

# Area 53 2013 Mini-Conference

March 8-10, 2013

*“The General Service Conference takes its inventory—our solution in action”*

**Preliminary Agenda**

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Friday**

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

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Early AA Meeting 8:30am  
 Committee Meetings 10am-4pm  
 Banquet 6pm  
 GSO Speaker, Rick W. 7:30pm

**Mar 10<sup>h</sup> 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 2013.

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!**

Deer Creek Lodge & Conference Center  
 22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling Ohio 43143  
 Room Rate (until 2/9): Guest Rooms \$88/night; Cabins \$132/night,  
 Loft \$159/night.  
 Contact Deer Creek at 1.800.AT.A.PARK (282.7275) to reserve your lodging.  
 Ask about the special room rates for Thursdays and Sunday.  
 Mention Area 53 Mini-Conference.

**2013 Area 53 Mini-Conference Registration Form**

(Complete a separate form for each attendee)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Registration \$21
- Saturday Lunch Buffet \$12
- Saturday Banquet \$27 (must order by 3/4)
- 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. 614-282-3755 or  
 Peggy A., 614-678-2512

**Register online at [www.area53aa.org](http://www.area53aa.org)**

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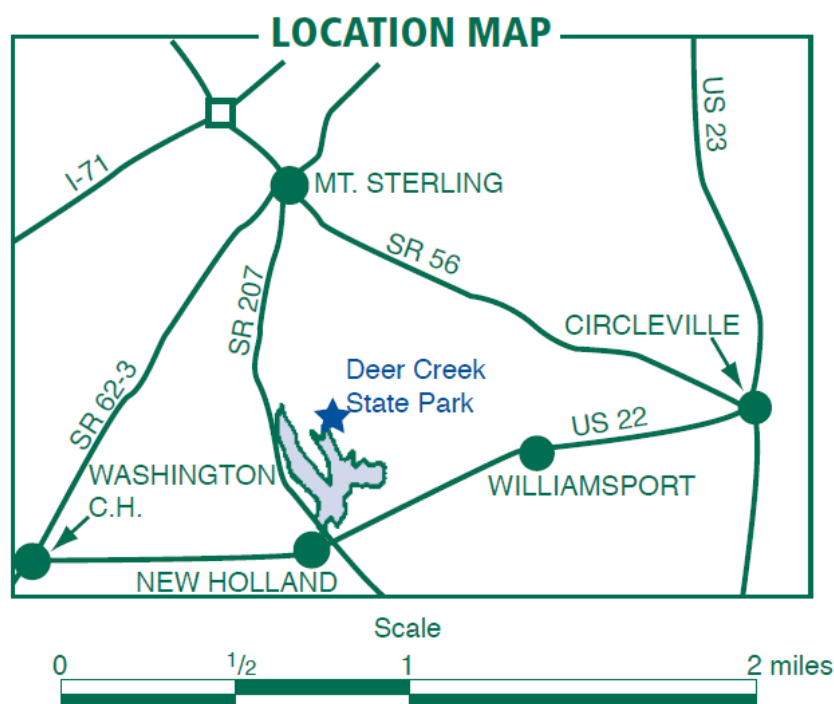
(about 30 miles southwest  
from Columbus Ohio)

*For Reservations call  
800-282-7275 and mention  
Area 53 Mini-Conference.*

*Room Rate \$88/night  
Cabin Rate \$132/night  
Loft Rate \$159/night*

Prices Guaranteed until 2/9/2013

For questions about facilities  
and other amenities, call the  
Deer Creek Lodge  
740-869-2020



**Visit [www.deercreekstateparklodge.com](http://www.deercreekstateparklodge.com) for more details.**

### **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 Deer Creek 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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