

CLEE OTTAWA SPRING CONFERENCE

Friday, 9 May to Sunday, 11 May 2008

Each spring, CLEE's Ottawa chapter invites exchange teachers and their families to spend a weekend with us in the nation's capital. This event coincides with the beginning of Ottawa's famed tulip festival. Check out: www.tulipfestival.ca for more details.

Partners and children of the exchanges are welcome to attend all activities except Friday's school visits and the reception at the High Commissioner's residence.

While CLEE members in Ottawa will do their best to help you find your way around our fair city, we also suggest you consult Map Quest before the weekend to locate the various sites and print up any maps you may need. [www.mapquest.com]

ACCOMMODATION

Billets are available. Please send an e-mail to Lynn Baltzer for information. [Lynn.Baltzer@ocdsb.ca]

As an alternative, there are a number of very nice hotels in the centre town area as well as a youth hostel (which used to be the County jail). Carleton University and the University of Ottawa may also have rooms available.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, 8 May – Travel to Ottawa (No events scheduled)

Friday, 9 May

9:00 – 11:30 am - School visits (for exchanges only)

Primary School: **Glen Ogilvie Public School** (including French Immersion)
46 Centrepark Drive, Tel: 613-824-4014

Secondary School: **Canterbury High School** (specialized arts program)
900 Canterbury Avenue. Tel: 613-731-1191

10:00 – 11:30 - The Canada Agriculture Museum (to be confirmed) at the Central Experimental Farm. Tour and visit for partners and children while exchange teachers make their school visits. Entrance to the Museum and free parking are located off Prince of Wales Drive, west of Dow's Lake.

12:00 – 2:00 - Board Luncheon (for everyone) at the **Adult High School**, 300 Rochester Street. Free parking on the premises.

4:00 – 5:00 pm. Reception at the Australian High Commissioner’s residence
(to be confirmed) for Exchange teachers only..

The remainder of the day and evening is free for touring on your own.

Saturday, 10 May

9:20 – Tour of Parliament Buildings. Meet promptly at group entrance at the Centre Block at the base of the Peace Tower. Limited free parking is available at the World Exchange Plaza on the weekend. The World Exchange Plaza building encompasses the city block between Queen and Albert Streets and Metcalfe and O'Connor Streets.

11:30 – 2:00 – Aboriginal Experiences [www.aboriginalexperiences.com] First Nations folklore exhibits, dance presentation and luncheon, Victoria Island. Free parking available (entrance off Booth St.)

3:00 – 4:00 – Canal Boat Tour (Paul’s Boat Lines) Time to be confirmed. [Parking is available at Ottawa City Hall and in the Byward Market area.] The tour boat departs from the quay on the alongside the Conference Centre, right across the Rideau Canal from the National Arts Centre. As an option, some conference attendees may wish to tour the city by bicycle. These are available for rent from an operator located nearby. Those choosing to rent bikes would be required to pay the difference between the cost of the bike rental and the cost of the boat tour.

5:30 – 7:30 – Dinner at Tucker’s Market Place, 61 York St in the By Ward Market area.

Sunday, 11 May

9:00 am: Visit the **Canadian Museum of Civilization** [www.civilization.ca], Laurier Street, Gatineau. [Limited free parking is available across the street at the underground parking lot of La Maison du Citoyen (Gatineau City Hall)]

At your leisure: Depart for home.

COST

Adults: \$100, **Children** (under 12) \$25

Payable by money order (our preference) or by cheque made out to CLEE Ottawa by April 25, 2008. Late registrations will cost \$120 for adults and \$30 for children.

Conference fees cover Friday’s Lunch and Museum tour, Saturday’s lunch, boat tour and dinner, Sunday’s Museum entrance fee and our organization expenses.