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Dear Friends of PET,

We are looking forward to your coming to the PET International Annual Meeting and Related Workshop Conference on September 23 & 24. It is being hosted by PET KS-Moundridge. The gathering will be held at Eden Mennonite Church. We ask that you let us know you are coming so that we may plan. There is no registration fee. Below is a current draft of the Conference agenda:

Friday, September 23, 2011

A.M. Committee Meetings—Finance, Standardization, Nominations, Long Range Planning
Noon lunch at Eden Mennonite Church

P.M. Workshops

1. 1:00-2:30 Transportation & Distribution with Estes Express Account Manager, Jim Jackson, together with Von Driggs, PET International's Director of Operations.
 2. 3:00-4:30 Shop Safety Training for Volunteers.....Freddie Brown & Ray Truhn
 3. 4:45-5:45 How to Run the World: Charting a Course to the Next Renaissance by Parag Khanna
...Book Review.....Dick Carpenter
- 6:30 Dinner--Eden Mennonite Church & Program

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Workshops

1. 8:00-10:00 Standardization Topics.....Standardization Committee
 2. 10:30-12:00 Long Range Planning Topics.....Ed McDonald & Peter Abel
Noon lunch at Eden Mennonite Church
 3. 1:00-2:30 Website Consolidation Topics.....Tom Behrens
 4. 3:00-4:30 Open Forum & Workshop Evaluations.....PI Staff & Workshop Speakers
- 5:30-7:00 Celebration Dinner and Program**
7:00-9:00 PET International Annual Board Meeting.....Open To All

Moundridge, Kansas, is located just west of I-135. Moundridge is about 45 minutes north of the Wichita, KS, ICT airport. Contact PET KS-Moundridge for shuttle services from the airport or hotel and if you are available to help with the shuttle using your rental car. Chris Goering is the Affiliate contact.

petkansas@hotmail.com or 620-345-2394

We have enclosed information regarding transportation, meals and housing. We ask that you return your response and meals payment as soon as possible so that we may make plans accordingly, but no later than September 13 receipt date.

They are eager to share their newly expanded PET shop & city and be your host for the weekend. All are welcome.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

PET International Annual Meeting and Related Workshop Conference

Friday & Saturday – September 23 & 24 at Eden Mennonite Church - 401 18th Ave., Moundridge, Kansas
(Those that are available are invited to stay and join us for worship on Sunday at 9:30 am. Retired missionary Larry Hills will speak on PET during the Sunday School hour at 10:40 am.)

Airport:

For people flying in to Wichita, Kansas ICT airport: They have people willing to drive to the airport to get anyone. If you will be renting a car and would be willing to stay and pick someone up if they are coming in within an hour or less of someone else, please let Chris Goering know.

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Hotels: Mention "PET Kansas" when you reserve rooms. Both hotels are near I-135 and on or off E. Lincoln Blvd. Head west/left on E. Lincoln Blvd to the church.

A. Americas Best Value Inn & Suites at 606 E. Lincoln Blvd. Hesston, KS 67062 -

Reservations PH. # 620-327-4231 www.AmericasBestValueInn.com

A block of rooms have been reserved. All reservations need to be in by Sept. 8. After that the rooms will be released. Prices range from \$55 to 65 plus tax with minimum 10 rooms books.

Website: ..All of our guest rooms include high-speed Internet access, microwaves and mini-fridges, cable TV with HBO, irons, ironing boards, and complimentary local calls. We welcome you to start your day with a fresh complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast during the week and on the weekends we serve a Full Breakfast.....

Directions to the church: (See instructions below.)

B. AmericInn at 2 Leonard Ct., Hesston, Kansas. 800-634-3444 Interstate 135 at Exit 40

The group rate is \$75.00 a night if at least 5 rooms are taken. This hotel is about 14 miles or 22 minutes south of Moundridge. From website: ...complimentary AmericInn Perk hot breakfast, including waffles you make yourself and other delights. Our AmericInn Perk coffee bar is available 24 hours a day with regular and decaf coffee, flavored syrups, hot chocolate, and more...heated indoor swimming pool and relaxing whirlpool...We have a business center where our guests can use the computer and we have free high speed wireless and wired Internet available in all the rooms.

Directions to the church:

1. Start out going NORTH on LEONARD CT toward E LINCOLN BLVD. (go 0.05 miles)
2. Turn LEFT onto E LINCOLN BLVD. (go 0.12 miles)
3. Merge onto I-135 N/US-81 N toward SALINA. (If you reach E RANDALL RD you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.) (go 5.33 miles)
4. Take the KS-260 W exit, EXIT 46, toward MOUNDRIDGE. (go 0.27 miles)
5. Turn LEFT onto KS-260/ARROWHEAD RD/CR-451. Continue to follow KS-260. - If you reach I-135 N you've gone about 0.2 miles too far (go 1.8 miles)
6. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto W COLE ST/COLE ST. (go 0.38 miles)
7. W COLE ST/COLE ST becomes ARROWHEAD RD. (go 3.6 miles)
8. Turn RIGHT onto 18TH AVE. - 18TH AVE is 0.9 miles past 19TH AVE (go 2.09 miles)
9. 401 18TH AVE is on the LEFT. - Your destination is just past CHEROKEE RD

There are more hotels; these are just the ones PET Kansas has talked to. (To the north in McPherson there is a festival; so we suggest you not research there.)

Campgrounds:

The Cottonwood Grove Campground is a little east of AmericInn in Hesston.

\$20.00 a night, sewer, electric & phone. 1/2 mile off I-135

McPherson RV Ranch & Horse Motel

2201 East Northview

McPherson, Kansas 67460

It has full hook ups with wireless internet. It does not have trees to park by but has a meeting room with showers, toilets, laundry facilities and pool table with air conditioning.

Phone #: 1-620-241-5621

1-866-410-5081 Email: mcphersonrvranch@yahoo.com

The local Affiliate visited this one, and it was nice. This may be a better choice for campgrounds, but there is a festival in McPherson that weekend; so you should book this campground ASAP to stay here.

Meals:

All meals except breakfast are at the Church. Snacks provided.

Friday lunch \$6.00; Friday dinner \$ 7.00;

Saturday lunch \$6.00; Saturday Celebration dinner \$11.00

\$30.00 total for all 4 meals for each attendee. (If you cannot attend the full 2 day event, please note which meals you are paying for.)

This should be paid to PET International and received by Sept. 13 .

Checks mailed should include "Annual Meeting meals & name of attendee(s)" on the memo line:

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Or online thru PayPal with a note for "Annual Meeting meals & name of attendee(s)". Go to the Donate button on the right side of our home page at www.petinternational.org.

For example: Annual Meeting meals – Tom & Sue

Names and addresses should be on checks and will appear on PayPal confirmations.