


## LA FRANCE EN AUTOMNE 2007

 Our Chamberlain-Hunt fall trip to France is coming up in October. We will be leaving Port Gibson on Friday the fifth and returning on Saturday the thirteenth. Six Cadets and two adults will be spending the week in a beautiful farmhouse in the village of Branches, just outside of the city of Auxerre. This area is the northern end of the famous Burgundy region, about 100 miles to the southeast of Paris. It is a region known for its wine, primarily, but also for its agriculture and medieval architecture.

The house in Branches will serve as our home-base from which we will depart on daytrips to various fascinating cities in the northeast of France. Cadets will learn to appreciate some of the culture and history of this area. We will be visiting Ypres, in Belgium, site of some of the biggest World War One battles. We will also visit Bastogne where the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division fought the Battle of the Bulge. We will then head to Verdun, site of another important battle of World War One as well as a city of great significance in the early medieval period. Then comes Versailles, where Louis the Fourteenth built his breathtaking palace. Of course, we can't miss the world capital of culture: Paris. We will be spending a day in the capital, touring the center of town, the cathedral of Notre-Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, the Champs-Elysées and the Arc de Triomphe. We will have dinner near Notre Dame on the banks of the Seine River. Our final stop will be Auxerre (an old medieval town which used to be part of the Kingdom of Burgundy) where we will do some sightseeing and some shopping.

Besides all the activities, part of the appeal of this trip is the house in Branches. A huge farmhouse, built in 1822, which has been restored and modernized, it is of itself one of the highlights of the trip (to see some pictures of the house, you can go to [www.holidayhouseinfrance.com](http://www.holidayhouseinfrance.com)). There is a billiards table, a table tennis table, a dartboard, a spa and a pond. Cadets will get to enjoy home cooked French food as well as sample all kinds of delicious French treats (Cadets on previous trips raved over the apples!).

The Cadets who participate in this trip will get the chance to experience France more authentically than any guided tour. I, Major Julien Jones, who grew up in France and whose family owns the house, will be leading the group. There will be a time every evening for discussion of the day's events and of the particularities of French culture.

This week is an experience no Cadet will forget.

Venez voyager en France!



**To reserve a spot for your son, please contact Sarah Wells via e-mail :**

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**Deadline for registration is Monday, 17 September 2007.**

**The cost for the trip is \$1,800.**