

Dear Local PWOC/Southeast Presidents & Points of Contacts, (POC's) for Conference,

Our regional board has been praying, planning, and preparing for our Southeast Regional Conference for almost two years. As the time draws ever closer to conference we are anticipating a great work from our Great God! We have already experienced His hand of guidance and provision in preparation for conference. We are confident He wants to do a mighty work among His precious daughters.

The following is some information to prepare you for conference. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

*October 7, 2011 is the registration deadline. The POC should fill out the registration spread sheet and send it to our regional secretary, Sarah Rufenacht at SoutheastRegistration@pwoc.org. Participants can not register individually; all registrations must go through your local installation POC. Sarah is also available for any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact her!

*October 28, 2011 is the payment deadline. This includes registration as well as the room and board. You should have received the address from Sarah regarding mailing your checks. Checks can be made out to CTOF.

* It is very important that we are aware of the special needs of your ladies. Please make sure to note any physical handicaps on the registration spread sheet. There is a walking distance from our main meeting area to the cafeteria. The staff at Ridgecrest is available to assist with transportation via golf carts but prior arrangements need to be made.

*Our designated offering, or DOR, is Samaritan's Purse. We'll be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is just one of their ministries. You may contribute with one traditional shoebox gift per lady as well as the monetary offering collected during conference. Samaritan's Purse will have labels for the shoe boxes at conference. Please check their website for more information regarding filling a shoebox: http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box.

* Our desire is that each installation has an opportunity to sit in the front during the worship sessions. We will have a rotation of reserved seating. Please make a banner or sign representing your installation and drop it off at registration. We will prepare a sign for you if requested.

* There will be a block of free time on Saturday. Some options available are:

- Optional workshop
- Rest, pray, journal
- Hike the trails at Ridgecrest
- Team building activities at Ridgecrest – minimum of 8 people with 2 week advance reservation required, fee \$12-\$23 per person. Contact me if you'd like to join a group. <http://ridgecrestconferencecenter.org/team-building>
- Shopping in nearby downtown Black Mountain.
- Visit the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove Museum and Chapel.

However you spend your afternoon, please be sure to get back in time to prepare for our banquet Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. You won't want to miss it!

* Continue to check this website periodically for updates for conference. The promotional video is a great tool to download and show at your local PWOC. There is also a 'Frequently Asked Questions', (FAQ) section. Here you will find more specific information about Ridgecrest, what to expect, and registration.

Again, please let me know if you have ANY questions or concerns or if I can be of ANY assistance. I can answer your question/s or I can direct you to someone on our planning team who can assist you!

In His service,
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