



**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area
Chamber of Commerce**

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Chamber to Send Group to China

Several months ago, Theresa Lamson, president of the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce, took a week-long trip to China along with several select representatives of Scotland County. Now, the chamber is offering the same opportunity to everyone to experience the Far East.

The chamber has partnered with Cistlinc International, a worldwide travel agent, to offer this trip at a special rate. Chamber members and their guests may register for \$1,899 per person, while non-members can travel for \$2,099 per person. The fee includes airfare from New York to Beijing, accommodations in four or five star hotels each night, transportation, three meals per day, translators and tour guides, taxes and all fees for attractions and sites. The trip will last over one week beginning on October 1 and ending on October 9.

And there will be plenty of attractions and sites to see: Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Hanshan Temple and Yu Garden to name a few. Bus tours of Shanghai and Beijing are included, as well as admission to the 2010 World Expo.

The visit will definitely be a memorable one. "It was an unbelievable trip," said Lamson. "Having lived abroad and done extensive travel, I am not someone who is easily 'wowed' by international locales. I was 'wowed' on this trip; the cultural and historical activities were wonderful."

Before leaving, there will be an information session led by representatives from Cistlinc. The seminar will answer all of travelers' questions about Chinese culture and customs. Additionally, Lamson and Greg Icard, Scotland County economic development director, will share their experiences from their trip earlier this year.

"Even if visiting China was never on your must see list, you will not regret making the trip," said Lamson. "Visiting the Forgotten City, the Ming Tombs, the Great Wall and staying in Beijing and Shanghai were all things I will never forget."

For more information about the trip and itinerary, call the chamber at 276-7420.

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