

**Registration Form  
2012 Arkansas Rural Development Conference**

**Participant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Child(ren) Information:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Below are sponsored events which will be provided with your paid registrations (\$100 regular, \$50 each spouse or child). For planning purposes, please indicate which events you and/or your spouse/child(ren) plan on attending by placing an **X** in the blank next to each event.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Spouse/ Child(ren)</u>	
_____	_____	6:00 p.m. May 22 <sup>nd</sup> Buffet Dinner and Game Night/Card Tournament
_____	_____	8:00 - 9:00 a.m. May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Continental Breakfast
_____	_____	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Lunch w/
_____	_____	8:00 - 11:00 p.m. May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Karaoke and Dancing
_____	_____	8:00 - 9:00 a.m. May 24 <sup>th</sup> Continental Breakfast
_____	_____	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. May 24 <sup>th</sup> Governor's Awards Luncheon w/

Please check the box for your tournament of choice on May 22<sup>nd</sup> Game Night:

- Texas Hold'em       Black Jack

**GUEST:**

- Texas Hold'em       Black Jack

**YES!** My organization has paid two full registration fees (\$200 or more) or I am paying one registration fee plus an additional \$100 and would like to reserve a BOOTH in the exhibit hall.  
I  will or  will not require electricity for my exhibit.

**No.** My organization will be unable to have a booth this year.

Make all checks payable to:  
ARDC  
101 E. Capitol, Ste. 202  
Little Rock, AR 72201

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. Exhibitor Set-up
- 11:00 a.m. **Conference Registration**  
Convention Center Lobby
- 1:00 p.m. **Welcoming Session—**  
Guest Speaker
- 1:30 p.m. Legislative Committee Meeting**
- 1:45 p.m. Exhibit Break
- 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions  
**Session 1: USDA: Committed to the Future of Rural Arkansas**  
**Session 2: Strengthening Rural Fire Departments**
- 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner & Game Night

### Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration  
Continental Breakfast Bar Open
- 9:00 a.m. **Session 3: The Role of Elected Officials in Economic Development**
- 10:30 a.m. Exhibit Break
- 10:30 a.m. Legislative Committee Meeting**
- 11:30 a.m. **ARDC Luncheon**  
Keynote Speaker-
- 1:00 p.m. Exhibit Break
- 1:30 p.m. **Session 4: The Department of Rural Services Grant Writing Workshop**
- 2:30 p.m. Exhibit Break
- 2:45 p.m. **Session 5: Political Roundtable**
- 4:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite Opens  
Dinner on your own
- 8:00 p.m. Karaoke and Dancing

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Bar Open
- 8:30 a.m. Session 6: Winrock International
- 10:00 a.m.** Session 7: Funding Resources for Rural Communities. *Legislators will attend this Session as their Committee Meeting.*
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Grant Awards Ceremony and Luncheon  
Keynote Speaker:

**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

The objective of the annual event is to provide participants with the opportunity to gain a working knowledge about a variety of programs and services that are available to assist our communities and their leaders with development, planning and revitalization efforts. The Department of Rural Services and the Arkansas Rural Development Commission are committed to providing the most up to date information in a relaxed environment conducive to learning and sharing. If there is one goal of this annual event, it would be to provide our participants with the information and resources to help themselves.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

The Arkansas Rural Development Conference is designed for anyone interested in improving the quality of life in Arkansas' rural communities. Its target audience includes state legislators, mayors, county judges, rural fire fighters, local community leaders, and community development professionals who are interested in the future development of the State of Arkansas.

Arkansans with a genuine interest in a better quality of life and who are willing to work for change are strongly encouraged to attend.

**CONFERENCE FEE INFORMATION**

The conference fee is \$100 per attendee. Spouse/Child(ren) fees are \$50 per person. Exhibit space is \$200 or complimentary with two full paid registrations (any additional person must pay regular fee). The full attendance fee covers all conference materials as well as entertainment activities, receptions, breaks and meals. The registration form and all fees should be received by DRS by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9th. Cancellations may **WILL** be subject to a service charge.

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**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Hotel accommodations start at \$77 per night are not included in the above fee. Arrangements must be made directly with the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks as soon as possible by calling toll-free 1-800-552-3785. Room block release date is April 20, 2012.

**REMEMBER TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE ARKANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.**

**Best Western Inn of the Ozarks  
207 W. Van Buren  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632  
479-253-9768 or 1-800-552-3785  
[www.innoftheozarks.com](http://www.innoftheozarks.com)**