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ROAD SCHOLAR'S *MY HOMETOWN* SERIES FEATURES HIDDEN GEMS AROUND THE COUNTRY

BOSTON (June 4, 2015) — Road Scholar's *My Hometown* series focuses on hometown America, an extraordinary week of learning and discovery of the people and charms in each of eight welcoming towns across the U.S. From Macon, Ga. to Marblehead, Mass., participants will explore each community's history and culture, meeting local leaders, musicians, teachers or artists, and learning what makes the town tick.

"Learning and community are at the heart of Road Scholar experiences — we've developed new opportunities to take lifelong learners on journeys to towns and cities in the U.S. and in other countries to gain an insider's perspective in each place they visit," says James Moses, president and CEO of Road Scholar. "*My Hometown* programs take the notion of experiencing a place through the eyes of the locals to a whole new level."

Road Scholar instructors and local aficionados lead programs in Macon, Ga., Marblehead, Mass., Park City, Utah, Chincoteague Island, Va., St. Paul, Minn., and throughout California. Just a sampling includes:

My Hometown: Soulful and Storied Macon in the Heart of Georgia (www.roadscholar.org/22013)

Steeped in history, music, and a revitalization of its downtown, Macon, Georgia and the stories that shape it today are the focus of this special learning adventure. Program highlights include a farm-to-table dinner at the elaborate Italian Renaissance-style Hay House, known as the "Palace of the South" in the mid-19th century; hearing from visionaries behind the nonprofit NewTown Macon share their blueprint for preserving and restoring the downtown and the city into a hub of culture; discovering stories of music greats with local connections such as Otis Redding, Little Richard, Percy Sledge, the Allman Brothers, Lynrd Skynrd, Tom Petty, Boz Scaggs and more.

Marblehead: the Authentic and Salty Spirit of Coastal New England (www.roadscholar.org/22061)

Discover day-to-day life in this rocky coastal peninsula with civic leaders, a lobsterman, the harbormaster, shopkeepers, a craftsman and a local historian. In an extraordinary week, participants soak up the salt air and breathe in the seafaring history of the yachting capital of America and birthplace of the American Navy. Highlights include meeting village decision-makers in the 1876 Abbott Hall, the seat of local government, which is also home to the original "Spirit of '76" painting and the town land deed purchased from the Naumkeag Indians in 1684.

The Rise, Fall and Rebirth of Peerless Park City, Utah (www.roadscholar.org/22012)

Learn about the colorful history of this Rocky Mountain town from vantage points few others have enjoyed — a historic train ride through the nearby glacier-carved canyon, inside silver mines and soaring high above the mountains in a hot-air balloon. Participants will hear the story of Park City's first boom as they find out just how

much silver was — and still is — hidden within its 1,800-mile network of mining tunnels. Highlights also include exploring Park City Museum and Olympic Park to see current and hopeful Olympic athletes train.

For details on all programs in the *My Hometown* series, visit www.road scholar.org/myhometown.

About Road Scholar

Not-for-profit Road Scholar's mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. Since inception, more than 5 million people have enrolled in our 5,500 iconic educational adventures offered annually in 50 states and 150 countries around the world.

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