

Dear 4-H Professionals,

Make plans now to attend the **NCAE4-HA Annual Conference in Asheville August 12 - 14, 2009!** Celebrate the Centennial at the birthplace of 4-H in North Carolina by "Bringing it Home!"

Join us at the Swannanoa 4-H Center on Wednesday afternoon and for terrific workshops and a banquet at the Deerpark Restaurant on the Biltmore Estate on Thursday. Round out the conference on Friday morning with Table Topic discussions and the capnote speaker at the closing luncheon.

We realize the current economic situation and budget restrictions may have you examining your budget closely. Unfortunately, due to State travel fund restrictions, travel from State funds have NOT been approved for this conference. However, we hope you will join us for this training, professional development, and networking with colleagues.

We know you will be looking for ways to make the conference as affordable as possible. We understand this but encourage you to book your accommodations with the Crowne Plaza in Asheville - our host hotel. Our contract requires that we pay for the block of rooms regardless of whether reservations are filled.

Please note payment is required in advance or at registration the day you arrive. We cannot accommodate payment following the conference.

We hope you will travel to the mountains and take advantage of all Asheville, and the surrounding area, has to offer. Bring your family, extend your stay, and take advantage of Asheville's shops, restaurants, galleries and cultural activities. You might enjoy hiking, biking, white water rafting, visiting the Blue Ridge Parkway, Cherokee Indian Reservation, or the Flat Rock Playhouse.

We're looking forward to hosting you!

Sincerely,

The West District Association of Extension 4-H Agents