



2009 National Mine Rescue Competition

March 10, 2009

APPLICANTS: 2009 National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Competition

Attached are blank registration forms for the 2009 National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Competition which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, August 31 – September 3, 2009 at Gaylord Opryland Resort® and Convention Center. Please print or type the appropriate information on the registration form as it will be used for many purposes i.e., making your room reservations, preparing the Contest Program, etc.

All registration forms and fees are due to be sent in by May 15, 2009. Any registration forms received after May 25th will be assessed a 20 percent penalty fee. The final cut off for registration will be August 1, 2009. We will not accept any registrants after August 1st.

All contests to be held will be conducted contingent on the number of participants registered by May 15, 2009. As of this date, a minimum of 10 participants for each apparatus regimen must be pre-registered for a competition to be conducted. Teams may enter as many participants as they wish. Each participant may compete in any or all of the competitions. Should one or more of the competition(s) [including mine rescue, first aid and preshift] fail to meet the 10 participant minimum requirement, persons/teams who have pre-registered for that competition will be notified by July 1, 2009, and registration fees will be refunded.

Mine Rescue registration fees will include the following:

- 5 Lodging Rooms for 5 Nights at Gaylord Opryland Resort® and Convention Center – August 30 – September 3, 2009
- 1 Mine Rescue Team Registration Fee
- 10 Awards Banquet Tickets
- 10 Shirts

The cost for each Mine Rescue team will be \$5,700.

We will make reservations for five rooms for the Mine Rescue teams only. You may reserve additional lodging rooms at the special competition rate by using the “**N-MSHA9**” reservation code when calling the resort at (615) 883-2211.

Each First Aid team or Bench and Preshift participant registering must submit a registration fee as follows:

First Aid Team	- \$600
Bench Participant	- \$400
Preshift Participant	- \$400

As stated above 10 shirts, one for each registered Mine Rescue team member, are included in the Mine Rescue registration fee. Shirt sizes small to XX Large are included in the registration fee. Larger sizes may be special requested at an additional cost of \$5.00 (i.e. 3XL - \$5.00 extra; 4XL - \$10.00 extra) per shirt which should be included in your registration fee.

After much effort and numerous phone conversations, emails and meetings we have been able to eliminate your cost for the food vouchers. You will be receiving food credit upon your arrival at the hotel in an amount to be determined by the number of mine rescue teams registered to participate. Additional details on the food credit will be forthcoming in the second team letter.

Payment of the registration fee must accompany the registration form when submitted. Fee payment must be in the form of a check made payable to the **Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau**. One check may cover the registration fee for more than one event.

Registration forms and fee payments should be mailed to the following address:

Mine Safety and Health Administration
ATTN: Diane L. Crouse
P.O. Box 560
Norton, VA 24273

The registration fee is non-refundable.

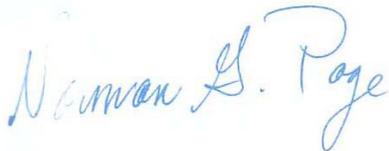
The Bench and First Aid Competitions will be held on August 31, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. The Mine Rescue Competitions will be held September 1-2, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the Preshift Competition will be held on September 3, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.

The 2009 National Competition Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at Gaylord Opryland Resort® and Convention Center. The cost will be \$40.00 for tickets purchased prior to August 1, 2009. Preferred seating will be assigned to those individuals who purchase their tickets early. Tickets purchased after August 1, 2009, will cost \$50.00.

Attached is a banquet ticket order form which lists the banquet menu. For your convenience, the cost of banquet tickets may be included in your registration fee check, or if you prefer, you may pay with a separate check made payable to the **Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau**.

If you have any questions regarding registration, fee payment or banquet tickets, please contact Diane L. Crouse at (276) 679-0230.

Sincerely,



Norman Page, Director
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Attachments