

**North American Division 2012 Adventist Teachers' Convention
Nashville, Tennessee – August 5-8, 2012**

Final Update for the Convention!

July 18, 2012

Dear Central California Conference Educators and Guests:

- ✓ **Please be sure to review the June 2012 newsletter** from the Central California Conference Office of Education for convention information. You can find the information posted on the Central California Conference website at <http://ccc.edu.adventistfaith.org/nad-convention>. This information should be helpful in answering questions concerning the convention.
- ✓ **Shuttle service between the airport and the Gaylord Opryland Hotel** – There will be a shuttle service provided by the North American Division from the airport to the hotel. After getting your luggage from the baggage claim, look for our student ambassadors with the NAD logo on red tee shirts, and they will help you get your luggage on the right bus to the hotels. The following contains the complimentary shuttle schedule: Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please be aware that the late shuttle times are subject to change on Wednesday.
- ✓ **Upon arrival to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel on Sunday, August 5, go to the Delta Ballroom lobby.** This will be the registration area for the Central California Conference. The registration area will be open from 1:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. Your Office of Education staff will be there to greet you and give you important information for the convention including your name badge, meal pass, convention bag, etc.
- ✓ **Upon registration with the Central California Conference** you will receive a name badge which you will need to present before eating in the dining hall. You will also need the badge to go in the exhibit hall and it has a QR code, which the vendors can use to get your contact information and register you for prizes.

- ✓ **Check-in time at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel is 3:00 p.m.** on Sunday, August 5. The check-in area is located at the Cascades. It is also essential that you bring a credit card when you check into your hotel room to cover extra charges such as room services, etc. The hotel will not allow you to check into your room without a valid credit card. A debit card will NOT be accepted.
- ✓ Please review the hotel rooming list on the CCC Office of Education website. For the most part your roommate will be from your school or another school within the Central California Conference. Families and spouses will be able to stay in the same hotel room. Please do not ask for a roommate change. We are very fortunate to be able to stay in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The hotel is sold out and the NAD has contracted additional hotels for the convention.
- ✓ **The first meeting for the opening session of the convention will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 5.** The keynote speaker will be Dr. Carlton Byrd, Speaker/Director of the Breath of Life ministry.
- ✓ **We are requiring you to join us on the Music City Queen.** The Central California Conference Office of Education will be hosting this special event for you on Tuesday, August 7, from 5:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Music City Queen is a paddlewheel, offering three decks and a buffet reception area. The paddlewheel will take us down the Cumberland River and then back to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. You will be treated to a buffet reception dinner and live background music. We will also have a chance to be together as a conference for a special program in the Tennessee “C” ballroom of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel at 5:40 p.m. before the dinner cruise. The boarding for the boat trip will be at the Gaylord Opryland’s Cumberland River dock. Shuttle service will be provided from the Gaylord Opryland Hotel to the boarding dock. Please catch a shuttle at the Magnolia Canopy after the program in the Tennessee “C” ballroom of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The dress for the cruise is casual. This will be a great opportunity to connect with friends and develop new friendships. You may preview the menu for the cruise on the CCC Office of Education website.
- ✓ All meals are covered by the registration fee and will be served buffet style. The following contains the times for meals: Breakfast: 6:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.; Lunch: 12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; Dinner: 5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Monday only.
- ✓ **You will receive a combined per diem** for Sunday and Wednesday in the amount of \$62.00, which will be in your July 30 paycheck.

- ✓ Parking for teachers at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel will be charged to the teachers' credit card for incidentals at a daily discounted rate of \$14.40.

To communicate with the Office of Education superintendents from August 3 to August 8 and throughout the convention, please use the following cell phone numbers:

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The Central California Conference Office of Education staff will be in Nashville starting Friday, August 3. This early arrival is necessary for us to work with the North American Division Office of Education in preparing for the convention.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Nashville on Sunday, August 5, 2012.

Blessings,

Ken Bullington

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