



Americans
for Our
Heritage
and
Recreation

Southeast Regional Summit
July 29 - 30, 2004 • Birmingham, Alabama
**"Americans Saving American Places:
Joining Forces for the Southeast"**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR), the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), Forest Legacy, and other conservation programs have seen either limited or no success in increased funding during the past few years. This year, however, increased spending by the federal government on the war on terrorism, fading surpluses, and a sluggish economy have resulted in susceptibility to substantially decreased funding for all of these conservation programs.

AHR is furthering its efforts to highlight the vital roles that these conservation and recreation programs play through our "Americans Saving American Places" campaign. Join with other conservation and recreation advocates to strategize on how we can ignite a grassroots fire for conservation spending. This is your one opportunity this year to network with other organizations, agencies, and businesses who are educating the public and policy makers in the Southeast.

Who Should Attend?

Conservationists, park and recreation specialists, state and local elected and non-elected officials, the recreation and sporting goods industries, wildlife enthusiasts, advocates for urban and wilderness areas, preservationists of cultural and historic sites, land trust advocates, the youth sports community and civic groups. Anyone concerned with revitalizing conservation spending should attend.

Highlights—Thursday, July 29th

Registration begins at Noon. Then join us for the **Welcome Address** at 1:00pm and then a presentation on the **history of conservation funding in the Southeast**. A special **Capitol Hill Update** follows. Then dive into **panel sessions** on why Americans care about their special places, whether they use them for biking, fishing, wildlife viewing, physical activity, or exploring our country's heritage. A **keynote address** ends the day. We will then join with our friends and allies for a **Reception** to network and discuss new ideas with fellow conservationists. There will also be an opportunity to **hike Birmingham's renowned Vulcan Trail**.

Highlights—Friday, July 30th

Kick off the day with a **breakfast and presentation to stir the soul**. Then, learn how to make the best of your **media opportunities** in the region. The last session is an **interactive discussion and strategy**

plan for bringing the Southeast together. The day ends at noon so you can make the trip back home for the weekend.

Registration

Registration for the summit is \$50. Registration includes Thursday's reception and breakfast on Friday, as well as snacks during the day. In order to register, please fill out the attached form and **fax** it to AHR's Southeast Office (205-226-3046) so we can get a head count of attendees. Then, send the attached form and a check made payable to Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation to the following address:

Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation
c/o Southern Environmental Center
900 Arkadelphia Road
Birmingham, AL 35254

Where should I stay?

Radisson Hotel Birmingham, Room Reservations can be made at 205-933-9000. AHR has secured a special room rate for \$75 single or double occupancy rooms. Reference the AHR Summit. Rooms are limited, so **please make your reservations today** to ensure that we can accommodate everyone.

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Please print legibly or type.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Business/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee: \$50

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