



WELCOME SPRING!

Please join us for the Spring PFPA Conference in beautiful Lancaster County on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd!**

Tuesday, May 2nd – PFPA casual Dinner (6:00 pm)

Coming in the night before the Conference?? Join your comrades for dinner “on your own tab” at The Spring House Brewing Company, 209 Hazel Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. See <http://www.springhousebeer.com> for menu and information. *Please note on the reservation form how many will attend so we have adequate space reserved!*

Wednesday, May 3rd - PFPA Conference Day (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

The Conference will take place at the **Climbers Run Nature Preserve – Susquehanna Riverlands Research & Education Center (SRREC), 226 Frogtown Road, Pequea, PA 17565.** <http://lancasterconservancy.org/education/climbers-run-srrec/>. Registration and breakfast will begin at **8:30**, with the **Conference starting promptly at 9:30!** Our theme is **“Our Farmers, Our Future”**. **A Draft Agenda is enclosed.** Please contact President Matt Knepper with any additions to the Agenda ASAP.

Wednesday Evening, May 3rd – we do not have anything planned for PFPA members at this time. (We may organize an informal dinner if there are folks who are staying overnight Wednesday night if folks are interested in doing so!)

Thursday, May 4th through Saturday May 6th PALTA Conference

One reason we are having our Conference day on Wednesday is to give you the opportunity to attend the **PALTA Conference**. Please take the time to look over their workshops and Registration at: <http://conserveland.org/2017-conference/>

Please **RSVP by email, mail, fax or phone** to Cindy Sanderson, Adams County Information Coordinator, on or before **FRIDAY, April 28th**. (Please see email, mailing and fax information on the registration form.) It helps us tremendously if you can get your registration fee in prior to the meeting, but if you need to pay at the door, just let us know. The important part is that we have an accurate head count for food!

Accommodations:

PFPA DOES NOT HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS ANYWHERE! If you are attending the PALTA Conference, please see your information from PALTA for discounted accommodations.

Options:

There are many reasonable accommodations throughout the area. One possibility is The DoubleTree Resort, Lancaster PA, <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/> - which is the closet hotel to our meeting location & is also where PALTA is located. Again, **WE DO NOT HAVE A DISCOUNTED RATE AVAILABLE FOR PFPA CONFERENCE ATTENDEES.** You will only receive the discount if you are attending PALTA. Lancaster staff also recommends the Hotel Lancaster, <http://www.thehotellancaster.com/> - a great choice if you are looking for a downtown Hotel. There are also many campgrounds in the area. (Contact Matt Knepper for more lodging suggestions knepper@co.lancaster.pa.us or Cindy Sanderson for information on the campgrounds in the area csanderson@adamscounty.us.)

Enclosures:

- ~ **Draft Agenda** - Please contact President Matt Knepper with any additions to the Agenda.
- ~ **Registration Form** – Please, be sure to **RSVP by Friday, April 28th**! Your registration fee for the Conference (\$50.00 per person for anyone attending from a PFFPA Member County or Organization, or \$70.00 per person for non-members) covers breakfast, lunch, light afternoon snack and all materials.
- ~ **Membership Form** – The 2017 Membership Invoice is attached in case your County has not yet joined/renewed for this year. We would like to provide a complete, up-to-date membership listing as soon as possible after the workshop, and want everyone included! (Questions or changes to your contact information? Call Cindy Sanderson at 717-337-9827 or email her at csanderson@adamscounty.us.)
- ~ **Draft Minutes** ~~from the Fall 2016~~ - **will be sent soon...**
- ~ **Directions** – Maps are attached to assist you. If you have any questions, feel free to call Matt Knepper, (717-380-4986), Ellen Dayhoff (717-752-0430), or Cindy Sanderson (717-968-1513). The physical address for the SRREC (meeting location) is 226 Frogtown Road, Pequea, PA 17565.
<http://lanasterconservancy.org/education/climbers-run-srrec/>

Car Pooling and sharing accommodations:

We all need to pool our resources when we can, so if you are interested in car pooling or sharing the cost of your room, please contact Cindy and she will form a list of those interested.

We hope you can make it!!

(Use this time to learn, relax, regenerate and enjoy each other's company!)

Executive Committee

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