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All National Plant Board Members, USDA, USFS, CBP, and any other plant protection wranglers plus your family members!

Howdy! You're invited to Oklahoma City, proud to be called '*The Newest City in the Old West*'. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, USDA APHIS PPQ, and the National Plant Board invite you to attend the **2009 National Plant Board in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from Sunday through Thursday, August 9th - August 13th, 2009**. See the draft agenda for the educational, informative program planned for safeguarding agriculture. There is so much to do while you are here: Bricktown District, the Oklahoma City National Memorial, Oklahoma History Center, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Conservatory, and much more.

Accommodations:

The meeting will be held at the **Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel**, One North Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 (405-235-2780). Guests must make their own reservations by calling **1-800-325-3535** and reserve as members of the **National Plant Board Conference** or by using the direct link available on the **NPB Website**: www.nationalplantboard.org/meetings.

The hotel room rate for the conference is **\$83.00**, plus current state and local taxes of **13.875%**. Reservations deadline is **July 10, 2009. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.** Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Individual reservations must be canceled at least five (5) business days prior to arrival date and cancellation number must be obtained by guest or a one night charge will be applied.

Transportation:

Will Rogers World Airport is only 20 minutes from the Sheraton Hotel. Recommended transportation from Will Rogers Airport to the hotel is Airport Express, the blue vans found in the passenger loading area just outside baggage claim. Rates are \$22 per individual, \$12 per person for party of 2, and \$8 per person for party of 3 or more (subject to change). No reservations are required. Airport Express telephone is 405-681-3311 to schedule pickup for return flight.

Meeting Registration:

Complete the registration form and return no later than **Friday, July 10th, 2009**. Registration is **\$350.00 if received by July 10th or \$400.00 after July 10th**. Guest registration is \$100.00. One-day attendance

registration is available for \$100.00 and must be received before the conference begins. Meals included with registration are:

- Breakfast buffet – Monday
- Continental breakfast – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Lunch – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- Dinner – Tuesday and Wednesday

Oklahoma State University Ag Conferences Services is ODAFF's on-site contractor for this meeting. Register: https://secure.touchnet.com/C20271_ustores/web/index.jsp. Click on "Agricultural Conferences" next click on "Plant Board". Checks should be made payable to: Oklahoma State University. Visa and MasterCard are accepted with online, mailed, faxed, or on-site registrations. On-line registration cannot be used for payment with a government purchase order.

Registration mailing address:

OSU Ag Conferences
Plant Board Conference
430 OSU Student Union
Stillwater OK 74078

Registration information:

405-744-6489
405-744-8491 - fax

Exhibits:

Exhibit space will be available. Please indicate your needs (table, electricity, etc.) on the Registration Form.

Field Trip:

Included in the registration is a field trip on **Wednesday, August 12th** to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum where guests will be able to explore distinctive art galleries, beautiful gardens, splendid exhibits, and a children's area. Authentic Oklahoma barbecue will be served that evening at the Museum. To finish the evening, an optional visit to the Oklahoma City National Memorial will be offered to the guests that choose to tour the Memorial grounds.

Weather and Attire:

Average August high temperature is 92° and afternoon humidity of 45%, with usually some wind. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms can occur. Dress comfortable and casual – pack your boots and blue jeans!

Things to Do:

Oklahoma City is family-friendly! Visit the Oklahoma City Zoo & Botanical Gardens, Frontier City Theme Park, White Water Bay, Red Earth Museum, Rocktown Climbing Gym, Oklahoma Science Museum, or Stockyards City, a National Register Historic District. Take a water taxi ride along Bricktown Canal or rent a kayak or bicycle at the Chesapeake Boathouse and explore the 13+ miles of river trails. Go to Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau at www.okccvb.org or www.oklahomacity.com/attractions.php to help plan your visit.

SEE Y'ALL SOON!

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