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The AJA sings Kansas City here we come!

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Mark your calendars, fill out your registration form (see p. 2), and make your plans for the AJA's 40th Annual Educational Conference in Kansas City, September 10-15, 2000. This will be a memorable week with three nights of entertainment and fun included in your registration fee thanks to the efforts of the Kansas City local host committee and the generosity of local attorneys and companies. Here's a brief rundown of our planned activities, which are subject to change.

Sunday afternoon, September 10, you can take in a major league baseball game between the Kansas City Royals and the Texas Rangers at beautiful Kauffman Stadium. On Monday there will be barbeque, bluegrass, and American history at the Steamboat Arabia Museum. Here are displayed the long lost contents of an 1850's steamboat that sank in the treacherous currents of the Missouri River only to be found and recovered 125 years later. The Arabia was on its way to Nebraska with all the provisions needed to settle a small town, and so this collection has been called "the Wal-Mart" of the pre-Civil War era.

On Tuesday, you will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. This magnificent neoclassical building is a work of art itself, housing masterpieces from the Northern Renaissance, the early Italian Renaissance, and the French Impressionists. You will tour the Nelson's world famous Asian galleries, which include a Buddhist temple. Marvel at

the beauty of Caravaggio's *Saint John the Baptist*, Monet's *Boulevard des Capucines*, Thomas Hart Benton's *Persephone*, and T'ang dynasty glazed tomb figures. Later that evening you can stroll the Country Club Plaza, Kansas City's unique shopping and entertainment district reminiscent of Old World Seville, while enjoying the statues, fountains, and horse drawn carriages.

On Wednesday, it's baseball and jazz as we visit the 18th and Vine District's two unique destinations: the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and the American Jazz Museum. Relive the diamond exploits of Satchell Paige, Buck O'Neil, and Josh Gibson, "the Babe Ruth of the Negro Leagues." Then listen to live jazz at the Blue Room, the only museum exhibit in the world that's also a nightclub!

You will also have plenty of free time to do your own exploring. The Kansas City Museum at Corinthian Hall is a short drive from the hotel as is the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. Although the Truman Library will, unfortunately, be closed during September for major renovations, I'm told that there will be Truman related exhibits and activities in Independence at

the courthouse and that the Truman home will be open for tours. If you don't wish to drive around town, there is a world to explore on foot. The conference hotel is the Westin, which is part of a "city within a city" called Crown Center. Crown Center (owned by Hallmark Cards) has numerous restaurants, shops, and live theater within its 85-acre complex. Within walking distance is the newly restored Union Station, Kansas City's historic rail terminal, which is also home to Science City, an interactive science museum and Iwerks Entertainment's Extreme Screen theatre with its

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