



2019 General Information

Lodging Costs and Deadlines

Embassy Suites: 501-321-4430

Single - \$149 plus tax

Double - \$159 plus tax

Triple - \$169 plus tax

Quad - \$179 plus tax, may call for availability.

Hotel Hot Springs: 501-623-6600

Single - \$119 plus tax

Double - \$129 plus tax

Triple - \$139 plus tax

Quad - \$149 plus tax

Be sure and state you need the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council room block. AEHC Room Block held until May 3, 2019. If you use a reservation service other than the hotel you may not get the same rate. May 3 is deadline for Hotel Hot Springs and Embassy Suites.

The theme this year is **“Better Together.”** Tuesday is once again red shirt day. Everyone who wants to can wear a red AEHC shirt in support of our organization.

Fees and Pre-Conference Activities

Total fees this year, other than creative skill classes and lodging, is **\$80**. There will be no lunch on Tuesday but dessert and beverages will be served. In order for you to have time for lunch on your own, Opening Ceremony will start at 1:00 p.m.

- \$50 Registration
- \$10 Facility usage, drinks and desserts on Tuesday
- \$20 Wednesday Lunch
- \$80 Total. But does not include creative skill classes and lodging.

The fee for Creative Skills is listed with the class description. There are two Creative Skills classes Tuesday morning (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.) before Opening Ceremony at 1 p.m. At the same time the Early Bird Creative Skills classes are going on, there will be a guided tour of Fordyce Bath House and Museum (\$10). At 9:30 a.m. a van will pick up members in front of convention center. We will go to West Mountain if time permits. The second tour will be to Garvan Woodland Gardens (\$10, golf cart optional \$15, limit 24). We must have 20 riders for this tour to go. Time will also be 9:30 a.m. in front of convention center.

Tuesday is the day we recognize our 50-year plus service members and give our Scholarship Awards. There will be a keynote speaker, with Creative Skills and more educational classes in the a.m. and p.m.

During lunch on Wednesday Project Book Awards will be presented. Thursday is time for Memorials, awarding of Mini-Grant and installation of new district directors before we are dismissed at noon.

Registration

Register online for the 2019 AEHC State Meeting is through the Hot Springs Convention Center. Go to the AEHC web site: www.uaex.edu/ehc for all information regarding the State Meeting. There will also be instructions for paper registration. Deadline for all registrations is **May 17.** A late fee of \$10 will be applied after **May 17.** You may check in at the registration desk on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in front of Horner Hall. Someone will be available to register people on Wednesday a.m. in front of Horner Hall.

Silent Auction

When you check in at Horner Hall on Tuesday morning, there will be a table to leave your Silent Auction items. Each county is to bring two silent auction items. (Value should be at least \$15.) Bring something you would want yourself. County will be given a form to set the minimum bid for each item. AEHC will make a starting bid. **If items are not picked up at close of silent auctions, Wednesday evening, it will go to next highest bidder.** The proceeds from the Silent Auction helps with expenses of the state meeting.

Cultural Art

The Cultural Art project will be items from a “*Lost Art.*” This can be an item made in the past which is hand-sewn or decorated with fancy hand stitching. Perhaps a collection of old games. Or pictures of someone participating in these things or pictures of members at old Home Demonstration club meetings doing things from a past generation or old letters. Each item should be accompanied with an explanation and story about the item. Again, there will be a table set up to receive your “Lost Art.”

Centerpiece

Please bring one (1) centerpiece from your county to decorate the tables for our Tuesday Tea and Luncheon on Wednesday, which will then be used as door prizes. Using only the three colors of red, white and black, it can be any medium. Centerpiece is to be no higher than 15.” No live plants or glass containers.

Creative Skills Classes

There are two Tuesday morning classes, before meeting begins. Create Your Own Christmas Ornaments will cost \$5 and class is limited to first 20 people. The second class, Painted Glass Ornaments costs \$5 and is also limited to first 20 people. These Early Bird classes run concurrently. The remaining Creative Skills classes (5) will be held on Tuesday afternoon. You may make your select when you register online.

Craft Exhibits

The Craft Show, located in the lobby of the Convention Center, will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday. Come shop for wonderful items that vendors will display.

Remember that AEHC members get a reduced rate for space. Contact Janie if you want a space application: janiewoods@prodigy.net.

Fifty-Year Members and More

Complete the Milestone link on the AEHC web site. Eligible members include anniversaries for 50-year, 60-year and 70-year +. Deadline for submitting these is **May 17**. If name is not submitted by deadline, it will wait and be put in next year's program. Fifty+-year members will be recognized at the Tuesday Opening Ceremony. Please let us know if the member will be present to receive her certificate and award. Also, will she have a special guest with her? We want to provide adequate seating at the Special Awards table. For members attending who have never been recognized on their anniversary and/or who have reached 60- or 70-years or 70+ years of membership, please contact Melody Curtis, mcurtis@uaex.edu.

Memorials

Memorials can be entered in the same link as the Milestone by name, district and county. Deadline for submitting names and photos is May 17. But if name is already submitted, photo can be submitted right up to May 24, for inclusion on the PowerPoint and Memorial Table. Mail or email photos to Melody Curtis, 2301 S. University Ave., Little Rock, AR 72204, mcurtis@uaex.edu. Include with the photo the name, county and district. If mailing and wanting photo returned, just let us know when mailing and we can return during the meeting or to FCS Agent.

Bingo Night – Tuesday Night

Tuesday evening in the Ballroom of the Hotel Hot Springs. If you plan to play bingo, please bring a small gift wrapped for prizes (white elephant), if possible but if not, PLEASE plan on attending anyway. For more information contact Darlene Holliday, darleneholliday95@yahoo.com, 479-459-3011.

Wednesday

Wednesday Morning –District Officer Elections will take place. District Director Consent of Nominee Form (FCS 747), along with District Director Nomination Form (FCS 746), are to be completed and signed and returned to Melody Curtis at the state extension office no later than May 15. Forms may be found on the AEHC website www.uaes.edu/ehc/member-resources.

“Anything Goes Talent Show” – Talent Night

Wednesday evening in the Ballroom of the Hotel Hot Springs. You will have the opportunity to participate in two ways. Sign up for regular talent and have the possibility of winning the beautiful traveling trophy \$50 and/or sign up for “Anything Goes” which can include pantomime, classical readings, joke telling, etc. Regular Talent will be voted on by applause and a sound meter. Anything Goes Talent will have names in box for drawing of winner and will

receive \$50. To sign up and for more information contact Darlene Holliday, darleneholliday95@yahoo.com, 479-459-3011.

Project Books

All county project books will be on display in upstairs Lobby during the entire meeting. Project book awards will be presented at the Wednesday luncheon. Counties are asked to pick up their books before the closing session on Thursday.

Memorial Service on Thursday Morning

Installation of new District Directors and Awarding of Mini-Grant.

Thursday Morning – Closing Session

For further questions or assistance please call Melody Curtis at 501-671-2012 or email her at mcurtis@uaex.edu.