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RE: Registration for the Catawba Valley Storytelling Festival, Friday, May 2, 2008

August 21, 2007

Dear Educator:

The Catawba County Historical Association (CCHA) has scheduled the **10th Annual Catawba Valley Storytelling Festival for Friday, May 2, 2008**, at Historic Murray's Mill near Catawba, North Carolina. The Catawba Valley Storytelling Festival inspires an appreciation of the entertaining and educating art of oral tradition. A further intention of the festival is to encourage strong interpersonal communications skills in our young children. In 2007, we welcomed 20 regional storytellers and 1,100 second and third-grade students from Catawba, Caldwell, Iredell, Alexander, Mecklenburg, Burke, and Lincoln Counties.

Target Audience: Area Second & Third Grade Students

Admission: \$3/Student; \$1/Teachers & Chaperones

Please make payment in full by Friday April 4, 2008

Each class will participate in three half-hour sessions with three different storytellers. Classes will need to bring blankets on which to sit and will rotate between storytellers. The Murray & Minges Store will be open for beverages and snacks; however, the rest of the mill complex will be closed for that day. A large tent and picnic areas can accommodate any class lunch plans, and a lunch break *may* be incorporated into your schedule. In the event of rain, schools will be contacted in advance, and the festival will take place at the Museum of History, Catawba County Schools Gym, The Newton Recreation Center, the Newton Community Theatre, or the Catawba County Library.

In order to design a program of diverse storytellers for the students, we ask that the enclosed form be completed and returned as soon as possible. Space is limited to 2,500 students, and registration is on a first-come basis. Confirmation notices along with directions to Murray's Mill will be sent upon receipt of your registration form.

Thank you for your involvement in this unique cultural event and we look forward to welcoming you to the 10th Annual Catawba Valley Storytelling Festival on May 2, 2008. Please feel free to call me at 828.465.0383 or email at cchamuseum@bellsouth.net with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Jason L. Toney
Program Director
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