

Join US in ATLANTA

February 2012

International Camping Fellowship Pre-Conference Tour American Camp Association



ICF Pre-Conference Tour 2012: Sharing the Global Vision



Saturday Feb 18th "Welcome to Georgia" (optional)
Lunch and choice of local sight-seeing venues



Sunday, Feb 19th "Sights and Sounds of the South" (costs included in registration)
Martin Luther King, Jr Historic Site and Ebenezer Baptist Church, then tour local camp facilities in the afternoon. Dinner "A Taste of the South" at Mary Mac's Tea Room



Monday, Feb 20th "International Youth Development Summit" (costs included in registration)
Camp Twin lakes to learn about including campers with special medical disabilities, then provide leadership for an International Youth Development Summit with students at the University of Georgia in Athens.



The University of Georgia

Tuesday, Feb 21st Transfer to ACA Conference at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.
We will give you information to assist in local sightseeing before the opening of the Conference.

ICF Pre-Conference Tour: Sharing the Global Vision

We are pleased to invite you to the ICF Pre-conference tour in Atlanta, Georgia!

We have an exciting event planned that will allow you to see innovative camp facilities and programs, interact with university students interested in the camp profession, and experience the flavor of the Southern United States. The main program on Sunday and Monday will include the program tour, transportation, lunch and dinner (\$125). There are also optional excursions arranged for Saturday and Tuesday.

We will send further details in January, but want you to know the general schedule so that you can plan your flights.

Saturday, Feb 18th “Welcome to Georgia” (optional, all costs paid by participant, estimate of \$40-70)
Sleep in, adjust to the time zone, at 12:00, meet in the lobby of the hotel for lunch and local sight-seeing venues with dinner together near the hotel in case others have arrived.

Sunday, Feb 19th “Sights and Sounds of the South” (costs included in registration)
Depart hotel at 9:30am to tour Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic Site and Ebenezer Baptist Church, then tour local camp facilities in the afternoon. Dinner will be a special “A Taste of the South”.

Monday, Feb 20th “International Youth Development Summit” (costs included in registration)
Depart Hotel at 8:30am to travel to Camp Twin Lakes to learn about including campers with special medical disabilities, then provide leadership for an International Youth Development Summit with students at the University of Georgia in Athens. Share games and activities from your country, (as well as learn some new ones from the World Famous Jim Cain) and engage in dialogue with university students about the trends in youth development.

Tuesday, Feb 21st Transfer to ACA Conference at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. You will be given information to assist you in local sightseeing before the opening of the Conference.

Registration: A tour registration form is on page two of this document. The fee of \$125 includes the program, transportation, and four meals. It will help us tremendously to know who will attend ahead of time. Please complete the form (without the signature) and email it to Linda Pulliam linda.pulliam@campingfellowship.org. You may then sign the form when we meet together in Atlanta. Please pay for the tour as you register with the American Camp Association. If that is not possible, you may pay in person. Regardless of how you pay, we must know that you are planning to participate, so please email the form.

Hotel: All participants should make their own hotel reservations. The tour will depart each day from the **Hyatt Place – Atlanta Airport South**. The hotel offers reasonable rates, a free shuttle from the airport, and a complimentary continental breakfast. Reservations: <http://atlantaairportsouth.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place/index.jsp>. On Tuesday morning, Feb. 21, we will assist you in arranging transportation at your own expense from the Hyatt Place to the ACA Conference Hotel, the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta. For information and registration at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta: <http://www.acacamps.org/conference>

Medical Insurance: International visitors to the US should be aware that medical care is very expensive and the responsibility of each person. We advise you to check with your insurance company or health care agency to determine whether you are covered outside your home country. If you do not have insurance coverage, we recommend that you purchase a travel medical plan. One way to purchase insurance is to go to the website <http://www.insuremytrip.com/>. Click on the yellow box in the upper right corner for **Medical Plans**. Complete the information to get the exact cost, about \$50 - \$100 per person, depending on the length of travel and your age. You may pay by credit card. You will probably want about \$50,000 coverage.

VISA Support: If you need an official letter of invitation to apply for a Visa to the United States, please contact Linda Pulliam linda.pulliam@campingfellowship.org, who can provide a document to support your application.

Weather/clothing: Atlanta enjoys beautiful weather most of the year, and the average temperatures for February are High: 57°F (14°C), Low: 37°F (3°C). For the tour, you will want to wear comfortable shoes, casual clothing, and a jacket.

Questions? Contact Linda Pulliam at linda.pulliam@campingfellowship.org or Gwynn Powell at gpowell@uga.edu

ICF Kindred Pre-Conference Tour: Sharing the Global Vision: Registration

Name _____ Email address _____

Hotel or residence during ICF Tour: _____ Phone while in Atlanta _____

Hotel or residence during the ACA Main Conference: _____

Please list the languages you speak: _____

Please list any medical problems (diabetic, heart ailments, etc.) _____

Please list any special needs (mobility, visual, hearing, etc.) _____

Please list any special food needs (vegetarian, food allergies, etc.) _____

Contact in case of an emergency: Name _____
Relationship _____
Telephone with country code _____
Primary language spoken _____

Tour participation: Saturday sightseeing (at your own expense) Sunday & Monday tour (\$125)

Assumption of Risk Statement: I have registered to participate in the Pre-Conference Tour in Atlanta, February 18-21, 2012. I understand that my presence at, and participation in, this tour will involve travel by car, van or bus and walking at camps and other sites. I acknowledge that there are risks in such travel and release and discharge the International Camping Fellowship, the American Camp Association, any camps or homes included on the visit, owners or drivers of any vehicles and members of these camps and organizations from any and all claims or liability for personal injury or property damage I may suffer while participating in this tour, including, but not limited to, any claim arising out of any condition of the premises where the tour visits or the conduct of any person in connection with the preparation for, supervision of, or conduct of any activity, whether planned or unplanned, in connection with the tour, or for any negligence of the officers, agents, or employees of these organizations. **I understand that, in the event of accidental injury or illness, I must assume full financial responsibility for any medical care.** I have been provided with information about medical insurance in the United States and have either secured such insurance or agree to pay any expenses.

Signature _____ (You may sign at the beginning of the tour if you have no scanner)

Name (printed) _____ Date Signed _____

PAYMENT for the tour of \$125 per person may be made on February 18 if not previously paid. Please check method of payment:

Previously paid at ACA registration Cash (US dollars) Check

You may wait to sign the form at the beginning of the tour
Please email completed form to: linda.pulliam@campingfellowship.org