

**The Atlanta Preservation Center
presents**

**“City Sleuths: Exploring the Mysteries of the City”
summer camps**

*Space is limited for both sessions
of this popular adventure in the city.*

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ATLANTA (May 3, 2010) - Atlanta area youngsters with a sense of adventure, a curiosity about the past and an affinity for writing will have the chance to explore all three during the “City Sleuths: Exploring the Mysteries of the City” summer camp, sponsored by The Atlanta Preservation Center (APC).



For the fourth year, the APC is hosting two one-week, full-day camps that will draw campers ages 10 to 14 into Atlanta’s past through morning visits to historic sites with tours given by experienced APC tour guides and local historians, and afternoons exploring mystery writing in numerous forms.

“The inspiration for the camps comes from the real world and what is around the campers,” said program director Rebecca Roberts. “At the same time, it gives them an insight into Atlanta’s past and opens their eyes to things they may not have noticed or thought about before.”



The camps will be based at the historic All Saints Episcopal Church in Midtown. From there, campers will venture out each morning to historic sites and neighborhoods. Past trips have included

historic cemeteries, downtown's oldest skyscrapers, some of the city’s oldest residences, the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill and a home in Cabbagetown, a visit with the “Phantom of the Fox” Theatre, the real “underground” and the city's original railroads.



With instruction and guidance from local writer, Michele Marill, the youngsters will compile their impressions and experiences into stories that will become part of a camp anthology. Campers will also draw on those tales to hone other writing styles, including skits, plays, riddles and radio scripts.

The camps, set for June 21-25 and July 12-16, will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with early drop-off at 8:30 a.m. and late pick-up at 5 p.m. The \$325



tuition includes all supplies, transportation to and from historic sites, drinks and snacks. Campers will need to bring their lunch. Partial scholarships are available.

More details about the “City Sleuths” camps are available by contacting Rebecca Roberts at 404-688-3353, ext. 13 or Rebecca@preserveatlanta.com.

Pictures (from top to bottom):

- Exploring Atlanta’s earliest business district
- Visit to the home of Atlanta’s first African American millionaire
- Learning about Atlanta’s earliest citizens at the city’s oldest cemetery
- Lunch on the roof of one of Downtown Atlanta’s oldest skyscrapers.

The Atlanta Preservation Center is a nonprofit membership organization that serves as the agency for coordination, knowledge, research and advocacy for preservation in the city. Founded in 1980, the Center has worked to preserve thousands of endangered residential and commercial structures, neighborhoods and landscapes. The Center’s walking tours of historic neighborhoods and sites, school programs, workshops and “The Phoenix Flies: A Citywide Celebration of Living Landmarks” educate thousands of students, residents and visitors each year about the value of protecting and reusing Atlanta’s landmark buildings. For more information, visit www.preserveatlanta.com or call 404-688-3353.