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### **Paradise Lost? Vacation Found**

Virginia Beach, Va. (July 28, 2008) – The economy is dragging, housing sales are in a slump and gas prices cause daily anxiety. Many have blinked away financial tears this summer only to miss their hard-won vacation. There is a place right here in Virginia Beach where locals can go to eat, swim, workout and be handed a \$25 gas card – all for free. At The Founders Inn and Spa this summer, there is a way to reach out and grab hold of that vacation. When individuals, families, couples or groups come to dine, stay overnight or to enjoy spa treatments at Flowering Almond Spa, much comes alongside, free of charge.

Now through Labor Day, kids and active military eat free. Each active military person who chooses to take advantage of this offer is welcome, accompanied by a paying adult, and will be asked to present a valid ID. Kids under 12 eat free for breakfast Mondays through Saturdays. Each additional child (maximum is two children per party) eats for only \$5.95.

Purchase a “Tanks for Coming” package to stay at The Founders Inn for two nights and get pumped up with a \$25 gas card. It’s starting at \$149 per night, based on double occupancy, and as occupancy levels permit, so it’s wise to make reservations quickly.

Also, anyone who goes to the Flowering Almond Spa for any kind of spa treatment – massage, manicure, pedicure, facial treatment, body wrap – is welcome to use the fitness center, indoor and outdoor pool free. This is a great way to combine a workout, tan time and spa indulgence in one place!

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#### About The Founders Inn and Spa

Boasting old-world charm and the finest southern hospitality, The Founders Inn and Spa provides the appeal and warmth of a country inn,

accented by beautiful antiques and historic artifacts, with a new \$5 million full-service resort spa, grand scale pool featuring a circular slide and interactive fountains, luxurious amenities and award-winning cuisine. The Inn's 240 guestrooms and suites include High Speed Internet access, generous workspace and views of 26 landscaped acres. Select rooms include gas fireplaces, and views of the lake and formal gardens. The Founders Inn and Spa is located at 5641 Indian River Road in Virginia Beach near exit 286B off Interstate 64 East. For reservations and additional information, please call 800-926-4466 or visit [www.FOUNDERSINN.com](http://wwwFOUNDERSINN.com).

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