GEORGIA STATE SENATE
PAGE PROGRAM

2012 Welcome Packet

WELCOME FROM THE GEORGIA STATE SENATE!

Welcome to the Georgia State Senate Page Program! We hope this experience will be a great one that you'll always remember. As a Senate Page, you will serve the Senators by delivering important information and messages to them in the Senate Chamber during the Legislative Session day.

The Page program provides students like you a first-hand opportunity to observe and participate in your state government. While paging, you will work for the full legislative day and at day's end you will receive $10.00 pay. You must be at least twelve (12) years old to participate in this program.

The Page Desk is located directly in front of the Senate Chamber on the third floor of the State Capitol. Please arrive at the Page Desk one hour prior to the time you are scheduled to page. An orientation session will be held for all pages to give you a general overview of your duties. You should be neatly dressed in comfortable shoes and clothing. A certificate of service will be presented to you at the end of the day and will serve as an excuse from school.

Please read through this packet carefully to ensure your trip to the Senate goes smoothly. If you have questions that we haven't answered here, please don't hesitate to contact your Senator's office and the Senator's staff will be happy to assist you.

Enjoy your experience and thank you for your service to the Georgia State Senate!

SERVING AS A PAGE

The day before you serve:

You should call the automated **Page Information Line** at **(404) 657-7004 after 5:00 pm** on the **day before** you are scheduled to serve in order to confirm that the Senate will be in session as well as find out the time they will convene for the day. Session start time varies, but as a general rule, you can expect the following:

Monday and Tuesday .....10:00am or 12:00pm
Wednesday.....10:00am
Thursday and Friday:..... 9:00am or 10:00am

Under certain circumstances, the Senate will occasionally convene at 1:00pm or 2:00pm on Mondays.

Even though these are good general guidelines, it is VERY important that you call the Page Information Line the night before you are scheduled to serve to verify the exact start time!

The day you are serving:

You will need to report to the Senate Page Desk (outside the Senate Chamber on the 3rd Floor of the State Capitol) for Orientation at one of the following times:

8:00am if the Senate is convening at 9:00am
8:30am if the Senate is convening at 10:00am
10:00am if the Senate is convening at 12:00pm
12:00pm if the Senate is convening at 1:00pm or 2:00pm

If you are arriving for an afternoon start time, you should have already eaten lunch when you arrive. **It is very important you arrive at these times for check-in and Orientation.**

When you arrive, you will need to be able to tell the Page Director the name of the Senator who is sponsoring you. Although you are sponsored by either the Lieutenant Governor or one Senator, you will be working for Senate as a whole.

You will work from the convening of daily session to the final adjournment of that day's session; adjournment time varies daily and may be as early as 11:00am or as late as 6:00pm. Please be sure you have a phone number to contact a parent or guardian when Session is over for the day.

Before you leave for the day, you must see the Page Director and sign out on the Page Payroll Sheet. **Please remember to collect all of your belongings before you leave!**

Things to remember while serving:

- You may not chew gum or eat candy while performing your duties as a Page.
- **You are on your own for lunch** unless your sponsor takes you to lunch. There is a snack bar in the Capitol and a cafeteria across the street in the Twin Towers Building.
- **You are not allowed to have your cell phone, iPod/MP3 player, CD player, portable game system, or any other form of electronic device with you while performing their duties as a Page.** The Page Staff has no place to store or secure any personal items or valuables, so please do not even bring them with you!

Other information:

- **You must be at least 12 years of age to serve as a Page**. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- The Senate welcomes young men and women with physical disabilities who wish to Page. **Please notify the Page Desk or your sponsoring Senator's office at least one week prior to your visit if you will require special accommodations during your time at the Capitol.**
- **If your parents or guardians want to stay at the Capitol while you are serving, they can sit in the Senate Gallery on the 4th floor and watch Session**. There is no flash photography permitted in the Chamber while the Senate is in session. Alternately, there are many attractions near the Capitol to visit.
- **Please do not bring items of value with you to be left at the desk while paging.**
- While serving as a Page, you will need to dress appropriately. **Young men should wear nice dress pants and a dress shirt. Young ladies should wear a nice shirt with nice dress pants or a knee-length (or longer) skirt; nice dresses are also acceptable. You may not wear jeans, shorts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, skirts shorter than knee-length, or any shirt that exposes the midriff. If you think it may not be acceptable, it probably isn't!** You will be on your feet and moving around most of the day, so please wear comfortable shoes!
- You will have your picture made with the Lieutenant Governor and your Senator. Pictures are generally taken right before lunch (depending on the daily schedule), so please do not leave for lunch without checking with the Page Director first! A copy of your picture(s) will be mailed to you as soon as it is processed, generally 4-6 weeks after you serve but possibly longer depending on our staff's schedules.
- You will receive a certificate of service at the end of the day. This certificate will serve as an excuse absence from school.
- You will be paid $10.00 for your service to the Senate. Along with this pay, you will also receive a first-hand look at the legislative process in the state of Georgia.

MAPS AND DIRECTIONS

From the South:

Take I-75/85 North to Exit 245 (Capitol Avenue). At the bottom of the exit ramp, continue straight through the stop sign. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Hank Aaron Drive. The Capitol will be approximately one mile down on the left.

From the North:

Take I-75/85 South to Exit 248A (Martin Luther King Jr. Drive). Bear right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Capitol will be on the left.

From the East:

Take I-20 West to Exit 58A (Capitol Avenue). Turn right on Capitol Avenue. The Capitol will be approximately one mile down on the left.

From the West:

Take I-20 East to Exit 56B (Winsor St./Spring St./Stadium). At the third light, turn left onto Central Avenue. Go to Mitchell Street and turn right. The Capitol will be two blocks down on the left.

Parking:

Parking is always an issue during legislative session. A suggestion for parking would be at Underground Atlanta (one block past the Capitol on M.L.K. Jr. Drive). The cost for this is $5.00 for the day.

Online mapping:

If you want to go online and search for directions from your house or hotel to the Capitol using your favorite mapping site (Google Maps, MapQuest, etc.), the street address you will want to use for the Capitol is:

18 Capitol Square SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

STATE GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

CAPITOL HILL

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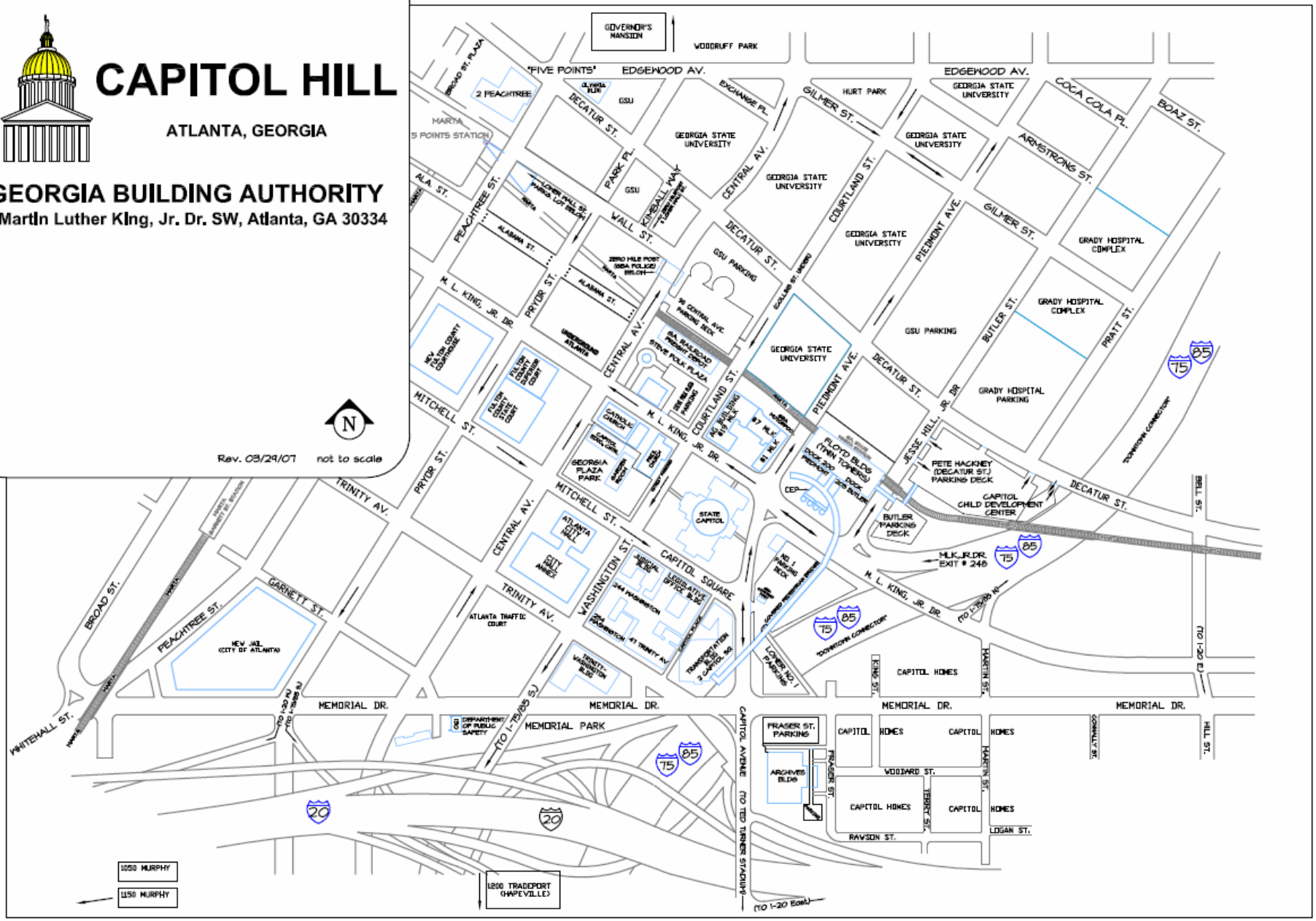

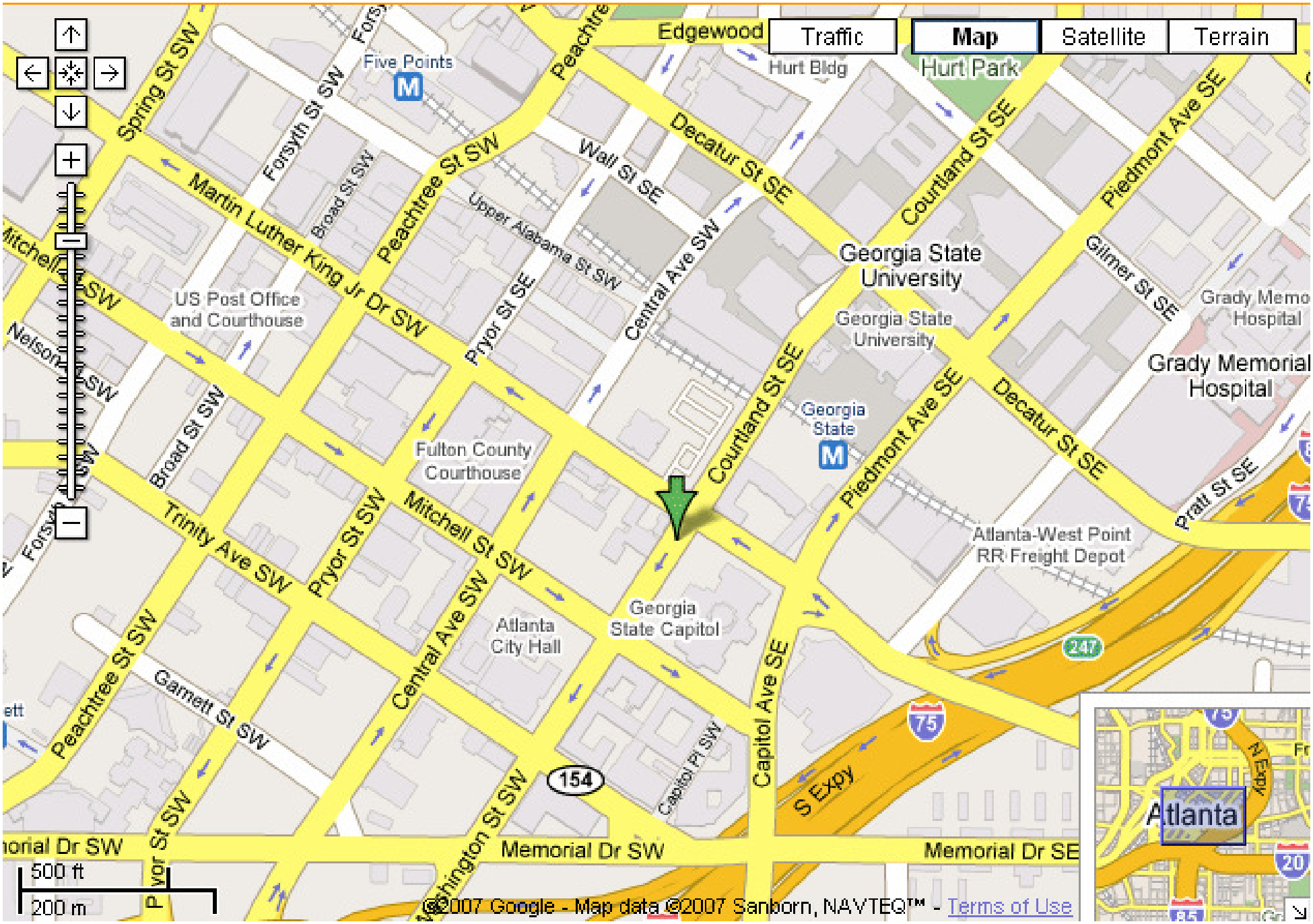
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Holiday Inn Select – Atlanta Capitol Conference Center
450 Capitol Ave.
Atlanta GA
0.1 mi
(800) 465-4329

Atlanta Holiday Inn Select – Downtown
450 Capitol Ave. SE
Atlanta, GA
0.4 mi
(404) 591-2000

Sheraton – Atlanta Hotel
165 Courtland St. NE
Atlanta, GA
.59 mi
(404) 659-6500

Residence Inn – Atlanta Downtown
134 Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, GA
0.6 mi
(404) 522-0950

Embassy Suites – Olympic Centennial Park
267 Marietta St. NW
Atlanta, GA
0.7 mi
(404) 223-2300

Hampton Inn & Suites – Atlanta Downtown
161 Spring St. NW
Atlanta, GA
0.7 mi
(404) 589-1111

Omni Hotel – CNN Center
100 CNN Center NW
Atlanta, GA
0.71 mi
404-659-0000

Wyndham Garden Hotel
175 Piedmont Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA
0.8 mi
(404) 659-2727 or 800-996-3426

Baymont Inn & Suites
175 Piedmont Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA
0.8 mi
(404) 659-7777 or 877-229-6668

Marriott – Atlanta Marquis
265 Peachtree Center Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA
1.1 mi
(404) 521-0000

Quality Inn – Atlanta
89 Luckie Street NW
Atlanta GA
.92 Miles
(404) 524-7991

Super 8 – Downtown
111 Cone St. NW
Atlanta, GA
.97 mi
(404) 525-5200