

AATYC Talent Showcase

On Sunday evening, we will have the 5th Annual AATYC Campus Talent Showcase. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Rumors Lounge at the Austin Hotel, talented singers, instrumentalists, small combos, comedians, dancers, and more will showcase their talents. Performances may be backed up by the band or use an accompaniment tape or CD. The atmosphere is **casual and non-smoking**. A cash bar is available. Contact Steve Rook at Rich Mountain Community College (srook@rmcc.edu, 479-394-7622 X1300) to preregister your act or receive additional information. Come join in the talent showcase and the fun on Sunday evening.

Poker Run

The Third Annual Fun Run/Fun Walk will be held on Monday morning, October 16, at 6:45 a.m. The Poker Run/Walk was a hit last year so we are repeating it this year. Along the route, you will receive cards at certain checkpoints. The person with the best poker hand at the end of the run/walk will win!! Prizes will be given for first, second, and third place. We will also award a plaque to the college with the most participants. **AND, everyone who participates in the run/walk will receive an AATYC pedometer. Join us for a great time of networking and exercise.**

Academic All-Star Auction

The Academic All-Star Auction was a big success last year! The auction was held to raise money for the endowment of the Academic All-Star Fund. During the conference, you will have an opportunity to purchase tickets for \$1 each to "bid" on some great items. The items will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall. To "bid," you place your tickets in the box for the item you want. (You can place all your tickets in one box or spread them out for chances on several items.) A drawing will be held on Monday evening to determine the winners. Stop by the Academic All-Star Auction Booth in the Exhibit Hall to participate. This activity is **lots of fun and supports a worthy cause**. As they are donated, photos of the items will be placed on the AATYC web page (www.AATYC.org) so you will have a preview of the items before the conference (or send your money for "bids" if you can't attend).

Photos for Awards Programs

Clifton Eoff Photography will take photos at the awards programs on Monday night and Tuesday morning. Order forms will be available at the awards programs.

Industry Tours

Transportation is on-your-own. Maps to the sites will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

X-Press Boats

X-Press Boats is a boat manufacturer in Hot Springs that has been in existence since 1966. They are the original producer of the all-aluminum, all-welded fishing boats. These boats are built right in Hot Springs.

Garvan Woodland Gardens

One of Hot Spring's most prominent industries is that of tourism. Just a short drive from downtown Hot Springs you will find one of Hot Spring's fastest growing and most beautiful attractions. Donated by Mrs. Verna Cook Garvan to the University of Arkansas School of Architecture, Garvan Gardens serves as a beautiful place to visit and a hub of industrial activity employing many local workers. Not only do the gardens serve as a mecca for the tourism industry, it is also a place where education is constantly taking place. Mrs. Garvan planted thousands of specimens of plants and flowers which now form an impressive collection.

National Park Community College

The Workforce Development Center at National Park Community College is a recognized leader in the Hot Springs community in providing local industry with superior customized training services. The ultimate goal of the programs offered at the center is to contribute to the economic vitality of the community. This tour will showcase the services and people that comprise the center. Tour participants will also learn about some of the other exciting things occurring at NPCC, including new facilities on the campus.