



www.helpareackwin.org

Ahhh... to be a kid in the **White House**

We don't know Malia and Sasha Obama, plus we really wouldn't want to bug them right now. But we do wonder what it would be like to be a kid, moving into the most famous house in the United States. So we turned to the trusty old Internet to find out.

1) My dad is in a boring meeting, and I want to go outside. Where should I go? Head straight to the South Lawn, shown here

<http://www.whitehousemuseum.org/model/presidents-park.htm> and here <http://www.1observatorycircle.com/grounds/south-lawn.htm>. You can splash in a



goldfish pond, climb into a tree-house built by President Carter for his 10-year-old daughter, Amy, or see if your hands are bigger or smaller than Jenna and

2) Is the oval office really oval? Yep! You could run around in circles all day, unless you started to bug your dad. Here's proof:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/slideshows/OvalOffice/>

3) I need to go to the bathroom. Is it easy to find one? It should be. At http://www.whitehousehistory.org/06/subs/06_b.html you learn that the White House has 132 rooms, including 16 guest rooms and three kitchens. That means you'll have your pick from 35 toilets. See if you can find one in this White House virtual tour: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/whitehouse/virtual.html>

4) I need help with my homework! Do I get special help?

Sorry, you're probably on your own. Once, though a White House kid, 10-year-old Amy Carter got more than she bargained for when her dad's Secret Service tried to help. Visit:

http://sjeds.com/blog/tech_connect/2009/01/21/children-living-in-the-white-house/

5) What other cool stuff can I do? You have a lot of choices. You can take up a new sport, like bowling in the bowling alley, swimming in a pool; or you can play tennis or basketball outside. There's also a small, private movie theatre with nice, squishy seats. <http://www.1observatorycircle.com/floor0/bowling-alley.htm>

6) My dad said I could get a dog, but I think he's changing his mind.

Remind him that Caroline Kennedy got her own pony, plus there have been all kinds of family pets in the White House, including dogs, goats, alligators, snakes and birds. See the list at

<http://www.presidentialpetmuseum.com/whitehousepets-1.htm>



www.helpareackwin.org

7) I'm taking piano lessons and need to practice.

Is there a piano? You're in luck! There are many pianos to try, including a black grand piano upstairs, played by Richard Nixon, plus a 1938 Stienway, downstairs in the East Room with FANCY carved wooden legs. Have a closer look, here:

<http://www.whitehousemuseum.org/furnishings/piano.htm>



<http://www.whitehousehistory.org>

LittleClickers.com™
Safe, fun Internet explorations for children
is made possible by
COMPUTER EXPLORERS

www.computerexplorers.com is a computer learning franchise. COMPUTER EXPLORERS has begun a blog to answer questions about children, technology and education. Read and post your comments at http://www.computerexplorers.com/about/corporate_blog. The web-based version of this page, with active links, can be found at <http://www.littleclickers.com>. CTR and Computer Explorers do not have commercial interests in the sites listed on this page. Librarians and teachers are permitted to copy this page for non-profit use. To report a bad link, please contact bobbie@childrensoftware.com, or call 908-284-0404 (9 - 3 PM, EST).