**STS 297A Viaduct Field Trip**

A field trip to the Tunkhannock and Starrucca viaducts at Nicholson and Lanesboro, Pennsylvania, respectively, will be held on Saturday, March 31. The departure time is 7:00 a.m. (sharp) from the parking lot behind the west end of Hammond Building and Reber Mechanical Engineering Building. The detailed itinerary appears below.

Although the field trip is specifically for students enrolled in STS 297A, Structures and Society, those in Civil and Environmental Engineering are welcome on the trip on a first-come, first-served basis as seating is available.

Transportation is being provided in a comfortable 55-passenger bus, equipped with a restroom and TV screens. A couple structures-related DVDs will be shown on the trip to the viaducts, and a movie will be shown on the return trip.

There is no charge for the bus or for the box lunch that will be provided on the trip between the viaducts at Nicholson and Lanesboro. The only expense will be for a buffet-dinner on our return trip ($15 for students, $20 for non-students—**cash** to be collected on the bus before arrival at the restaurant).

Bagels and doughnuts will be served on the bus (no charge). For morning coffee drinkers, a coffee urn will be available at the bus. If you choose to take advantage of the opportunity to fill up prior to departure, you **must** bring a secure, thermos-type container. Cardboard- or Styrofoam-type cups with simple snap-on lids are not acceptable and will not be filled.

If you are interested, please inform Dr. Harry West ([hhw@psu.edu](mailto:hhw@psu.edu)) prior to Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

**Itinerary for STS 297A Viaduct Field Trip**

- **7:00 a.m.** Depart from University (meet in parking lot behind Reber Mechanical Engr. Bldg.).
- **10:45 a.m.** Arrive at Tunkhannock Viaduct in Nicholson. Allow 1½ hours for a brief orientation and for the students to examine viaduct, take photos, etc.
- **12:15 p.m.** Depart from Nicholson. Students will be served a box lunch on the bus on the way to Lanesboro.
- **1:15 p.m.** Arrive at Starrucca Viaduct in Lanesboro. Allow 1½ hours for a brief orientation and for the students to examine viaduct, take photos, etc.
- **2:45 p.m.** Depart Lanesboro for State College. One-hour stop for a buffet-dinner on the way back to State College at the Nichols Village Restaurant in Clarks Summit.
- **9:00 p.m.** Arrive back in State College.