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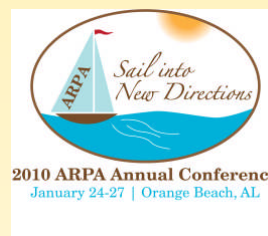
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2010 ARPA STATE CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

Register now to attend the 2010 “Sail into New Directions” State Conference. This year’s conference will be here fast, but it’s not too late to register. You will find conference registration forms on the ARPA website at www.arpaonline.org. This year’s conference will feature Chette Williams, Auburn University Team Chaplain, as the Opening General Session Speaker, 40 education sessions, a welcome reception on the exhibit hall floor on Sunday evening, a conference Golf Tournament, a draw-down social, the annual awards banquet and much, much more. Full registration is now \$205 per person for members. If you have not already booked your hotel rooms, please do so by calling the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach at 1-800-634-8001. The room rate is \$113 single/double, to receive this special rate, please mention that you are with the Alabama Recreation & Parks 2010 Conference.



ARPA DRAW – DOWN

A new event will take place at the upcoming ARPA State Conference. On Sunday evening, January 24th the opening night social from 9:00 p.m. – Midnight will be a Draw-Down. This event is a fundraiser for ARPA and you could have the chance to win the grand prize of \$2000! Tickets are on sale now and they are only \$25 each. You may purchase your tickets by calling the ARPA State Office at 334-279-9160 or by calling any member of the 2009 ARPA Board of Directors or any ARPA Past President. Each individual is listed in the ARPA Directory. You do not have to be present to win – so anyone can participate in this social! The event will feature a board with 400 numbered tickets. Numbers are drawn until the last remaining number is left on the board and that ticketholder will win \$2000. There will be cash prizes awarded throughout the drawing as well!



2010 CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

ARPA and Orange Beach Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting a Conference Golf Tournament on Sunday morning, January 24th at the Orange Beach Golf Course. The format for this tournament will be a four-man scramble. Shot-gun start at 8:30 a.m. The cost per player is \$50 and will include a box lunch at the conclusion of the tournament. Hole sponsors are available for \$100 each as well. Registration forms are available on the ARPA website at www.arpaonline.org.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN ARPA CONFERENCE SPONSOR OR ADVERTISER?

There are several ways to advertise your company or product at this year's ARPA State Conference! ARPA is looking for hole sponsors for the Conference Golf Tournament – only \$100 each; Conference Name Badge Holder Sponsor (sole sponsor) – price will depend on which name badge holder is chosen, but ARPA will need approximately 400 holders and they will feature your company logo; and don't forget to place your ad in the 2010 Conference Program, which will be handed out to every attendee at this year's conference.

¼ page Ad - \$150 (B&W only)

½ page Ad - \$250.00 (B&W only)

Full Page Ad - \$400.00

Inside Front Cover – ALREADY SOLD

Inside Back Cover - \$500.00

Back Cover - \$650.00

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities please contact the State Office at 334-279-9160 or via e-mail at ldean@arpaonline.org.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots have been e-mailed out to each eligible voting member of ARPA. A vote for the 2010 open positions for the ARPA Board of Directors will take place at the end of the Opening Session on Sunday, January 24th during the State Conference. If you will not be present during conference and would like to vote please don't forget to send your ballot in to the ARPA State Office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22nd. Those running for office this year include (all are running unopposed):

Warren Bowron, Enterprise Parks & Recreation Dept. – First Vice President

Drew Peterson, Prattville Dept. of Leisure Services – Secretary

Natalie Norman, Montgomery Parks & Recreation – Treasurer

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN ARPA!

Membership renewals were sent out in November. Each renewal was sent to the Agency Director via e-mail or regular mail. If you have not received your renewal, please contact Lindsay at the State Office for more information. All renewals must be received by February 1st in order to secure your spot in the 2010 ARPA Membership Directory and Buyers' Guide.



ALABAMA FIVE-O CRUISING TO COZUMEL, MEXICO THIS FALL

The Alabama Five-O Committee has organized a cruise on the new Carnival Elation from Mobile, AL, November 11-15, 2010. If you have a group that would be interested in cruising we would love to have you! There will be three payment dates available, the first deposit of \$75 per person is due by Friday, February 19th. The third payment of \$75 per person will be due in June 2010 and the remaining balance will be due in August. The total price per person is **only an estimate** until the cabins are booked, but right now the price we have is \$393 per person for double occupancy for an interior cabin (no window) or \$423 per person for double occupancy for an exterior cabin (includes small port size window). Please remember to explain that until February we do not know for certain the cost – Carnival will not give the exact price until the cabins are reserved. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay at the State Office at 334-279-9160 or via e-mail at ldean@arpaonline.org.