

Area 53 2011 Mini-Conference

March 11-13, 2011

“We Are Responsible for AA’s Future-Let it Begin With Us”

Preliminary Agenda

Mar 11th Friday

Registration 3pm
 Service Workshops 3:30pm/4:30pm
 Hospitality Suite Opens 4pm
 Conference Opens 7pm
 East Central Regional Trustee
 Pam R. 8pm

Mar 12th Saturday

Early AA Meeting 8:30am
 Committee Meetings 10am-4pm
 Banquet 6pm
 GSO Speaker Mary D. 7:30pm

Mar 13th Sunday

Early AA Meeting 7:30am
 Committee Reports 9am-noon
 Area 53 Quarterly Assembly 1pm

Is my voice heard all the way to New York?

Passionate about conference approved literature? Concerned about where your money goes? Think the Grapevine meeting in print is important?

Mini-conference committees deliberate these and other issues. It is your opportunity to talk about matters that affect AA as a whole. The information that is gathered is used by your Area Delegate to report your views and vote on agenda items at the General Service Conference in May 2011. Don't miss your chance to be heard!

The mini-conference is your chance to be a voice that connects

Central and Southeast Ohio to the AA fellowship as a whole!

Salt Fork Resort & Conference Center
 P.O. Box 7 U.S. Route 22 East Cambridge, OH 43725
 (GPS) 14755 Cadiz Road Lore City, OH 43755
 Room Rate (until 2/10): Guest Rooms \$83/night; Cabins \$132/night.
 Contact Salt Fork at 1.800.AT.A.PARK (282.7275) to reserve your lodging.
 Mention Area 53 Mini-Conference.

2011 Area 53 Mini-Conference Registration Form

(Complete a separate form for each attendee)

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State: _____ ZIP _____
 Phone: _____

- Registration \$20
- Saturday Banquet \$25 (must order by 3/5)
- Vegetarian Meal

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Check payable to: Area 53 Mini-Conference
Mail to: Area 53 General Service
 Attn: Mini-Conference Registration
 P.O. Box 2131, Columbus, OH 43216

- Check here to be contacted about volunteering for service work to support the mini-conference

Questions? Dave C., (614) 882-0036
 or Kay H., (740) 797-3126

Register online at www.area53aa.org. Online payment includes a convenience fee.

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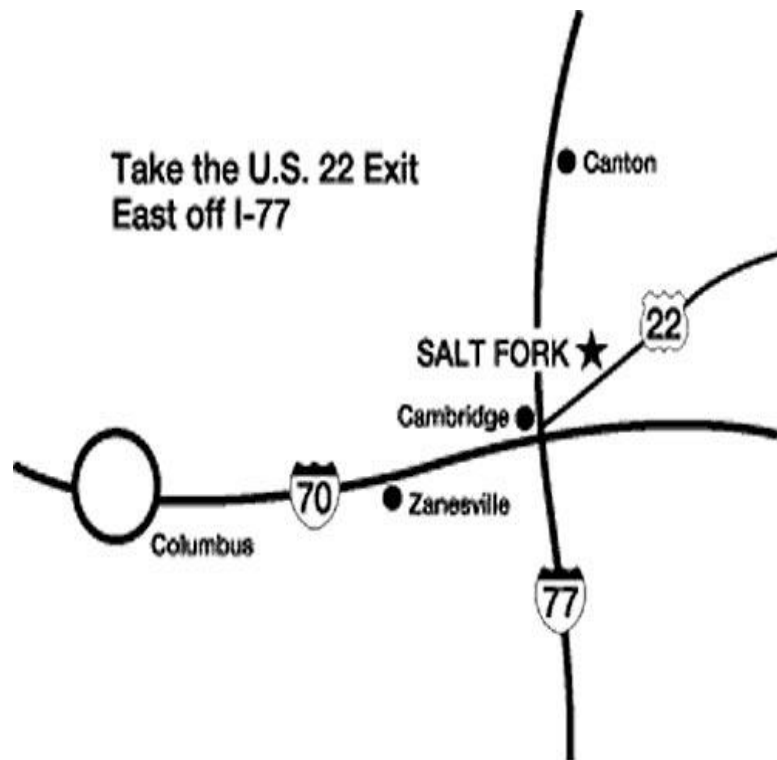
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Prices Guaranteed until 2/10/2011

For questions about facilities and
other amenities, call the Salt Fork
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What is the purpose of the Area 53 Mini-Conference?

The mini-conference is held to give the Area 53 Delegate the **informed conscience of the groups** in Central and Southeast Ohio on some of the agenda that will be addressed at the General Service Conference in New York. Groups can discuss possible issues and send their group's conscience to the mini-conference via their GSR or other group representative. Issues discussed for committees are selected by the Area 53 Delegate and discussed by committees composed of AA's from groups throughout the area. Using the committee system and voting procedures described in the AA Service Manual, a consensus is reached; this consensus will be taken to the General Service Conference by your delegate.

The mini-conference has displays and information by the Area 53 standing committees. There is a Saturday evening banquet followed by a speaker who is a staff member from the General Service Office. There are a variety of other ways for a GSR and interested AA's to share with others who are committed to general service.

There are no dues or fees, so why do I have to pay?

While there are no dues or fees for membership in AA, it is the practice of Area 53 that each event be self-supporting. The mini-conference takes months of planning and preparation, and money is needed to hold the event. Expenses include printing background material and purchasing literature relevant to agenda items that will be discussed, printing flyers and agendas, mailing costs and office supplies. We do not pay our speakers, but we do provide for their expenses to attend the conference. The mini-conference provides beverages/coffee throughout the day; the hospitality room is self-supporting and accepts voluntary donations from conference attendees.

I'm a GSR, should my group pay my way?

This is a question that all GSRs should ask at their group conscience. Each group is autonomous in this matter. However, it is a common practice for home groups to provide financial support for some expenses of their trusted servant. This might include the conference registration fee and expenses incurred for traveling and lodging.

Save money - Share a Room in a Cabin

Cabins at Salt Fork are nicely furnished two-bedroom units that accommodate 5 (comfortably) to 7 persons. One bedroom has a double bed and the other bedroom has two bunk beds. All cabins have a furnished kitchen, cable TV, gas fireplace, living room, screened in porch and one bathroom. Some cabins have a hot tub.

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