

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CONGRESSIONAL TOUR COORDINATORS

FROM: AMY ALLMAN  
DIRECTOR, VISITORS OFFICE

SUBJECT: FALL GARDEN TOUR DATES

The White House Fall Gardens and Grounds Tours will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, and from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, 2008. Visitors to the gardens will be able to view the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, Rose Garden, Children's Garden, and the South Lawn of the White House.

Additionally, a First Bloom children's activity will take place near the Children's Garden. First Bloom is a new program from the National Park Foundation that connects kids to nature through hands-on planting and gardening projects at national parks near them. Launched with the help of National Park Foundation Honorary Chair Mrs. Laura Bush, First Bloom was created to honor the conservation legacy of Lady Bird Johnson.

The tours are open to the public; however, a ticket is required for all attendees, *including small children*. The National Park Service will distribute free, timed tickets at the Ellipse Visitor Pavilion located at 15th and E Streets on each tour day beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tickets will be distributed -- one ticket per person -- on a first-come, first-served basis.

Entry for the Garden Tours will begin at Sherman Park located just south of the Treasury Department. Guests will be escorted to the South Lawn per their designated ticket time. In order to facilitate entry into the grounds, carry-in items will be limited. Strollers, wheelchairs, and cameras are permitted.

Please note the following are prohibited on the White House grounds:

- Food and Beverages of any kind
- Duffel Bags/Suitcases/Backpacks
- Animals (except guide dogs)
- Aerosols of any kind
- Knives of any size
- Mace
- Smoking
- Real or Simulated Weapons/Ammunition
- Fireworks/Firecrackers

The U.S. Secret Service reserves the right to prohibit any other personal items.

***Tours of the Residence will not occur on the dates of the Garden Tours. Please note that the Garden Tours are subject to last minute cancellation. For information about event status, please call (202) 456-7041.***

Constituents may call the White House Visitor Center at (202) 208-1631 for questions about ticket distribution.

Please call the Visitors Office at (202) 456-2322 if you have any questions.

Thank you.