

1st Annual USBGA National Conference

The USBGA will be hosting its 1st Annual National Conference this year. The confirmed date is Friday, October 31 - Sunday November 2, 2008. The Conference will be held at the Henry Horton State Resort Park and Conference Center on the shores of the historic Duck River, the longest stretch of free flowing river in Tennessee. in Chapel Hill, Tennessee.

Henry Horton State Park is located 40 miles south of Nashville on U.S. Hwy 31A between the towns of Chapel Hill and Lewisburg. The park is accessible via I-65 by turning east on US Hwy 412 (Exit 46) and following the signs (about 13 miles).

The conference will feature good fellowship, educational and informative programs, good food, vendors and fun activities. There will be exceptional learning opportunities for breeders, producers, and hobbyists who have or are interested in Boer goats.

On Friday afternoon, the Board of Directors will host a relaxing afternoon socializing around the magnificent fireplace at the inn or strolling along the beautiful Duck River. For those intereted, there will be a USBGA Golf Scramble Tournament at the park's beautiful par-72 Buford Ellington Championship Golf Course. The modest entry fee for this event includes greens fees, cart and trophies. Rental clubs are also available.

The conference will kick off with a USBGA General Membership Meeting at 6:00 PM on Friday, followed by a President's Reception in the inn's Hospitality Room. The theme of the reception is Halloween and costumes are encouraged. Entertainment and adult refreshments will be provided.

Most vendors will have their exhibits set up on Friday and all day on Saturday.

The "meat" of the conference will be the many informative sessions on Saturday geared toward every level of breeder, producer and hobbyist presented by some of the foremost authorities in the industry. The Saturday luncheon will be held at the buffet of the inn's restaurant.

Following the activities of Saturday, the attendees will retire to the group lodge for a casual, yet elegant awards banquet honoring those who have contributed significantly to the advancement of the USBGA over the past year.

Sunday morning begins with a relaxed, western-theme devotional service for those who wish to attend. Following a delicious brunch at the inn's restaurant, the conference will adjourn at 11:30.

Please Note:

Due to the mature theme of the educational programs and the lack of activities and accommodations for children, attendance by children is strongly discouraged.

The breakout sessions will center around four basic tracks. Attendees may attend sessions in any track. Each session will be about 25 minutes long. Sample sessions will include:

USBGA

- USBGA Programs
- USBGA Forms
- State Rep Training
- USBGA Breed Standards
- Official USBGA Show Rules
- Show Committee Training
- Show Ring Tips
- Fitting & Grooming
- Health & Safety Issues at Shows
- Preparing for a Show
- Preparing to Host a Show

BREEDING

- Basic Genetics
- Selection for Improvement
- Artificial Insemination
- Kidding
- Health Issues
- Performance Indexing
- Herd Management
- Nutrition for Reproduction
- National Animal ID System

MEAT GOAT PRODUCTION

- Parasite Control
- Predator Control
- Body Conditioning & Carcass Evaluation
- Goat Handling
- Meat Goat Marketing
- Pastures & Forage
- Disaster Planning
- Agro-Terrorism
- Accelerated Kidding Program

BOER GOAT 101

- Networking
- Fencing & Housing
- Predator Control
- Parasite Control
- Tattoos, Tags & Microchips
- Goat Maintenance
- Goat Nutrition
- Goat Anatomy
- Goat Reproduction
- Reading a Pedigree

NOA INSPECTOR TRAINING

There will be an NOA training course offered for anyone desiring to be a Certified NOA Inspector. The cost for this short course is \$50, which includes certification.



**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE**

Friday, October 31

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

General Registration

1:00 PM

USBGA Golf Tournament

6:00 PM

General Membership Meeting

7:30 PM

President's Reception

(Halloween Theme)

Saturday, November 1

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Registration

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Vendors' exhibits

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Breakout Sessions

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Luncheon

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Breakout Sessions

6:30 PM

Awards Banquet

Sunday, November 2

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Devotional Service

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunday Brunch

11:30 AM

Adjourn



FEES

Conference

(per person)

Postmarked before July 31: **\$100** after July 31: **\$150** Conference fees include all meals: Saturday breakfast buffet, Saturday luncheon buffet, Saturday night awards banquet, and Sunday brunch buffet. All meals, except the awards banquet will be provided at the restaurant at the inn.

Rooms

(per night)

at Henry Horton Inn: **\$76** off-site overflow: **\$80**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the park's inn and arrangements have been made for overflow lodging. All room reservations must be made when registering for the conference. Rooms at the inn are available on a first-come-first-served basis, however, overflow lodging will be available in Lewisburg, 11 miles south of the park. RV facilities are also available at the park.

Complete Conference Package

(includes all fees, meals and lodging)

Per Person: **\$250** Per Couple: **\$350**

Please return by July 31 to:

**USBGA National Conference
P.O. Box 663
Spicewood, TX 787669**

Member Name _____ USBGA # _____

Address _____

City/ST/ZIP: _____

Additional Attendee's Name _____

Primary Interest (Check One)

_____ USBGA

_____ BOER GOAT 101

_____ BREEDING

_____ MEAT GOAT PRODUCTION

Conference Fees \$ _____ x # of attendees _____ \$ _____

Rooms \$ _____ x # of nights _____ = \$ _____

Single package (\$250) \$ _____

Couple Package (\$350) \$ _____

NOA Inspector Training & Certification (\$50) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Check _____ Money Order _____

Credit Card _____ Type _____ Number: _____ Exp. Date _____