

2007 Southern District ITE Annual Meeting
Knoxville, Tennessee
April 22-25, 2007



Spouse Activities

Spouses,

We look forward to seeing you at the 2007 Southern District ITE meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. We would like to invite you to attend the spouse activities on Monday April 23 and Tuesday April 24. We have planned, what we hope will be, activities that you will enjoy and will give you an opportunity to leisurely explore both the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains and the rich history and culture of Knoxville and the East Tennessee region.

On Monday after breakfast in the Andrew Jackson Room of the Marriott, we will begin early with a visit to the Arrowmont Arts and Crafts School. Arrowmont sits at the base of the Smoky Mountains in the heart of Gatlinburg. Here we will tour the museum and see their gallery, which has on display wood and fabric crafts from local crafts persons, many of whom have learned their trade from their ancestors. You will have an opportunity to purchase many of these hand-made articles when we round out our Arrowmont trip by visiting their store.

Next, we will travel to the Great Smoky Mountains Sugarlands Visitors Center where we will learn about the history, preservation, and environment of the mountains. At the visitor's center, we will be able view a video of the history and development of the park, visit the museum, and if you choose, take a short nature hike guided by a Park Ranger. If time permits, we will take a bus tour of Little River Road where we will be able to view more of the majesty and wonder of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For our trip to Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, we suggest you wear casual clothes in layers because it might be chilly in the morning. Although the required walking will be minimal, we suggest you wear comfortable shoes, especially if you choose to take the nature walk at Sugarlands Visitor Center.

Lunch will be served in the Calhoun's banquet facility where we will dine in a glass enclosed area surrounded by the beauty of the mountains. After lunch there will be a short amount of time for shopping or strolling through Calhoun Village.

Our day will end as we visit the Smoky Mountain Mall and Arts and Crafts Community where crafts are made by local crafts persons. There will be time for shopping should anyone want to take home a special remembrance of their day in the Great Smoky Mountains.

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Tuesday will start by meeting in the Andrew Jackson Room at the Marriott for gifts and prizes. Our hope is that the prizes you win and the gifts you receive will be a reminder of East Tennessee and the wonderful time you had at the 55th Annual Southern District ITE meeting in Knoxville.

Knoxville in April is home of the Dogwood Arts Festival - a time honored tradition of celebrating the arrival of spring. After meeting in the Andrew Jackson Room of the Marriott, we will begin with a bus tour of the Sequoyah Hills Dogwood Arts Trail. Here we will see the beauty of the blooming dogwoods as well as some of the most beautiful and historic homes in the area. The bus tour will then proceed to Bleak House Confederate Memorial Hall where we will take a guided tour of the house and gardens. This historic home was the site of General Longstreet's headquarters during the Civil War.

Please note that The Bleak House is not handicap accessible. There are approximately 5 steps to get inside the first floor and approximately 25 steps to get from the first to second floor. Comfortable shoes and clothes are recommended.

In keeping with the theme of historic East Tennessee, lunch will be served at one of the oldest and most prestigious restaurants in Knoxville, Regas, where we will be treated to a variety of menu options in our private dining area.

Our day will end as we tour the former movie palace, The Tennessee Theater. This 1920's era theater was reopened in 2005 after a three year, 25 million dollar renovation. The theater houses the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. Join us as we experience the "golden-voice" of this majestic piece of Knoxville history in a private concert (still to be arranged).

We look forward to seeing you in April.

Sincerely,

W. Hollis Loveday, P.E.

Co-Chairperson
2007 SDITE Annual Meeting LAC

Cindy Pionke, P.E.

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Itinerary of April 23rd (Monday) Spouse Activities

EVENT	TIME
• Breakfast at the Marriott (Continental Breakfast in the Andrew Jackson Room)	7:00 to 8:00 AM
• Depart Marriott	8:00 AM
• Travel to Gatlinburg (Arrowmont)	8:00 to 9:00 AM
• Arrowmont Tour and Craft Demonstration http://arrowmont.org/	9:00 to 10:20 AM
• Travel to Great Smoky Mountains National Park http://www.nps.gov/grsm	10:20 to 10:30 AM
• Tour of Sugarlands Visitor Center and Little River Rd. Wildflower Tour	10:30 to 12:00 NOON
• Travel to Calhoun's Restaurant and Calhoun's Village	12:00 NOON to 12:15 PM
• Lunch at Calhoun's in Gatlinburg and Shopping at Calhoun's Village http://thegreatsmokeymountainparkway.com/shoppi/ga910.htm	12:15 to 1:45 PM
• Travel to Smoky Mountain Mall (Arts and Crafts)	1:45 to 2:00 PM
• Shopping at Smoky Mountain Mall and Arts and Crafts Community http://www.smokymtnmall.com/shopping/woodworks.shtml	2:00 to 3:30 PM
• Travel back to Knoxville	3:30 to 4:30 PM
• On Your Own	4:30 to 6:00 PM
• ABD Party at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame	6:00 to 9:00 PM

Itinerary of April 24th (Tuesday) Spouse Activities

EVENT	TIME
• Breakfast on Your Own	
• Meet in the Andrew Jackson Room for Gifts and Prizes	8:30 to 9:00 AM
• Depart Marriott for Sequoyah Hills Dogwood Trail	9:00 AM
• Tour Sequoyah Dogwood Trail http://www.dogwoodarts.com/?page_id=29	9:00 to 10:00 AM
• Travel to Confederate Memorial Hall	10:00 to 10:15 AM
• Tour of Confederate Memorial Hall (The Bleak House) http://www.knoxvillecmh.org/	10:15 to 11:45 AM
• Travel to Regas Restaurant	11:45 AM to 12:00 NOON
• Lunch at Regas Restaurant http://knoxville10.com/regasrestaurant/aboutus.htm	12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM
• Travel to Tennessee Theater	1:30 to 1:45 PM
• Tour of Tennessee Theater http://www.tennesseetheatre.com/wurlitzer.html	1:45 to 3:00 PM
• Travel back to Marriott	3:00 to 3:15 PM
• On Your Own	3:15 to 6:00 PM
• Officer's Reception	6:00 to 7:00 PM
• Annual Banquet	7:00 to 9:00 PM

Spouse Hospitality Room: Andrew Jackson; April 23rd and 24th from 12:00 NOON to 5:00 PM and April 25th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON. Snacks and drinks available.