



January 2008

Dear Catholic Scouters,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to this 40th Biennial Conference of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting in Louisville, Kentucky. Whether this is your first conference with us, or you are a more seasoned "veteran" we encourage you to take this time with those who, like yourself, appreciate the abiding values of scouting in the Catholic Church.

Our time together affords us the opportunity to share programs, ideas, concerns, and socialize with each other. We hope to discover our course towards a new horizon of hope and possibility, as we seek each day to better witness to youth entrusted to our care in the unique relationship that is Scouting under Catholic auspices in our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations.

We are very appreciative and thankful for the Archdiocese of Louisville and its Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for their volunteers and accepting the challenges of hosting our meeting in their archdiocese.

May we pray that the Lord, will richly bless your time here and enliven your resolve to return home and carry the message. Let us all go forward with our lives and work as we enter into "Witnessing with Youth" now and always.

May the Lord bless you in this ministry,

The NCCS Conference Management Team

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The "Early Bird" Registration Fee, before February 19, 2008, is \$250.00; Conference Registration Fee after February 19 and before March 10 is \$275.00 and Late Registration Fee of \$310.00 applies to registrations received after March 10. This fee includes a non-refundable deposit of \$65.00.

The Registration Fee can be transferred but not refunded after March 20, 2008. Submit requests for refund in writing prior to this date.

Registration for the Conference includes: Conference credentials and materials, administrative services, Service Charges, refreshment breaks and five (5) Conference meals (*Wednesday breakfast, Thursday breakfast, Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast, and the Conference Banquet on Friday evening*).

Tickets for the Optional Activities must be purchased separately. **Each** person registering as a Conference Participant **must** return a completed registration form; use a separate registration form for each person registering as a Conference Participant. All fees must be paid at the time of registration. Fees may be paid by check, money order or credit card. ***Remember to indicate your entree choice for the Thursday Lunch and Friday Banquet on your registration form.***

Additional registration packets and information is available on our website at www.nccs-bsa.org. You may make copies of the registration form if you just need additional forms.

SPOUSE & GUEST REGISTRATION

The "Early Bird" Registration Fee, before February 19, 2008, is \$150.00; Conference Registration Fee after February 19 and before March 10 is \$165.00 and Late Registration Fee of \$180.00 applies to registrations received after March 10. This registration fee includes Conference credentials and materials, administrative services, Service Charges, Wednesday breakfast, Thursday breakfast, Friday breakfast, and the Conference Banquet on Friday evening. Tickets for any of the other Conference Meals must be purchased separately. ***Remember to indicate your entree choice for the Friday Banquet on your registration form.***

Tickets for the Optional Activities must be purchased separately. All fees must be paid at the time of registration. Fees may be paid by check, money order or credit card.

THREE DAY, TWO DAY & ONE DAY REGISTRATION

These three Registration Levels are available for those who are interested in attending only part of the Biennial Conference. Each Fee includes Conference credentials, materials, service charges and administrative services. The Conference meals are **NOT** included in these Fees; any meal tickets need to be purchased separately **in advance** of the Conference. If you plan to attend the Banquet on Friday evening, remember to indicate your entree choice on your registration form. Tickets for the Optional Activities must be purchased separately.

Each Three Day, Two Day or One Day Conference Participant must return a completed registration form; use a separate registration form for each person. All fees must be paid at the time of registration.

The Three Day Fee is \$120.00 – The Two Day Fee is \$90.00 - The One Day Fee is \$ 60.00

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Louisville is a newly renovated hotel in the heart of the downtown Louisville. The hotel has comfortably appointed rooms with the Luxurious Pillow Top Hyatt Grand Beds; T-Mobile Hot Spot - wireless Internet Access (fee) in each room. Activities available include an Indoor Pool, Outdoor Tennis Court, a Hyatt Stay Fit Gym, and adjacent to the Louisville 4th Street Live Entertainment Complex. Hyatt Regency Louisville is approximately 15 minutes from the Louisville International Airport.

The preferred method of registering at Hyatt Regency Louisville would be on the Internet at the following URL:

<http://louisville.hyatt.com/groupbooking/sdfri2008nccs>

For those unable to take advantage of the Internet, registration can also be made by calling the hotel directly at (502) 581-1234. **Hotel cut-off for room reservations is Sunday, February 24, 2008.**

HOTEL PARKING

The Hyatt Regency Louisville has parking in a public parking garage adjacent to the hotel. Valet Overnight Parking is available for \$18.00 per day which includes in/out privileges or Valet Daily Visitor parking is \$11.00 per day which includes in/out privileges. Indoor Self Parking is available for hotel guests at \$9.00 per day with in/out privileges. Parking Garage Clearance is 7 feet.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the airport is available for a flat rate by all cabs/taxis for around \$20.00 for 1 to 4 person. Please confirm your rate with the driver/operator prior to boarding.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 2 SPECIAL EVENING EVENT:

The Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Committee on Scouting is hosting a special evening event on Wednesday, April 2. This event will depart from the Cathedral of the Assumption after our Liturgy on Wednesday. Dress is Casual!

You will be transported over to the countryside of southern Indiana for a casual evening of food, relaxation and entertainment at Joe Huber Family Farm. ***Ticket must be purchased for this event on your registration form.***

SPECIAL TOURS FOR SPOUSES AND GUEST, ETC.

Interested in finding out what is happening on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday? The Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Committee on Scouting has plans for several tours and special activities for spouses and guests. These must be booked direct and paid for with the Archdiocesan Committee. For more information E-mail John Ribar at Ribarr@aol.com or call him at 502.425.2504

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Philmont Reunion Luncheon:

Brian R.Gray
Director of the Philmont Training Center

Prayer Breakfast:

Reverend Jeff Shooner
Eagle Scout & Associate Vocations Director
of the Archdiocese of Louisville

SHIPPING OF MEETING MATERIALS:

Packages of material you may need for your presentation or meeting may be shipped in advance to the Hyatt Regency Louisville. If you plan to ship any packages to the hotel, you need to follow the instructions below.

All packages are subject to a shipping and receiving fee of \$6.00. The NCCS conference committee will collect this fee from you when you pick-up your package(s) at the conference office. Packages should be shipped to arrive at the hotel *no earlier than March 28*; any packages arriving at the hotel before March 28, will incur a per day storage fee of \$15.00 per package and you will be billed by NCCS upon arrival.

You are responsible for shipping your packages home from the hotel. The hotel can assist with package pick-up, but they **require** you to have Pre-Paid Shipping Labels for any packages being shipped from the hotel after our meeting. The hotel does not bill for return shipping. FEDEX is the only carrier who will pick-up from the Hyatt Regency Louisville.

Packages shipped to the hotel **MUST** be addressed as follows:

Your Name – NCCS
Box _____ of _____
Hold for April 1-5, 2008
c/o Hyatt Regency Louisville
320 West Jefferson
Louisville, KY 40202

CONFERENCE DRESS CODE

Monday through Saturday during the day, dress is casual or Scout uniform. Friday evening banquet should be “dressy”.

It is highly recommended that all attendees refrain from wearing a Scout uniform if you wish to participate in any activities in the lounge.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIABILITY

Hyatt Regency Louisville does not assume responsibility for personal property or equipment brought into the banquet and/or meeting rooms. NCCS Insurance/Liability Guidelines indicate that personal equipment you may bring to the meeting is not covered by this liability insurance. Any risk involved remains with the owner of the equipment. Keep these facts in mind if you plan to bring any personal equipment to the meeting.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR HAVE A QUESTION

Email the Conference Questions and Information Center at NCCSConference@nccs-bsa.org