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SUBJECT: Amtrak Rail Passenger Service between St. Louis and Kansas City



This is an invitation for your school to consider using the Amtrak Rail Passenger Service between St. Louis and Kansas City as you consider travel arrangements for student class trips (grades K-12 or 5-18 years old). Amtrak can be used roundtrip or one-way.

Amtrak provides two-round trip daily trains between St. Louis and Kansas City with stops in Kirkwood, Washington, Hermann, Jefferson City, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Lee's Summit, and Independence – refer to MoDOT website for Missouri Amtrak Schedule for train times.

Discounts are available for group travel – passengers traveling in groups of 20 or more will receive a discount up to 20% off the normal rail fare. Generally, the best prices will be with early booking with travels on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. One adult must travel as a chaperone for every six students aboard the train. Restrictions applicable; contact Amtrak for details and ticket information at **1-800-USA-1GRP** (872-1477).

In addition, Missouri currently has a 20% Off for Individual Travelers (discount code V328) for rail travel between St. Louis and Kansas City until December 15, 2008 – refer to MoDOT website www.morrail.org for offer. Restrictions applicable; contact Amtrak for details and ticket information at **1-800-USA-RAIL** (872-7245).

We recommend you contact Amtrak for comparison purposes for pricing and availability regarding the above promotions and visit Amtrak at www.amtrak.com for other discounts and special fares for student class trips.

As with any mode of transportation, you are encouraged to use the Amtrak website or call 800-USA-RAIL to check on train status as the St. Louis to Kansas City corridor is an extremely busy freight route and if Amtrak is delayed it may disrupt your group's planned schedule.

Contact me if you need assistance or have any questions. Thanks for traveling Amtrak.