

Area 53 2010 Mini-Conference

March 12-14, 2010

“Practicing AA’s Principles – the Pathway to Unity”

Preliminary Agenda

Mar 12th Friday

Registration 3pm
Service Workshops 3:30pm/4:30pm
Hospitality Suite Opens 4pm
Conference Opens 7pm

Mar 13th Saturday

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

Mar 14th 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 April 2010. 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!**

Shawnee Resort & Conference Center

4404B State Route 125, West Portsmouth, Ohio 45633

Room Rate: Guest rooms \$86/night; Cabins \$109/night.

Contact Shawnee at 1-800-282-7275 to reserve your lodging.

Mention Area 53 Mini-Conference.

2010 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 here to be contacted about volunteering for service work to support the mini-conference

Questions? Carl D., 614-633-7003 or Glen P., 740-571-1193

Check payable to: Area 53 Mini-Conference

Mail to: Area 53 General Service

Attn: Mini-Conference Registration

P.O. Box 2131, Columbus, OH 43216

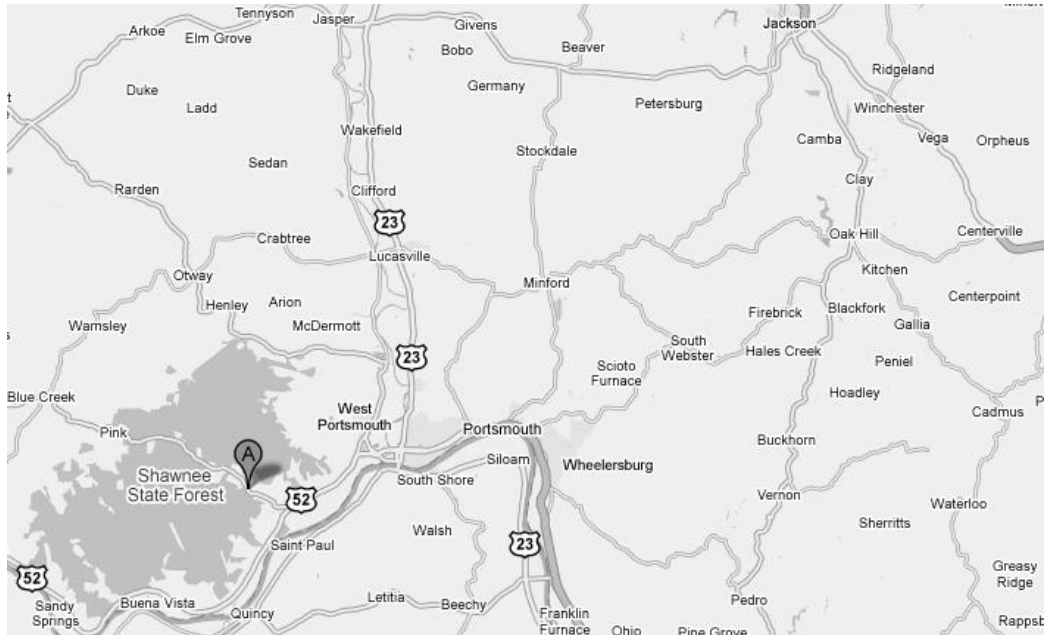
Register online at www.area53aa.org. Online payment includes a convenience fee.



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Columbus Ohio)

**For Reservations call
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For questions about
facilities and other
amenities, call the Shawnee
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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. At the mini-conference, issues selected by the Area 53 Delegate are 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 Bunk in a Cabin

Cabins at Shawnee 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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