Final payment due July 10.

American Heritage Tour with Collette Tours

November 4-12, 2006 Cost: Double Occupancy \$1849; Single Occupancy \$2449

Australia & New Zealand-South Pacific Wonders with Optional Fiji Extension

April 12-26, 2007 Cost: Double Occupancy \$4479; Single Occupancy \$5474

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Departure Times and Trip Rates

Times and rates are subject to change. It is **YOUR** responsibility to contact South Park Community Center at 253.591.5299 or Tacoma Community College at 253.566.5020 - 24 hours prior to the scheduled trip date to confirm departure times. Unless otherwise noted, all trips depart from South Park Community Center and Tacoma Community College - Parking Lot G near the corner of 12th and Mildred streets, in front of Building #3, the Auditorium. Please refer to map. **Please state your pick up point when registering.**

Cancellations

Failure to cancel 5 business days prior to the departure time and date of the trips will result in the loss of purchase price of trip. Cancellation of day trips 5 business days prior to departure will receive a 100% refund. No shows will not receive a refund. Cost of prepaid tickets or meals **are non-refundable**, unless a replacement is found.

Trip Cancellations

Cancellations by Metro Parks /Tacoma Community College will be determined two (2) weeks before day trips are scheduled to depart and thirty (30) days before overnight trips are scheduled to depart.

Passenger Etiquette

- All passengers must wait to board the bus until the trip escort has completed boarding passengers with disabilities.
- All seats are available on a first come, first serve basis, with the exception of the first two front rows on each bus, which will be reserved for travelers with walkers and canes. No assigned seating. There will be no rotation of seats on trips.
- Anyone causing disruption during a trip may be asked to discontinue their participation in future trips and tours with Tacoma Community College.
- Do not wear perfume. Many people are allergic to scents.

Tipping

It is **strictly prohibited** to tip Tacoma Community College paid or volunteer staff. Tipping of chartered drivers is optional.

Discrimination

Tacoma Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation or age in its programs and activities.

Disabilities

Any physical disability requiring special boarding assistance must be **reported at the time of registration**. A traveling companion, who is capable and responsible to provide such assistance, must accompany the passenger requiring special assistance for a mental or physical limitation. If a person has motion sickness and requires a seat near the front, they must present a doctor's notice prior to the day of the trip and staff will try to accommodate their needs.

Forms

If you have not already done so for 2006, please be sure to bring your completed and signed Medical Information Form. You will be asked for this form upon boarding and will not be able to board until we have the completed form. All passengers are required to sign the Liability and Photo Release Document prior to boarding. You will need to sign this document before EACH trip you are scheduled to attend.

Registration

Trips must be paid in full at the time of registration unless otherwise stated. You may register and pay using check, credit card or cash, both in person and over the phone at the locations listed below.

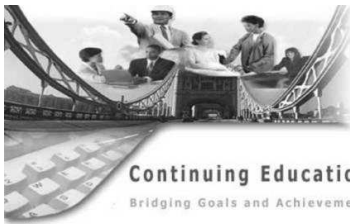
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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

**Will be served at South Park Community Center for all trips leaving So. Park at 8:00 am or earlier!
ONE water bottle per person will be available on all trips.**



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FOR MORE INFO

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FREE TRAVEL POTLUCK

Sunday, August 13, 2006

1:00 – 3:00 pm

South Park Community Center

**Bring a dish to share and learn about upcoming trips.
Regular travelers—bring lots of memories and photos to share.**

Prizes, food, fun and discount coupons!

A meeting for those interested in extended trips will follow.