

REGISTRATION MATERIALS

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Virginia Association of Counties
1207 E. Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23219-3627

**Join us
November 8-10
for VACo's 2009
Annual
Conference!**



*Embracing Change: New Partnerships for
Sustainable Communities*

Conference Registration

Online registration is available at www.vaco.org.



Full Name _____

Name for Nametag _____ Title _____

County/Organization _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____ Fax _____

Name of Spouse/Guest Attending Conference _____

Guests staying at The Homestead do not pay extra for the banquet but must let VACO know they will attend. Guests staying elsewhere must pay \$75 to attend the banquet.

Do you plan to attend the annual banquet on Sunday? yes _____ no _____

Does your spouse/guest plan to attend the banquet on Sunday? yes _____ no _____

Check here if you would prefer a vegetarian entree for the banquet. _____

_____ x \$225 conference fee per member (county official and VACO associate member) \$ _____
(\$275 conference fee after Nov. 1)

_____ x \$250 conference fee for all others (\$300 conference fee after Nov. 1) \$ _____

_____ x \$75 per banquet ticket for those not staying in the Homestead Hotel \$ _____

_____ x \$75 per participant for golf tournament (Put handicap or average score here _____) \$ _____

_____ x \$75 per set for rental golf clubs for the tournament \$ _____

_____ x \$40 each for VLGMA Networking Luncheon \$ _____

_____ total number of guest programs (circle your guest's choices below) \$ _____

1) \$45- **cooking demo** (10 a.m. to noon Monday)

2) \$45- **wine tasting** (3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday)

3) \$45- **floral arrangements for parties** (1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday)

* The Homestead tour is free, register at the concierge desk.

TOTAL CONFERENCE FEE(S) (MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO VACO) \$ _____

Send a check(s) or charge authorization covering total cost to: Virginia Association of Counties, 1207 E. Main St., Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219-3627. Make checks payable to VACO. VACO will send you a note confirming your registration if your form arrives by Nov. 1. If you have questions call VACO at (804) 788-6652.

CHARGE OPTIONS- Circle one: American Express MasterCard Visa

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____

Signature _____

Conference Schedule (preliminary)



Details are subject to change.

Saturday, November 7

11:30 a.m.....golf tournament/Old Homestead Course

8:15 p.m.....VACoRP and VACoGSIA Board of Directors

Sunday, November 8

9 a.m.-1 p.m.....VACo Board of Directors meeting

9 a.m.-2 p.m.....exhibitor setup

10 a.m..... history tour of the Homestead, register at the Concierge Desk

10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.....registration

1-4:15 p.m.....coffee break for committee members

1-2:30 p.m.....steering committee meetings

2-5:30 p.m.....exhibits open with refreshments

2:45-4:15 p.m.....steering committee meetings

4:15-5:15 p.m.....regional caucuses to nominate representatives to Board of Directors

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Exhibitors reception

6:30-9 p.m.....banquet

Monday, November 9

7:15-8:15 a.m.....Resolutions Committee

8 a.m.-2 p.m.....registration

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.....exhibits open

8:30-9:45 a.m.....opening session

9:45 a.m.....coffee break

10 a.m.....history tour of the Homestead, register at the Concierge Desk

10-11:15 a.m.....concurrent sessions
topics to be announced

Monday, November 9 (cont.)

10 a.m.-noon.....spouse/guest program
cooking demo – registration required

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.....concurrent sessions
topics to be announced

12:45-1:45 p.m.....deli lunch

12:45- 2 p.m.....VLGMA Luncheon

1:30-3:30 p.m.....spouse/guest program
floral arrangements – registration required

1:45-3 p.m.....concurrent sessions
topics to be announced

3 p.m.....mini-affle in exhibit hall

3:30 p.m.....soda break in exhibit hall

3:30-4:30 p.m.....spouse/guest program
wine tasting– registration required

3:30-4:45 p.m.....concurrent sessions
topics to be announced

4:45 p.m.....High Growth Coalition Meeting
Rural Caucus Meeting
Credentials Committee Meeting

4:45-5:30 p.m.....Nominations Committee Meeting

5:45-7 p.m.....President's Reception

9 p.m.-midnight.....DJ in the Sports Bar
(no registration required)

Tuesday, November 10

7:45-8:15 a.m.....VACoRP Business Meeting

8:15-9 a.m.....VACoGSIA Business Meeting

9-10:15 a.m.....General Session, Robert Holsworth,
political scientist

10:15 a.m.....refreshment break

10:30-11:30 a.m.....business meeting

affle and adjournment

VACo's 2009 Annual Conference

November 8 - 10

You are Invited...

We will convene Nov. 8-10 for VACo's 75th Annual Conference. More than 1,000 local officials, guests and exhibitors are expected. The agenda will be packed with educational sessions and opportunities to discuss county concerns. A preliminary schedule is printed in this brochure and additional details will continually be provided in VACo's newsletter, *County Connections*, and on the Web site at www.vaco.org.

One of the most important items on the agenda is our legislative action plan for 2010. VACo's steering committees will wrap up the details on Sunday, then the full membership will vote on the legislative program during Tuesday's business meeting. Another vital part of the conference is the exhibit hall that will feature more than 100 organizations offering products and services to help counties. Please support our business partners and associate members.

The annual banquet will be held on Sunday. If you make a reservation for the banquet and do not attend because you have cancelled your hotel reservation or decided to dine elsewhere, you will be charged \$75 for the banquet meal.

This is your meeting – your presence and input are important. We encourage you to register today!

How to Register

It's easy to register – just fill out the form and send it in with a check or charge authorization. To ease the last-minute crunch, conference registration forms **must be returned by Nov. 1**. You may also register online at www.vaco.org.

VACo does not bill for conference registrations. Return the Annual Conference registration form and a check or charge authorization for the total registration fee to: Virginia Association of Counties, 1207 E. Main St., Suite 300, Richmond, VA, 23219-3627. **Make checks payable to VACo.**

Hotel reservations must be made directly with The Homestead, or nearby bed and breakfast inns and motels. If you need a lodging reservation form, call VACo at (804) 788-6652 or visit www.vaco.org, click on "for members."

Other Details

All conference participants, spouses, guests, exhibitors and others who are staying at The Homestead Sunday night may attend the Sunday banquet at no cost. Conference participants, spouses, guests, exhibitors and others who are not staying at The Homestead can buy banquet tickets for \$75 each. Everyone who plans to attend the banquet must notify VACo by Nov. 1. No banquet cancellations will be taken after Nov. 1.

All conference cancellations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. To cancel a conference reservation, a registrant must send VACo written notice by Nov. 1. After Nov. 1, no refunds will be made. There will be a late fee of \$50 for reservations made after Nov. 1. **Changes or additions to registrations must be requested in writing.**

Golf Tournament

VACo is sponsoring a golf tournament in connection with the Annual Conference. The tournament will start at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7. Please fill out the registration form and return it to VACo if you plan to play.

Guest Programs

These special programs are open to everyone. To participate, fill out the guest section on the registration form and send a registration fee for each selected program.

For Children...

Each day, The Homestead offers Homestead Kids Club programs for children. Programs are available for children ages 3 to 12. Pre-registration is required. On Sundays, a half-day program is offered from 9 a.m. to noon. Full-day and half-day programs are available on Monday and Tuesday. The full-day program with lunch is \$65 for the first child and \$45 for each additional child of the same family (9 a.m. until 4 p.m.). The half-day program is \$45 with lunch, \$40 without lunch. Kids night out is offered on Saturday nights from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. for \$45. For more info, contact Kids Club at (540) 839-7677. To register with Kids Club, call Central Activities at (540) 839-3860.

The Homestead can provide babysitters at a charge of \$15 per hour for the first child plus \$5 per hour for each additional child. Parents need to request sitter service in advance by calling (540) 839-7956.