

ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

FOR THURSDAY

EXPLORE THE CITY OF MYSTERY ~ NEW ORLEANS STANDS AS ONE OF THE MOST ALLURING OF ALL CITIES, SO MUCH SO, THAT EACH YEAR VISITORS FLOCK HERE IN HOPES OF HAVING JUST ONE TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS' BRAND OF SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY.

Museums

Confederate Memorial Hall Civil War

Experience the drama and emotion of the American Civil War by viewing the artifacts and stories of those who participated in the conflict, all housed in the Victorian atmosphere of Louisiana's oldest Museum.

Located at 929 Camp Street, New Orleans (across from the National D-Day Museum) – Tel. (504) 523-4522. Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-4pm. Pricing: \$5.00 Adults/\$4 Seniors/\$2.00 Kids (12 & under).

The Cabildo Louisiana State

The Cabildo, more than any other landmark, symbolizes Louisiana's early past. The museum completed in 1799, the present structure occupies a site associated with New Orleans's first official buildings. The Cabildo's predecessors, along with those of St. Louis Cathedral and the Presbytere, existed to house the essential functions of a newborn colony. As it did when New Orleans was founded in the 18th century, the trio of buildings overlooks Jackson Square, once the heart of the city known as the Place d'Armes.

Located at 751 Chartres, New Orleans. – Tel. (800) 568-6968. Hours: Tues-Sun 9am-5pm. Pricing: \$5.00 Adults/\$4.00 Seniors/Free (12 & under).

Other properties to visit include (separate pricing); The Presbytere, The Old US Mint, The 1850 House – Lower Pontalba Building, the Arsenal, Madame John's Legacy, The Wedell Williams Memorial Aviation Museum, and The Old Courthouse.

For more information on pricing and times, contact the Museum at (800) 568-6968 or visit their website @ <http://lsm.crt.state.la.us>.

National D-Day

From Normandy's beachheads to the sands of Pacific Islands, The National D-Day Museum's interactive displays and dramatic exhibits immerse you in the pivotal events of World War II.

Located at 945 Magazine Street – New Orleans – Tel. (504) 527-6012. www.DdayMuseum.org. Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-5pm. Pricing: \$10.00 Adults/\$6.00 Seniors/\$6.00 Young People (5-17), Free (5 & under).

Steamboat Cruises

Steamboat Natchez ~ Steamboat Cruises

Take an authentic steamboat cruise aboard the Natchez; featuring daily river jazz cruises and dinner cruises.

Location: The ticket booth and Dock lie just behind JAX Brewery on the Mississippi River (at the foot of Toulouse Street). Tel. (504) 586-8777 (Call for Reservations). www.SteamboatNatchez.com. Afternoon Cruise Times: 11:30 am & 2:30 pm (lunch optional) – Pricing for Cruise Only: \$18.00 Adults/\$9.00 Children (6-12). Pricing for Cruise with Lunch: \$24.50 Adults/\$15.50 Children (6-12). Dinner/Jazz Cruises: Board @ 6pm & Depart @ 7pm/Returns @ 9pm (dinner optional). Price for Cruise Only: \$28.00 Adult/\$14.00 Children (6-12). Pricing for Cruise with Dinner: \$49.00 Adult / \$24.50 Children (6-12).

Tours

Garden District Tours

Known as the "American" section of town, the elegant, lavish and historic Garden District was built in the 1800's to rival the architectural splendor and beauty of the French Quarter. Come see Lafayette Cemetery, the homes of author Anne Rice and rock star Trent Reznor (outside only), the house where Jefferson Davis died and many other antebellum treasures.

Departure Location: Pontchartrain Hotel – 2031 St. Charles Avenue – New Orleans – Tel. (504) 861-2727. www.HauntedHistoryTours.com. Hours: Daily @ 10 am & 1:30 pm. Pricing: \$18.00 Adult/\$15.00 Students & Seniors/\$9.00 Children (12 & under).

Louisiana Swamp Tours ~ Tour Boat and Airboat Tours

Cruise slowly past an ancient, 2000 year old, sacred Indian burial mound and local cemetery where people are buried above the ground. As well as the Fleming Plantation Home, the Old Trading Post of the Island of Barataria, and the Treasure Island Swamps of Barataria, all await your journey. Only 40 minutes from the New Orleans French Quarter with door-to-door transportation available from New Orleans hotels. Call (888) 30-SWAMP for reservations. www.louisianaswamp.com.

- ?? **Tourboat Tour** – A leisurely 2-hour swamp tour in an all weather party barge style tourboat accommodating up to 60 persons per boat. *Departure Times: 9:30 am/12 pm/1:30 pm. Pricing w/Hotel Pick Up/Return: \$43.00 Adults/\$41.00 Seniors/\$22.00 Children (4-12).*
- ?? **Airboat Tour** – A fast, adventure-packed, 1 hour and 40 minute airboat swamp tour in airboats accommodating up to 17 persons per boat. *Departure times: 9:40 am /12:10 pm/2:10 pm. Pricing w/Hotel Pick Up/Return: \$72.00 Adults.*
- ?? **Airboat Ride** – An exciting, 30-minute airboat ride in airboats accommodating up to 17 persons per boat. *Departure times: 10 am/1 pm/4:30 pm. Pricing: \$24.00.*

Oak Alley Plantation ~ Plantation Tour

Located on the Mississippi River between the historic cities of New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Oak Alley Plantation has been called the "Grande Dame" of the Great River Road. Nowhere else in the South will you find such a spectacular setting! The quarter-mile canopy of giant live oak trees, believed to be nearly 300 years old, forms an impressive avenue leading to the classic Greek-revival style antebellum home. NCRA can arrange your travel with other conference attendees either by car or small bus, as required.

Located in Vacherie, Louisiana – Tel. (800) 463-7359. www.OakAlleyPlantation.com. Times: Daily @ 9am – 5 pm (last tour begins @ 5pm). Pricing: \$10 Adults/\$5 Students/\$3 Children (6-12).

Haunted History Tours – Cemetery/Garden District/Ghost/Vampire Tours/ Voodoo & Witchcraft

- ?? **French Quarter Ghost Tour** -- Our Famous Haunted History Tour explores the grim and ghastly deeds of the old French Quarter. Secret and sinister, most of these events occurred a very long time ago. Yes! Ghosts and Spirits still haunt the legendary Vieux Carre. Phantoms abound! Escape into the past as our offbeat, theatrical tour guides provide you with an eerie, chilling yet fun-filled adventure! You'll visit sights of documented hauntings and see French Quarter residences in which unbelievable events took place. We even visit a haunted bar along the way!

Departure Location: Rev. Zombie's Voodoo Shop – 723 St. Peter Street – Tel. (504) 861-2727. www.HauntedHistoryTours.com. Hours: Daily @ 2pm/6pm/8 pm. Pricing: \$18.00 Adult/\$15.00 Students & Seniors/\$9.00 Children (12 & under).

- ?? **Garden District Ghost Tour**– Our Famous Haunted History Tour now extends into the Garden District of New Orleans! Legends, Lore and Haunts of the Garden District explores the darker side of the Ante Bellum section of New Orleans. Hear eerie tales of ghostly manifestations, along with the legends and the folklore that make this tour a "must do" while visiting New Orleans. Also, see movie sites from "Interview with the Vampire", "Double Jeopardy", and "Dracula 2000." The eclectic blend of fact and fiction makes this tour one you don't want to miss!

Departure Location: The Pontchartrain Hotel – 2031 St. Charles Avenue – Corner of Josephine Street and St. Charles Avenue – Tel. (504) 861-2727. www.HauntedHistoryTours.com. Times: Daily @ 3:00 pm. Pricing: \$18.00 Adult/\$15.00 Seniors/\$9.00 Children (12 & under).

- ?? **The Spellbound Tour** -- Step inside the mystical world of Voodoo & Witchcraft in New Orleans. Presented by those who practice these religions, it blends history, fact, fiction and folklore together for an unforgettable experience. Stories about practitioners, real Voodoo altars. This is the ONLY tour that offers the combination of Voodoo and European Magic in New Orleans. The only REAL witchcraft/voodoo tour! Sorcery abounds! Find

out why the witch trials of Salem were mild compared to what happened in New Orleans.....and continues today!

*Departure Location: Rev. Zombie's Voodoo Shop – 723 St. Peter Street – Tel. (504) 861-2727.
www.HauntedHistoryTours.com. Hours: Daily @ 7:30 pm. Pricing: \$18.00 Adult/\$15.00 Students & Seniors/\$9.00 Children (12 & under).*

- ?? **Vampire Tour** – Our Vampire Tour allows you to enter the dark and mysterious world of the undead. Walk through history and experience the legends of famous New Orleans vampires, real and fictional. Visit sights and locations associated with these creatures of the night, including a visit to a noted Vampire tavern. Are there vampires lurking in the French Quarter? Follow our experienced guides into the dark realm and find out!

*Departure Location: St. Louis Cathedral at Jackson Square (Charters Street) – Tel: (504) 861-2727.
www.HauntedHistoryTours.com . Time: Nightly @ 8:30 pm . Pricing: \$18.00 Adult/\$15.00 Seniors/\$9.00 Children (12 & under).*

- ?? **Voodoo/Cemetery Tour** -- Our Voodoo/Cemetery tour is an extremely popular daytime adventure into the legendary St. Louis Cemetery #1, New Orleans' oldest City of the Dead. We'll explore the cemetery, visit the tomb of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau, and learn about this misunderstood and secretive religion. Keep your ears open! You'll learn secret Voodoo recipes, curses and spells. You may even witness an actual Voodoo ceremony! This is a daytime walking tour that combines some of the most fascinating elements in New Orleans - our most historic cemetery and the ancient practice of Voodoo!

*Departure Location: Rev. Zombie's Voodoo Shop – 723 St. Peter Street – Tel. (504) 861-2727.
www.HauntedHistoryTours.com. Hours: Daily @ 10 am & 1:15 pm* (except on Sunday). Pricing: \$18.00 Adult/\$15.00 Students & Seniors/\$9.00 Children (12 & under).*

Other Various Activities

Harrah's New Orleans Casino

Inside Harrah's doors, you'll find thousands of the newest, hottest slots and plenty of action-packed table games. The adrenaline rush is more than words can describe. With 100,000 square feet of gaming space, Harrah's New Orleans offers 2,285 slot machines and over 100 table games. Choose your favorite table and feel the excitement for yourself! Try your luck at Craps, Baccarat & Mini-Baccarat, Blackjack, Roulette, Caribbean Stud Poker, Let it Ride!, Pai Gow Poker, and Poker.

*Location: 512 S. Peters Street – New Orleans (around the corner from the Wyndham Canal Hotel) – (800) VIP-JAZZ.
www.harrahs.com. Time: Open 24 Hours/7 Days.*

Paris Parker Spa

Paris Parker has a variety of services to offer. From hair and nail services to full spa treatments, that include Aveda facials and massages, body treatments, hydrotherapy, signature treatments, and specialized services. Escape with one of their specially designed spa packages that pamper and indulge. Each spa package comes with a complimentary Spa Gift.*

*Location: Canal Place Shopping Center (within the Wyndham Hotel) – 333 Canal Place – 2nd Floor – New Orleans.
www.ParisParker.com. Times: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm / Sun 12pm – 6pm. Pricing: Various*

New Orleans School of Cooking ~ Cooking Class

Festive cooking classes feature recipes, laughs, tall tales, and a meal in delightful 2 or 3-hour sessions. Popular lunch classes are "open" to individual reservations. The original 3-hour class, featuring 4 food items, is held daily from 10am-1pm (\$25 per person). We also offer a 2-hour class, featuring 3 food items, Monday-Saturday from 2pm-4pm (\$20 per person). All "open" classes include recipes and generous samplings of the demonstrated items, coffee, iced tea and beer.

Located at 524 St. Louis Street – New Orleans – Tel. (504) 525-2665 To reserve, simply complete a reservation request online or call (800)-237-4841. www.nosoc.com.

There is much to do in New Orleans! For more information on other events to visit and sightsee, check out the websites below.

- ?? New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau = www.NewOrleansCVB.com
?? Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place
Tours & Attraction Section = <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/MSYCP/main.wnt>
?? Experience New Orleans = <http://www.neworleansweb.org>

THURSDAY'S ACTIVITY

SIGN-UP SHEET

NCRA will assist members in arranging any of the various activities listed if you would like. Arranging group activities with other conference attendees may allow for group rates. Please check the one activity you are interested in for Thursday and NCRA will work to obtain group pricing.

Please Mark One

☞☞ Confederate Memorial Hall Civil War Museum	☞☞ New Orleans School of Cooking ~ Cooking Class
☞☞ The Cabildo Louisiana State Museum	☞☞ National D-Day Museum
☞☞ Steamboat Natchez ~ Steamboat Cruises	☞☞ Oak Alley Plantation ~ Plantation Tour
☞☞ Garden District Tour	☞☞ Paris Parker Spa
☞☞ Louisiana Swamp Tours ? <i>Tour Boat Tour</i> ? <i>Airboat Tour</i> ? <i>Airboat Ride</i>	☞☞ Haunted History Tours ? <i>French Quarter Ghost Tour</i> ? <i>Garden District Ghost Tour</i> ? <i>Spellbound Tour</i> ? <i>Vampire Tour</i> ? <i>Voodoo/Cemetery Tour</i>

NCRA has also arranged for Golf and Tennis Tournaments for Thursday afternoon. If you are interested in registering for either of these two events, please check one below and a registration form will be sent to you.

Please Mark One

☞☞ Golf

☞☞ Tennis

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Please submit one registration form per person.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____ Suite _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____

E-Mail: _____

**Please Fax Your Activity Registration Form to NCRA at (630) 539-1526
by Friday, September 17, 2003**