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UUP Calendar for Summer 2010

Tues. July 20th • Chapter Exec. Board Meeting at Noon, WSCC Old Chem (RSVP to Corinne at 2-6570)
Weds. July 21st • Red Dragon Labyrinth
Tues. Aug 17th • Chapter Exec. Board Meeting at Noon, WSCC Old Chem (RSVP to Corinne at 2-6570)

NYSUT New Discount Travel Program
New discount travel program available to you – TripMark.travel, is an all-inclusive travel program that provides online and travel agent capabilities as well as bookings for group travel (group travel requires a minimum of nine hotel rooms). With TripMark.travel, you can book your vacations, flights, hotels, cruises and much more while taking advantage of great deals. TripMark.travel also offers Destination Guides, where you can get recommendations on attractions, restaurants and hotels, as well as up-to-date weather, health tips and general information for thousands of destinations.

Anytime you would like to take a road trip, just plug in your zip code and indicate how long of a trip you want to make. You can fine-tune your destination by choosing a direction you want to travel, but that’s optional. It will pinpoint several spots and provide you with hotel selections and rates. If you prefer, you can call travel agents between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET. After-hours agents are available 24/7 for emergency service only. Service fees may be applied to travel agent service. (Please note: full-service travel agent capabilities become available in mid June for this new benefit program.)

Visit this link: http://www.nysut.org/cps/rde/xchg/nysut/hs.xsl/3455_15224.htm to read more and for the link to TripMark.travel.
You’ll note three toll-free numbers, depending on your mode of travel.

Misinformation on Health Care Insurance Costs & W-2 Forms.
From Tony Wildman, NYSUT & Phil Smith UUP
There is a widely circulating chain email concerning the requirement that employers add the value of the health care benefits to the employee's W-2. The email states that this amount will appear on the employee’s W-2 for 2011, but erroneously concludes it will be added to the gross income and that employees will be taxed on the total. This is not correct and the
sources cited in the email do not support the author's claim. The amount reported for health benefits is only provided for informational purposes and not taxable income. This is an example of the misinformation designed to undermine the new health care reform. I have received several inquiries from retirees concerning this issue. You can refer members to the web site listed below for the real story: [http://www.factcheck.org/2010/05/health-care-law-and-w-2-forms/](http://www.factcheck.org/2010/05/health-care-law-and-w-2-forms/)

*RSVP* No later than three days prior to an event for lunch orders.
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