

**IFF CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 6-10, 2022
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

We will be staying at the:

**HOLIDAY INN RESEARCH PARK
5903 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
THE ROOM RATE WILL BE \$115.00
PLUS LODGING TAX: 15%
CITY TAX: 2%**

This rate is good for 2 nights before and 2 nights after. When making your reservations identify yourself as a member of the IFF & if you want the extra nights before the convention 4th and 5th, and the 2 nights after, 11th and 12th, you must ask for Marissa Kowalski to get these rates - (256)-830-0600 EXT 7169. She is the Hotel Representative who is in charge of the rooms.

The block of rooms that are saved for us with this price, will be good until **JANUARY 15, 2022**. If you have to cancel you have up to 24 hours ahead of arrival.

This Hotel has just completed a 5.5-million-dollar renovation, has 195 spacious rooms and has an onsite restaurant and lounge. It also has a ballroom and other smaller rooms that will work to have our meetings in. The Holiday Inn has free internet service, several places to eat within walking distance. There is a pool, laundry, and other amenities. The Huntsville International Airport is located 10.6 miles from the Hotel and the Hotel provides shuttle service from the airport.

I hope everyone has their calendars marked and looking into getting room reservations and deciding on how to get to Huntsville, Alabama. I know we will have a great time just getting together again.

The schedule is on the registration in this magazine. Please send in your payment, but if you don't feel comfortable sending it in the mail, I completely understand this, bring it to Alabama. **HOWEVER PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION SO PAT CAN HAVE A NAME TAG FOR YOU AND WE HAVE AN IDEA AS TO HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING FOR THE FOOD COUNT.** There will not be a late fee on registration this year. I know so many things are still up in the air, but if this will make everyone feel better, that is fine.

ALSO, THERE WILL NOT BE A HOSPITALITY ROOM THIS YEAR. With so many health department regulations, we cannot bring food into the convention area. This also means you cannot be walking the halls with food in hand. There will be areas to visit and there is a restaurant in the hotel. Thank you for understanding. We will survive, i promise.

There are two campgrounds that are not too far from the Holiday Inn Research Park:

1. US Space and Rocket Center RV Parks (256) 830-4987
2. Monte Sano State Park (256) 534-3757

Both campgrounds suggest making a reservation ahead of time as they stay busy all year long. Rates depend on length of stay and space size. Please contact which one you think you would like to stay at if you are bringing your camper. My personal opinion is the Monte Sano Park looks the most interesting to stay at and is only 10.2 miles, approximately 23 minutes to the Holiday Inn Research Park. The Space & Rocket Park is only 4 miles, approximately 10 minutes, but I am not sure if that is right at the center or not.

I would recommend Huntsville Executive Airport/Center for those who will be flying their own planes. The phone number is (256) 828-1403. The address is actually Meridianville, Alabama but is only 15 miles from the Holiday Inn and you will need to let either myself or Monte know when you get in so we can pick you up or make arrangements to have you picked up.

The Center specializes in private and corporate aviation. As a General Aviation airport, KMDQ makes it easy for your aircraft to get in and out quickly and efficiently. The Center charges NO ramp, facility or call-out fees and offers great fuel pricing and provides Phillips 66 aviation fuels. The Executive Airport has a 6500' runway with LED Lighting as well as ILS, GPS/WAAS, and VOR approaches to help you get in with almost any weather conditions.

Please keep praying we get to enjoy the sights and beauty of Alabama in February.

Before and during the Civil War, Huntsville was a center for railroad and river-based trade and commerce. Over time, Huntsville was inhabited by wealthy cotton growers and land speculators in search of frontier property. The growing town turned toward textile manufacturing, establishing several mills that helped organize the town into distinct districts that still exist today as local landmarks of industry and creativity. In the middle of the 20th century, this bustling town became a critical support line for the U.S. Army before helping to launch the Space Race with the establishment of NASA and the Marshall Space Flight Center. Space exploration is celebrated across all of Huntsville. Huntsville is known as "Rocket City USA". The U.S. Space & Rocket Center is especially celebrated as Alabama's most popular attraction.

I hope everyone is looking forward to this as we all need to get reacquainted again. There will be lots of time to visit as well.