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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 27 & 28. It is being hosted by PET Memphis in Ellendale, TN. The main gathering will be held at Ellendale Baptist Church. We ask that you let us know you are coming so that we may plan. There is no registration fee only meals payment for lunches and dinners provided at the churches. Below is a current draft of the Conference agenda:

**Friday, September 27, 2013**

- 8:00 Conference Check-In/Registration...
- 8:30 Welcome & Orientation
- 9:00-10:45 PET—Models, Designs, Materials, Modifications—Open Forum..... Standardization
- 11:00 Committee Meetings—Finance, Standardization, Nominations, Long Range Planning
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:00-2:15 Container Shipping..... Jack Fong, President of Missionary Expeditors & Tom Behrens
- 2:15-3:15 PET Seating Standards..... Mary Frantz & Matt Chegwidde
- 3:30-4:15 Shop Safety Training for Volunteers..... Freddie Brown & Ray Truhn
- 4:15-5:15 PET Affiliate Newsletter Productions..... Judy Laidler
- 5:30 Dinner** at conference location.

**Saturday, September 28, 2013**

- 8:00-9:00 Accounting practices for the PET Affiliate..... Kathy Maynard
- 9:00-10:00 PET in Estate Planning..... David Battles
- 10:15- 11:15 Internet / PET Intl & Affiliate website presence..... Ed McDonald
- 11:15-12:00 Open Forum..... Ed McDonald
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:00-2:30 Distribution partner highlights..... Various
- 3:00-4:30 Visit PET Memphis shop
- 5:30-7:00 Celebration Dinner and Program** at Ellendale Methodist Church.
- 7:00-9:00 PET International Annual Board Meeting.....Open To All**

Ellendale, TN, is located 17 miles northeast of Memphis with the airport on the southeast side. Ellendale is about 30 minutes north of the Memphis International Airport (MEM), airport. Contact Terri at the Ellendale United Methodist Church for shuttle services from the airport or hotel; see details under airport. Mark Griffy is the Affiliate contact at [adgrif@aol.com](mailto:adgrif@aol.com) or phone 901-921-5586

We have enclosed information regarding transportation, meals and housing. We ask that you return your reservation and meals payment as soon as possible so that we may make plans accordingly, but no later than Sept. 12 receipt date.

Any questions can be sent to our email address. The PET Memphis is eager to share their 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 27 & 28 at Ellendale Baptist Church, 3861 Broadway Rd., Ellendale  
However: The Thursday night BBQ dinner and Saturday night Celebration Dinner will be held at the Ellendale United Methodist Church, 7217 Centralia Road, ¼ mile from the other church.

(901) 386-4676 Baptist Church Office 8 – 4 pm, no guest Wi Fi availability, but might be by Sept.

(Those that are available are invited to stay and join us for worship at Ellendale United Methodist Church on Sunday at 8:45 or 11:00 am. There will be a blessing of PETs at each service.)

Airport:

For people flying in to Memphis International Airport (MEM) airport: They have volunteers willing to drive to the airport to get anyone. If you need shuttle service from the airport or hotel, you will need to call Terri at Ellendale United Methodist Church (901-386-0205) to make arrangements. The church hours are Mon-Thurs: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Friday: 9:30-12 noon. 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 you, please let Terri know. Should there be a change in schedule (less than a couple of hours), call the number listed above; or if the office is closed, call Mark Griffy, the Affiliate contact person at 901-921-5586.

Hotels: See flyer for details.

Comfort Suites with a group rate of \$85.00 by August 26 or Microtel Inn & Suites is also nearby.

Campgrounds: See flyer for details.

1. Agricenter RV Park
2. Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park
3. Graceland RV Park & Campground

Meals: For those arriving early on Thursday you are invited to join us for a BBQ dinner at the Ellendale United Methodist Church, 7217 Centralia Road at 7 PM.

Friday & Saturday – Noon and evening meals are at one of the churches. Snacks and drinks provided.

**\$50.00 total for 4 meals plus a free cookout.** (If you cannot attend the full 2 day event, please note which day you are paying for and if you will make it to the Thursday gathering – Thursday BBQ free, Friday \$25.00, Saturday \$25.00.)

**This should be paid to PET International and received by September 12.**

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](http://www.petinternational.org).

Examples: Annual Meeting meals & BBQ – Tom & Sue or Annual Meeting Friday & BBQ – Ed (Names and addresses should be on checks and will appear on PayPal confirmations; so the above would suffice.)