Architecture to be focus of new tours this winter

SPECIAL HOUSE tours offering an in-depth look at Thomas Jefferson’s "essay in architecture" will be introduced in 2008.

These Architecture Tours will be conducted three times daily in January and February.

Each guided tour, which will last approximately 75 minutes, will give visitors the opportunity to view, hear about, and consider the various structural and decorative elements that have earned Monticello widespread recognition as one of the icons of American architecture. The tour route will include rooms on the main floor of the house and the third-floor Dome Room.

The tours will begin at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. each day from Jan. 2 through Feb. 29. Each tour will be limited to a maximum of 18 people.

Tickets for Architecture Tours are $25 per person; no discounts apply. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and will be available beginning Dec. 1 through the Web site monticello.org or by calling (434) 984-9822. A credit card is required, and there is a limit of six tickets per purchase.