

BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

2012 CONVENTION - JULY 22nd – 27th, 2012

Tyler, Texas

Registration Information

Welcome to the 2012 Blue Knights International Conference. This package includes everything you need to pre-register for this conference. Pre-registration forms must be mailed to the address below before July 1st, 2012. Pre-registration rates are \$105 per adult for the week. For children age 12 and under the weekly rate is \$65 which includes a pizza buffet at the banquet. Full week pre-registration includes:

- A true "TEXAS" barbecue
- Lakeside Fish Fry
- Banquet dinner
- Pizza party for kids (banquet night)
- Hospitality room w/ beer & soft drinks
- Live entertainment
- Conference T-Shirt
- Convention pin
- Other unique souvenirs
- Awards & door prizes
- Guided and self-guided rides
- And more...

On-site registration is also available at \$135 for the week. Adult daily rates are set at \$25 per day except Thursday. Registration for Thursday/banquet is \$60. On-site registration does not include shirts, pins, or other souvenirs. Due to limited seating, pre-registration has priority and is recommended.

Checks should be made payable to: **Blue Knights TX34**, and mailed with the attached, completed form to:

Blue Knights TX34
P.O. Box 173
Jacksonville, TX 75766

Additional information is added and updated at
www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html
www.facebook.com/BKConvention2012
bkconvention2012@gmail.com

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

E-Mail: bkconvention2012@gmail.com

DRIVER:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/PROVIDENCE/STATE/COUNTRY/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Email _____

CHAPTER _____ Shirt Size _____

Emergency Contact: Name / Phone _____

GUEST:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/PROVIDENCE/STATE/COUNTRY/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Email _____

CHAPTER _____ Shirt Size _____

Emergency Contact: Name / Phone _____

For additional guests attach additional pages

Full Week Pre-Registration:			
# of Adults		X \$105 =	
# of Children (12 and under)		X \$65 =	
		TOTAL	

Banquet Only Pre-Registration:			
# of Adults		X \$60 =	
# of Children (12 and under)		X \$40 =	
		TOTAL	

Waiver of Liability

I and/or we, the undersigned, agree to indemnify and hold harmless Blue Knights, Texas Chapter 34, collectively or its officers and assistants and volunteers individually, from all cost, expense, and liability arising out of my and/or our person(s) or property(s) which may be caused by any act or failure to act, by the Blue Knights, Texas Chapter 34, its officers, agents or by the City of Tyler arising directly or indirectly from my and/or our participation in any event or presence at the event, and I hereby assume liability for any loss, damage or other liability from such events. I certify that I am an experienced motorcyclist holding a valid motorcycle endorsement on my driver's license. I am aware of the dangers and risks inherent to motorcycle operations including the risk of serious bodily injury or death to motorcycle operators and passengers; that I have liability insurance covering my operations of my motorcycle; that other motorcyclists are participating in such event and their operations may constitute a hazard to me or my motorcycle and the Blue Knights, Texas Chapter 34, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are entitled to rely upon the representations made by me herein.

Driver's Signature: _____ Dated _____,

Guest Signature: _____ Dated _____,

Hotel Accommodations and Preferred Rates

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Distance to Host Hotel</u>	<u>Room Rate*</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Holiday Inn S. Broadway	HOST HOTEL	\$94	Rebecca McLaughlin 903-561-5800
Best Western South	2 minute walk thru parking lot	\$89	Melissa Harris 903-534-8800
Comfort Suites	2 blocks	\$90	Bob Patel ✓ 903-534-0999
Candlewood Suites	2 blocks	\$80	Tina Makowsky 903-509-4131
Sleep Inn Suites	3 blocks	\$ 85	Cathy Cannon 903-581-8646
Hilton Garden Inn	½ mile	\$139	Tracy Morales 903-509-1166
Country Inn & Suites	¾ mile	\$70	CK Patel 903-561-0863
Courtyard by Marriott	1¼ mile	\$139	Karla North 903-509-4411
La Quinta Inn and Suites	2¼ miles	\$80	Connie Bennett 903-561-2223
Fairfield Inn by Marriott	2½ miles	\$100	Steven Cottrell 903-561-2535
Residence Inn by Marriott	2 ¾ miles	\$115/125	Tricia Perry 903-595-5188
Holiday Inn Express South	3 miles	\$109	Colin Gilbert 903-566-0600
Staybridge Suites	3 ½ miles	\$109	Ryan Polk 903-930-9565
Quality Inn and Suites	6 miles	\$69	Tiffany Williams 903-597-1301x242
Americas Best Value	6 miles \$67	\$67	Shane Hardy 903-592-2681
Holiday Inn Express North	6 miles	\$85	Carol Henderson 903-533-0214

Places To Go, Things To See

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

COWAN CENTER

This architectural and educational landmark on the UT Tyler campus hosts programming that includes the Performing Arts Series, Broadway Series and Distinguished Lecture Series. Call 903-566-7141.

EAST TEXAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The symphony offers a series of six concerts, two free outdoor concerts, three youth concerts, and one Kinder-Konzert. Call 903-592-1427.

TYLER CIVIC BALLET

Under the direction of Kym Lanier, the corps de ballet includes a Junior Company of students 10-12 years old and a Senior Company, ages 13 and up. The Ballet performs a Spring Concert and many of the dancers perform in TJC's production of *The Nutcracker* each December. The repertoire includes classical favorites as well as contemporary works. Call 903-596-0224.

TYLER CIVIC CHORALE

This select group of singers bring the finest choral music from a wide range of styles and periods. The 45-voice ensemble presents fall and spring concerts, providing an outlet for the talent of professional and non-professional singers in the area. Call 903-533-1777.

TYLER CIVIC THEATER CENTER

Located in the Rose City Complex, the theater opened in 1951 as the first theater in America to be designed and built for the production of theater-in-the-round. Now in a new building completed in the summer of 2000. Resident Director is John Woods. Call 903-592-0561.

TYLER COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Continuing a tradition of offering quality family entertainment at affordable prices, this organization allows all to enjoy a great season of music. One of the most successful Community Concert Associations in the United States. Call 903-592-6266.

TYLER MUSEUM OF ART

Three galleries feature a growing permanent collection of 19th and 20th century art and photography as well as changing loaned exhibits on the Tyler Junior College campus. Focus is on contemporary art with special attention to emerging regional artists. Free admission. Cost for some exhibits. Call 903-595-1001.

HISTORIC SITES

BONNER-WHITAKER-McCLENDON HOUSE

806 W. Houston. One of the finest examples of Eastlake-Bracketed Victorian architecture remaining in Texas. The home was built in the late 1870s and designed to use coal gas for both light and heat. Many of the original light fixtures remain as does much of the furniture. Open weekends during the Azalea and Spring Flower Trail and Texas Rose Festival. Available by appointment for tours and special occasions. Call 903-592-3533.

CAMP FORD

What was previously a historical marker on Hwy. 271 North, is now under construction to simulate the largest prisoner of war compound which was used for union troops west of the Mississippi. You'll soon be able to walk the same path as many prisoners and witness several shelters. Call 903-592-5993.

GOODMAN/LeGRAND MUSEUM

624 N. Broadway. A delight for antique lovers and historians, this Tyler landmark brings the past to life with original furnishings, photographs and memorabilia dating from the mid-1800s. Showing schedule varies with season. Free admission. Call 903-531-1286.

SMITH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

125 S. College. Artifacts from Smith County can be found in this historical museum which reflect the area's multicultural heritage. Also the home of Payne Auditorium. Open Tues - Sat, 1 - 5 pm; and by appointment for guided tours. Free admission. Call 903-593-7989.

CHARWOOD & AZALEA HISTORIC DISTRICTS

These residential historic districts include a variety of large and small late 19th and early 20th century residences. The district's visual and historical focal points are Charnwood, Chilton and College Streets where expansive architect designed residences built for Tyler's elite are clustered. Call Historic Tyler 903-595-1960.

HISTORIC AVIATION MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The mission of this museum is to pay tribute to the pioneers of flight and the patriots who were instrumental in the advancement of aviation in the 20th century. It houses a collection of aviation memorabilia and special exhibits at the old Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. Call 903-526-1939 or visit www.tylerhamm.com.

ATTRACTIONS



AMERICAN FREEDOM MUSEUM

22450 FM 2493, Bullard. Features over 600 artifacts in 15 galleries. This unique interactive museum documents our nation's military from the American Revolution to the sands of Iraq. There's also a Hall of Presidents with signed documents from every U.S. President, and even a lock of George Washington's hair. Call 903-894-5252 for more info or visit the website at www.americanfreedommuseum.org.

BROOKSHIRE'S WORLD OF WILDLIFE MUSEUM & COUNTRY STORE

1600 WSW Loop 323 & Old Jacksonville Hwy. This "double feature" museum exhibits over 450 mounted examples of African and North American wildlife and replica of a 1920's grocery store. Adjacent grounds provide picnic facilities and playground. The museum is open Tues - Sat, Mar 1 - Sept 30, 9am - 5pm; Oct 1 - Feb 28, 10am - 4pm. Free admission. Reservations required for groups of 15 or more. Call 903-534-2169. www.brookshiresmuseum.com.

CALDWELL ZOO

2203 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. At Caldwell Zoo over 2,000 animals of 250 species from East Africa, North and South America share a 85-acre compound of natural habitat with minimal enclosures. This nationally award-winning zoo, Tyler's #1 attraction, can only be compared with the best in the United States. Hours: 9am- 5pm, March - Labor Day; 9am - 4pm, after Labor Day - February. Admission: \$8.50 adults, \$5.00 children 3-12 years (2 & under are free), \$7.25 seniors (55+). Groups of 15 or more receive a 20% discount off admission. Call 903-593-0121 or visit www.caldwellzoo.org.

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DISCOVERY SCIENCE PLACE

308 N. Broadway. This hands-on children's museum has well over 100 activities for all to enjoy. Open Mon-Sat, 9am-5 pm; Sun, 1-5 pm. Admission is \$6.00 per person, Seniors and military families \$5.00 per person; members & children 2 and under free. Call 903-533-8011 or visit www.discoveryscienceplace.org. Free Parking. Special group rates available.

EAST TEXAS STATE FAIRGROUNDS

2112 West Front. Treasure hunting? Take a stroll through the flea market and find anything from antique farm equipment to collectibles. Open all weekends throughout the year except the month of September. Call 903-597-2501.

GOODMAN MUSEUM

624 N. Broadway. A delight for antique lovers and historians, this landmark brings the past to life with original furnishings, photographs and memorabilia dating from the mid-1800s. Free. Open 10am - 4pm Tues through Sat. Call 903-531-1286 for group tour info.

HUDNALL PLANETARIUM

1200 S. Mahon. Multimedia presentations and once-a-month "star parties" make the Hudnall Planetarium, exhibit room and resource center a favorite with groups. Shows are scheduled for groups of 12 or more, by appointment only. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 17 and under and adults 65 and older. Call 903-510-2312.

HISTORICAL AVIATION MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The Museum houses an impressive collection of aviation memorabilia and special exhibits at the old Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. Hours: 10am - 5pm Tues - Sat, 1-5pm Sunday. Closed on Mondays. Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 active military, \$3 teens 13-17, Free for children 12 & under. Call 903-526-1939 or visit www.tylerhamm.com.

McCLENDON HOUSE

806 W. Houston. One of the few remaining examples of Eastlake-Bracketed Victorian architecture remaining in Texas. This home dates back to the late 1870's. Admission fee. By appointment only. Call 903-592-3533.

TIGER CREEK WILDLIFE REFUGE

State Hwy 14 N. A rescue facility for tigers, lions and cougars. A division of the Tiger Missing Link Foundation. Admission fee. Call 903-858-1008 or visit www.tigerlink.com.

TYLER MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN

420 S. Rose Park Drive. Fourteen acres, over 500 varieties and 30,000 rose bushes confirm Tyler's standing as the Rose Capital of the Nation. Of special interest is the Heritage Garden, in the southwest corner, with varieties 75 to 100 years and older. Free admission. Call 903-531-1212.

TYLER ROSE MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP

Located in the Rose Garden Center. A spectacular display of memorabilia and items related to Tyler's rose-growing industry, highlighting the sixty-year history of the Texas Rose Festival. Queens' gowns, each a work of art, exemplify the pageantry and splendor associated with what has become Tyler's strongest tradition. Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9am - 4:30pm; Sat. - 10am - 4:30pm. Sunday 1:30-4:30pm. Closed Mondays Nov. - Feb. Admission is \$3.50 adults, \$2 children 3-11. Call 903-597-3130. www.tylerrosemuseum.com.

TYLER MUSEUM OF ART

1300 S. Mahon on the TJC Campus. Permanent and rotating exhibits are on display featuring various works by local, regional and national artists and photographers. Free admission. Occasional rotating exhibits have a fee. Call 903-595-1001.

TYLER STATE PARK

Just north of Tyler on FM 14. Camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, biking, hiking! Rent a canoe or paddleboat, too! You can do it all at Tyler State Park, 985 acres of natural beauty around a spring-fed lake. Reservations required for overnight camping. Admission: \$3 adults over 12. Under 12 free. Open year 'round. 903-597-5338.