

May 3

NCCC-170 and USSES members and participants,

HOTEL:

Arrangements have been made for a block of hotel rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fayetteville for the evenings of June 27 and 28. The hotel is located at I-49 exit 64 (Wedington Drive). The hotel is visible from the southbound I-49 exit ramp.

The room rate is \$114 plus the current tax rate of 13.75%. Reservations must be made before the close of business on Friday, May 25. The remaining rooms in the block will be released that evening. The group reservation code for the block is NCCC170/USSES. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 12:00 noon.

The telephone number for reservations is 479-856-6040. Press 0 when the automated answering system begins to speak. This will forward you to the front desk. Identify yourself as a group member to receive the group rate. If you do not follow these directions the group rate will not apply. Your reservation must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or with a major credit card. Any special requests for accommodations will be noted at that time but cannot be guaranteed (e.g., room type or room location).

If you will be shipping packages to the hotel you must notify the hotel at least one week in advance. Include the name of the group, date of the program, and number of items. Packages should arrive at the hotel no more than three days in advance of your arrival. The hotel has no liability for the delivery, security or condition of any packages.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE HOTEL TO THE MEETING:

Take Wedington Drive east under I49 and continue until you reach the intersection of Wedington Drive and Garland Avenue (aka Arkansas 112). Turn left onto Garland Avenue. Once Garland Avenue has narrowed to two lanes look for the sign for the Whitaker Animal Science Center on your left. The distance from the hotel to the meeting site is approximately 3.25 miles.

REGISTRATION FEE:

We have received some funds from the Experiment Station to help cover expenses associated with the meeting. I am working on estimates for lunches, breaks, and supplies. I should know tomorrow whether or not these will a registration fee. If so, I do not anticipate that it will be more than about \$10 to \$15.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

The closest airport to Fayetteville is Northwest Arkansas Regional (XNA). It is approximately 25 miles from the Fayetteville area. Rental cars are available. Next week I will set up a Doodle poll for ride sharing and the best route to follow. Their website is www.flyxna.com.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if your meeting attendance status has changed. Please note that to avoid additional unwanted e-mail, I have reduced the "To list" for this and future meeting e-mails to those who have indicated that they will attending this year.

Thanks.

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