

North American Bluebird Society

33rd Annual Conference



Hosted by Bluebirds Across America



September 15-18, 2011

Doubletree Hotel, Highway 45 Bypass, Jackson TN

The 2011 Convention Committee invites you to attend the **33rd Annual Convention** of the **North American Bluebird Society** at the Doubletree Hotel in Jackson, Tennessee. As long-time friends and helpers of the North American Bluebird we welcome you to this year's opportunity to **"Remember the Past, Enjoy the Present and Plan the Future."**

Jackson, Tennessee, the "Hub of West Tennessee", sports a history of conservation and there is proof our help for the North American Bluebird has succeeded. Jackson, located between Memphis, Nashville, Kentucky, and Mississippi, is a melting pot for Southern culture and ingenuity.

Please join us at this annual event and experience exciting fellowship, interesting tours, and enjoy an experienced group of speakers from the South. We will continue the tradition of the silent auction, raffles, and vendors galore.

Bluebirds Across America is a conservation, education, and environmental venture which promotes the continued recovery of bluebirds. The project uses U S Highway 70 as a backbone route to contact communities across the country to be involved with bluebird recovery. As an Affiliate of the **North American Bluebird Society**, we join many other Tennesseans across our state to enjoy the bluebird and work to involve other individuals and organizations. We connect with school children wherever possible to teach and get them to take part in this venture. Where possible we encourage those on the trail to be conscious of the environment.

We work with adults who have cancer through Camp Bluebird. This is a three-day camp for them two times a year and part of their time is spent building bluebird nestboxes. Each year for the last 18 years these campers have built 180 nestboxes to be placed in their community.

One-Day Registration \$40*

Full Conference Registration \$60**

Plus optional meals and tours.

Advance Registration is required.

You must complete the Registration form included.

Registration at Doubletree Hotel

Wednesday September 14, 4-8PM
 Thursday September 15 , 10AM to 8PM
 Friday September 16, 8AM-9PM
 Saturday September 17, 8AM-10AM

Silent Auction and Vendor exhibits

Friday 8AM-5PM
 Saturday 8AM-4PM

Wednesday September 14		
4-8PM	Registration	Lobby
4-8PM	Get Acquainted	University Conference Room
Thursday September 15		
1-4PM	Tour	Casey Jones Railroad Museum and Cypress Grove Nature Park
5-6PM	NABS Affiliate Meeting	Old Hickory Boardroom
6PM	Cash Bar	University Conference Room
7PM	NABS Welcome Dinner	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
8-10PM	Highway 54 Bluegrass Band	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
Friday, September 16		
7-8AM	Tour Breakfast	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
8AM-4PM	Tours	Shiloh National Military Park or Graceland
5-6PM	NABS Board Meeting	Old Hickory Boardroom
6PM	Cash Bar	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
7PM	President's Dinner	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
8PM	Stan Perkins Band	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
Saturday September 17		
7:30-9:00AM	Old Timers Breakfast	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
10AM-12N	NABS Membership Meeting	University Conference Room
12N-1PM	Lunch buffet	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
Conference Speakers		
1-2PM	TBA	University Conference Room
2-3PM	TBA	University Conference Room
3-3:30PM	Break	
3:30-4:30PM	TBA	University Conference Room
4:00PM	Silent Auction Closes	Old Hickory Boardroom
4:15-5:00PM	Pick Up Silent Auction Items	Old Hickory Boardroom
6PM	Cash Bar	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
7PM	Reception / Awards Dinner	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
8PM	Keynote Speaker	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
8:30PM	Wes Holland Band	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
Sunday, September 18		
7-9AM	Post-conference Fellowship	Andrew Jackson Ballroom
8AM-12N	Walking Tour	Riverside Cemetery

~Thursday Dinner~*"Mardi Gras Buffet"**Mixed Field Greens**Hearts of Romaine Caesar Style with Cajun Croutons and Parmesan Cheese**Spicy New Orleans' Shrimp Gumbo**Chicken Etouffee**Shrimp Jambalaya**Creole Mustard Short Ribs**Dirty Rice**Collard Greens**Black Eyed Peas**Apple Beignets w/ Vanilla Bean Ice Cream**Freshly Brewed Coffee & Iced Tea with Lemon***~Friday Dinner~***"House of Blues Buffet"**Southern Style Potato Salad**Mixed Field Greens with Fried Okra, Red Peppers, Crumbled Bleu Cheese
and Barbeque Dressing**Southern Style Baked Chicken with Spiced Pecan Dressing**Fried Catfish with Herb Remoulade Sauce**"Memphis Style" Barbeque Slab of Ribs**Red Beans and Rice**Braised Collard Greens**Smothered Green Beans**Cornbread**Assorted Hot Fruit Cobbler**Freshly Brewed Coffee**Iced Tea with Lemon***~Saturday Dinner~***Your Choice of:**Apple Walnut Raisin Stuffed Pork Chop with a Veal Demi Red Wine Glaze Reduction**OR**Oven Roasted Fillet of Salmon**With:**House Salad with two dressings**Smoked Corn Risotto**Broccolini**Hot Yeast Rolls & Butter Rosettes**Guest Selection of Dessert**Freshly Brewed Coffee & Tea*

Doubletree Hotel Jackson

Highway 45 Bypass, Jackson, Tennessee 38305

Tel: (731) 664-6900 "Group Code BLU"

\$89/night + occupancy tax + local tax (taxes subject to change)

Fax: (731) 668-0474

Call 1-800-222-TREE

www.Doubletree.com

Location: On Highway 45 Bypass 0.5 mile south of I-40, Exit 80A. Convenient to Carl Perkins Civic Center and Oman Arena. McKellar Sipes Airport is 6 miles. Near Lambuth University, Lane College, Union University, and Jackson State Community College. Casey Jones Village is 1 mile. Old Hickory Mall is 2 miles.

Room Amenities: Complimentary wireless high-speed Internet access; Sweet Dreams® by Doubletree sleep experience with plush-top mattress, luxurious linens, down comforter and jumbo pillows; refrigerator and coffee maker with complimentary coffee; hair dryer, iron and ironing board; electronic door locks.

Facilities: Heated indoor/outdoor pool; fitness facility on site; business center with complimentary high-speed Internet access, computer, printer, copier; Ezra's Grill features an award-winning Sunday brunch, a variety of American favorites, a full bar, and room service; over 6,200 square feet of event space for up to 500 guests.

Services: Complimentary wireless high-speed Internet access throughout the hotel; express check-out; complete conference services staff; professional meeting/event planners; valet cleaning and laundry.

About the Tours

~ Shiloh National Military Park ~

1055 Pittsburgh Landing Road (Highway 22 between Tennessee 57 and US 64); Shiloh, TN 38376; (731) 689-5696;

www.nps.gov/shil

For two days in April 1862, Civil War troops clashed in the fields and woods near Pittsburg Landing in the first major battle in the war's western theater. When the battle ended, General Grant had pushed Southern troops back to their base at Corinth, MS. The battlefield features 152 monuments, 229 cannons, and more than 450 historic tablets. The battlefield tour starts at the visitor center with exhibits and a brief film. The Park will host several special events this year that will offer visitors a unique look at civilian life in and around Pittsburg Landing in the 1860s; infantry, artillery, and cavalry tactical demonstrations; and a glimpse of the military camp life shared by thousands of Civil War soldiers. The Visitor Center/ museum/bookstore is open every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

~ Graceland Platinum Tour ~

Ticket Office: 3765 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38116; 800-238-2000 (toll-free in North America);

www.elvis.com/graceland

Elvis Presley's Graceland in Memphis offers the ultimate rock 'n' roll experience for any Elvis or music fan. Explore Elvis' home and follow his amazing journey to superstardom through exciting videos, personal mementos, displays of authentic clothing, an amazing showcase of awards, and much more. The Platinum Tour offers a great way to enjoy the full Graceland experience.

Experience Life at Graceland Mansion. Enjoy an audio-guided tour featuring commentary by Elvis and his daughter, Lisa Marie, and experience what his life was like at his beloved home. The Graceland Mansion tour includes the Jungle Room, Music Room, Racquetball Building, Meditation Garden, the Hall of Gold with an amazing display of gold and platinum awards, and more.

Cruise Through Elvis' Car Museum. Discover Elvis' love of cars as you stroll down a tree-lined street and see over 33 vehicles owned by Elvis. Highlights include his famous Pink Cadillac, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Stutz Blackhawks, a 1975 Dino Ferrari, the red MG from Blue Hawaii, two Rolls Royce sedans, a 6-door Mercedes Benz limousine, and his John Deere 4010 tractor.

Board Elvis' Custom Jets. Climb aboard Elvis' customized Lisa Marie airplane which includes a living room, conference room, sitting room, and private bedroom, as well as gold-plated seatbelts, suede chairs, leather-covered tables, and 24-karat gold-flecked sinks. After that, take a glimpse inside Elvis' smaller Lockheed Jetstar, the Hound Dog II.

Explore Elvis Presley: Fashion King. At Graceland Crossing, take a step inside the King of Rock'n'Roll's closet and explore the fashion trends set by Elvis with his own unique style and custom-made clothing. This new exhibit for 2010 showcases everything from Elvis' handmade shirts and suits to his flashy jewelry and shoes, giving visitors a first-hand look at how to dress like royalty.

~ Casey Jones Railroad Museum ~

56 Casey Jones Lane, Jackson, TN; (731) 668-1223, 800-748-9588; www.caseyjones.com

In April 1900, a brave railroad engineer named John Luther "Casey" Jones sacrificed his life for the lives of his passengers in the now-legendary train wreck just outside Vaughn, Mississippi. Today, Casey Jones Village—one of Tennessee's top ten tourist attractions—celebrates the life and times of Jackson's favorite son. Within the Village, visitors can relive the "Steam Age" of railroading by touring the Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum, featuring the restored home of the engineer himself, as well as a life-size replica of Casey's 382 locomotive. Open 7 days a week. Small admission fee for Casey Jones Home/Museum.

~ Cypress Grove Nature Park ~

Located four minutes from downtown Jackson on Highway 70 West; (731) 425-8316

Established in 1984 to preserve part of Jackson's natural river bottom habitat, Cypress Grove consists of 165 acres of Cypress forest and features trails, more than two miles of elevated boardwalk, a pond and a lake, home to various mammals, frogs, fish, turtles, and more than 175 species of birds. The site also features the Aerie Trail Raptor Center, a haven for birds of prey that have been injured and cannot survive on their own in the wild. Restrooms and picnic facilities. Free admission. Open daily April-October 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Optional Self-guided Tours

~ International Rock-a-Billy Hall of Fame & Museum ~

105 N. Church Street, Jackson, TN 38301; (731) 427-6262; E-mail: rock@rockabillyhall.org; www.rockabillyhall.org

Located in Rock-a-Billy Complex, the International Rock-a-Billy Hall of Fame and Museum is a resource center dedicated to preserving and promoting Rock-a-Billy Music. The Hall of Fame recognizes the pioneers of music while the Museum Complex includes the Hall of Fame & Museum, Rock-a-Billy Alley, and Rock-a-Billy Park where a Rock-a-Billy History mural showcases Jackson's music history and outdoor concerts are held. International Rock-a-Billy Music Festival featuring the pioneers and the developing artists of Rock-a-Billy Music is held each year. Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

~ Historic Riverside Cemetery ~

Corner of Riverside Drive and Sycamore Street, Jackson, TN 38301; (731) 424-1279

Self-guided tour of the resting place for 140 unknown and known Confederate soldiers. Founded in 1821. Thirty acres of statues, monuments, and graves. Parking available. Open year-round, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Advance Registration is required. Deadline for tour reservations is **August 1, 2011**; deadline for conference, meals and hotel reservations is **August 25, 2011**.

- ✓ Save \$10 per person off the Conference fee by registering before May 25, 2011.
- ✓ Online registration will be available.

PAYMENT TERMS: Full payment is due at the time of reservation. Please make all checks payable to BAA (Bluebirds Across America) and mail with reservation form enclosed. Reservations by phone or online can be processed with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard only please). Please note there is a \$20 charge for returned checks or denied credit cards. Please send registration and payment to: BAA/NABS 2011 Registration, P.O. Box 244, Jackson, TN 38302. Reservations will not be accepted without payment. We will send you a confirmation within 6 weeks.

REGISTRATION ON DAY OF EVENT(S): Walk-In registration is available for conference meetings/speakers only. Advance reservations are required for all meals and tours.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS: Can be made by calling:

Doubletree Hotel directly at 800-222-TREE (credit card required), Group Code: BLU
\$89 night + occupancy tax + local tax (taxes subject to change)

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be made in writing. Changes to tour reservations must be made no later than August 5, 2011.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Bluebirds Across American and North American Bluebird Society (hereafter referred to as NABS) and Beverly's World Travel (hereafter referred to as BWT), act as agent in arranging your transportation and/or any tour selections. BAA, NABS and BWT nor any suppliers shall be held liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of these suppliers. BAA, NABS or BWT, the agent or agency, is acting as a mere agent for suppliers in selling travel-related services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, tours, cruises, etc.) BAA, NABS or BWT, therefore, shall not be responsible for breach of contract or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers, which result in any loss damage, delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on your tickets, invoice, or reservation itinerary. We do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings, reservations, connections, scheduling, or handling of personal effects. BAA, NABS, or BWT shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, criminal acts or abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside BAA, NABS or BWT control. Traveler assumes complete and full responsibility, and hereby releases the agent from any duty of checking and verifying any and all passports, visa, vaccination, or any other entry requirements of each destination, and all safety and security condition at such destinations, during the length of the proposed travel. By embarking on his/her travel, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved in such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. By making a deposit for the conference hotel, the tour, air, or cruise, traveler acknowledges and accepts these responsibilities and terms and conditions outlined herein. Not responsible for lost/stolen items.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Bluebirds Across America President: Farrell Roe (731) 424-6161 Email: ROERockingR@aol.com
Registrar: Ann Dowdy (731) 423-3880
Travel Agent/Tour/Hotel/Air: Beverly's World Travel (731) 423-0434

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Payment by check or money order _____ forward to Bluebirds Across America, P O Box 244, Jackson, TN 38302

- or -

Please have BAA charge the following credit card in the amount of \$_____

Card type: VISA MC Card Number_____ Exp. Date _____ SEC Code _____

Name of card holder (On card) _____

Card holder billing address (if different from below)_____

Indicate your name(s) as desired on your badge:

REGISTRANT#1 _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: DAY (____) _____ EVE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

I would like to be recognized as:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Timer | <input type="checkbox"/> NABS Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Attendee of 10+ Conferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Member <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Is it OK to release your name to: other attendees? Yes No vendors? Yes No

REGISTRANT#2 _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: DAY (____) _____ EVE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

I would like to be recognized as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Timer | <input type="checkbox"/> NABS Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Attendee of 10+ Conferences |
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Is it OK to release your name to: other attendees? Yes No vendors? Yes No

____ Yes, I would like to volunteer for the conference:

Name _____ Interests _____ Date available _____

Please complete both sides of this registration form

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TODAY'S DATE _____ (FOR BAA ONLY) DATE RECEIVED _____
REGISTRANT#1 _____ REGISTRANT#2 _____

I/We have received the terms of payment, cancellation and responsibility flyer regarding the 33rd Annual North American Bluebird Society Conference for September 15-18, 2011 in Jackson, Tennessee. Please confirm the following for registrants indicated above.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE	#PEOPLE	X RATE=	SUB TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Day Only @\$40 Which Day _____	_____	X \$40 =	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 Days @\$60* Dates _____	_____	X \$60 =	\$ _____

* \$50 if registered by May 25, 2011

Special notes to conference registrar: _____

I do not need hotel reservations.

I made my reservations directly to the Doubletree Hotel in Jackson, Tennessee.

Arrival Date _____ # nights _____

NABS 2011 TOURS/MEALS

THURSDAY 9-15-11

<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Jones Railroad Museum and Cypress Grove Nature Park 1PM-4PM@\$30	# X \$30 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffet Dinner at the Hotel 7PM @ \$30 per person	# X \$30 = \$ _____

FRIDAY 9-16-11

<input type="checkbox"/> Tour Buffet Breakfast 7AM @ \$15 per person	# X \$15 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Shiloh Battlefield tour 8:30AM-4PM @ \$50 per person w/lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ham	# X \$50 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Graceland tour 8:00AM-4PM @ \$72 per person w/lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Meat <input type="checkbox"/> Salad	# X \$72 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> President's Dinner 7:00PM @ \$30 per person	# X \$30 = \$ _____

SATURDAY 9-17-11

<input type="checkbox"/> Old Timers Bluebird Breakfast 7:30AM @ \$15 per person	# X \$15 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffet Lunch at Hotel 12Noon @ \$22 per person	# X \$22 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Dinner at Hotel 7:00PM @ \$30 per person. Choice: Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Chop	# X \$30 = \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT (US CURRENCY) \$ _____

If you would like to donate an auction item please indicate here:

DONOR'S NAME _____ ITEM _____ VALUE \$ _____

I WILL BRING OR MAIL ITEM (CIRCLE ONE) — Mail to BAA, P.O. Box 244, Jackson, TN 38302

NOTE: Items must be received at the conference no later than Saturday September 17, 2011

Please complete the both sides of this registration form