



MD34 CONVENTION



Fellow Lions,

We were told at the Council of Governor's meeting that we had been notified by phone that we will be redistricting. We will receive the "official" notification with the detail instructions of how we will redistrict in the very near future. This can impact our MD 34 Convention so we are sending out some things to get feedback now. We will send the registration forms as soon as we know what has to be done at the Convention. The convention dates are April 30 – May 3, 2009 at Lake Guntersville State Lodge.

District 34-I is the host district for the 2009 MD 34 State Convention. We want this to be a convention where we not only conduct business that will determine the actions of MD 34 for the future years, but also one where you have a very enjoyable and entertained time. We are working hard to provide the things that are needed to fulfill those needs.

So get away from the fast-paced, multi-lane roads full of road-rage drivers, unclean air, and the other fast paced traits of larger city living. Come to the serene, pristine woodlands, beautiful views, and the clean air of the mountain area of Alabama. Our way of life allows us to slow up and enjoy the magnificent views that our area affords us. It relieves stress to just relax, fill your lungs with the cleaner air, watch the animals enjoy the wonders of nature while you are enjoying watching them, and still have almost all of the amenities of the larger cities. It will be a beautiful time of the year with Desoto Park having their annual [Wildflower Saturday](#).

Come to the MD 34 Convention located [at Lake Guntersville State Lodge](#) (256-571-5440). We have made arrangements for overflow lodging at [Hampton Inn](#) (256-582-4176) and [Holiday Inn](#) (256-582-2220) located in Guntersville. You need to be sure to identify yourself as a Lion when you reserve your room. Rooms are blocked with special rates until 29 March, 2009.

We have gotten the support of the [Marshall County Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) to help us make this an unforgettable experience. Please use the link to review things that are available in our area. We ask you support their efforts when it fits your wants and needs.

Our area (Marshall, [DeKalb](#), and [Jackson](#) counties) is an exceptional area of the wonders of nature. We have some of the most beautiful views of mountains, valleys, rock formations, lakes, and some of the most historical sites in the grand state of Alabama.

The [Indian Tribes](#) have played an important part in our area's history. Archeologists have established links back over 10,000 years in [Russell Cave](#) to the Native Americans of this area. The Indian influence is shown in many of the local areas and many of the same things they enjoyed in earlier days are still available for you to see and enjoy just as they did.

Our cultural background and current support is not lacking in any area. We have two of the best recognized theater production companies (Whole Backstage "[The Skin of Our Teeth](#)" and NACC Theater "[Miss Saigon](#)") in the state. You are in luck since both will be doing productions during the dates of the convention. We have the oldest Opera House and is the only one that is still in use. The Opera House was built during the industrial boom created by the [Fort Payne Coal and Iron Company](#) in 1889. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the National Theatres in America.

Kate Duncan Smith DAR School



Becker Hall, one of the few, if not the only, vertical log buildings in existence and use today.

We want to have entertainment both at the Lodge-Convention and in the local areas. We want to plan on having a dance after the banquet on Saturday night with a cash-bar. We will have a hospitality room to rival any you have been to in any convention in the past. Hokes Bluff and the Tawannah clubs are known for putting on a "good feed" and having a good time. Be prepared to join the singing,

music playing, and just having a good time that seems to always magically appear when these two clubs are involved. We hope Norm and the other singers from Talladega are attending for our singing.

The form that is included is for you to let us know what you want to have available during the convention. We will create tours or whatever action is needed to try to provide the items that the most people want. We can still arrange for the other items if enough people want them. We will be trying to provide free or greatly reduced cost for transportation, tickets, meals, and what else we can work out with the money we will have. Our goal is to provide you with free things to do all day Friday if possible. Friday and part of Saturday is designed to be fun days. The convention will start with a luau Friday night at the beach area. This will include a river trip to the beach for those that want it.

We will be looking at providing pontoon boat river tours. We have arranged to have a boat available for tubing. We have sources for a lot of different rentals such as sailboats, pontoon boats, and we are working on bicycles and horses for touring the trails.

Please look at the links for the different areas and see if there is anything that you would like to see or do. If you find something, put that item in the other box on the form. Remember, we want to help you to have an outstanding time during the convention. We will work hard performing the business of MD 34 and let's play just as hard to have a terrific time at the convention.

Please email this to fred@nacc.edu.

My Name:

Club Name:

	1	I will register for convention (number)		2	River Cruise by pontoon boat
	3	Golf Tournament		4	Jazz Band
	5	Horseback Riding		6	Convention Tee-Shirt
	7	Dance after banquet w/cash bar		7	Dinner music
	8	Organ Player		9	Jogging Track
	10	Karaoke Session		11	Stand for Club for Parade of Banners
	12	Water Tubing		13	Whole BackStage "Skin of our Teeth"
	14	Tour a vintage (wine-making)		15	Play at NACC - Miss Saigon
	16	Alabama Fan Club & Museum		17	Cook Sound Studios
	18	Buck's Pocket State Park		19	Desoto State Park
	20	DeSoto Park Wildflower Saturday		21	DAR School Tour
	22	Nature Walks		23	Mall Shopping
	24	Marshall County Attractions		25	North Alabama Birding Trail
	26	Little River Canyon		27	Wintzell's Oyster House
	28	Cathedral Caverns State Park.		29	Strides Walk for Diabetes
	30	Unclaimed Baggage		31	Collinsville Trade Day
	32	Glass Blowing Orbix Hot Glass		33	First Monday Trade Days Scottsboro
	34	Boating/Sailing		35	Miracle Pottery & Art Gallery
	36	MD 34 Leo Clubs Meeting		37	
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Put an X in the block in front of the number. Type in any other activates wanted in boxes 37, 38, or 39. This is for planning purposes only. This will give us a good idea of what we need to arrange to provide.

Thank you,

DG Fred Rogers