



NCACFO

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FINANCE OFFICERS

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County Finance Officers and Friends – Come Visit Hickory and Catawba County Next Month!

ANNOUNCING THE 2010 NCACFO FALL CONFERENCE

OVERVIEW

This year's conference will be held October 5-8, 2010 in Hickory, NC, hosted by Catawba County with support from neighboring counties of Alexander, Burke, Iredell & Lincoln as well as your NCACFO board members. Conference registration is \$100 for NCACFO members and conference sponsors/\$200 for non-members that would like to attend but not sponsor the conference. All sessions will be held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center next to the Fairfield Inn, which will provide accommodation for attendees.

ACCOMODATIONS

Room rates for the Fairfield Inn are \$89 plus tax: call (828) 431-3000 to make your reservation by September 21st and mention the NCACFO block. Please see the attached registration form for additional information.

REGISTRATION

Registration tables will open Tuesday, October 5th from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Fairfield Inn. The President's Reception will follow in the Hospitality Room at the hotel from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Registration will continue Wednesday morning, October 6th beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Hickory Metro Convention Center adjacent to the Fairfield Inn.

AGENDA

The agenda is still being finalized with topics that include ARRA financing, economic and GASB updates, as well as county-impacted legislation. Other topics include a session on leadership, local government and community partnerships and updates from the NCCMT and the LGC. The final agenda will be forwarded as soon as speakers and sponsors have confirmed. Sessions will run all day Wednesday, and on Thursday and Friday mornings. A full breakfast will be provided in the Convention Center at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, and at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday prior to the first sessions.

Wednesday

Wednesday evening will include a sunset cruise on Lake Norman aboard the Lady of the Lake, a 90-foot yacht, along with a buffet dinner – casual attire. *Transportation will be provided.*

Thursday

Thursday afternoon is open and of course, there will be golf! Come check out Lake Hickory Country Club's Catawba Springs golf course. A buffet lunch will be provided at the club for those who sign up to play. For those that don't golf, how about a tour of the Hickory Furniture Mart? Hickory is known for its furniture and the Furniture Mart has over 100 outlet stores, shops and galleries. We



have reserved an introduction and short tour of the facility, which will be followed by shopping on your own. Lunch will be provided to those attending and transportation will be available.

Thursday night's banquet will include fine dining at a local restaurant, one of the area's best. We'll enjoy great food, fun and fellowship while inducting next year's officers and awarding prizes (and bragging rights!) to the top golfers.

Friday

The conference ends at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, but you and your family might want to stay in Hickory for Oktoberfest, the most anticipated event in the Unifour area, in its 25th year. This festival kicks-off at noon on Friday, and offers a weekend of family entertainment. Two

stages will present non-stop musical entertainment. Kids will enjoy the Kidsfest area, offering amusement rides and games for a thrill for all ages. Artisans will be selling such items as beautiful pottery, jewelry, glass, fabrics, woodcrafts, etc. Commercial vendors sell a variety of merchandise ranging from sunglasses to handmade soaps. There are also many food vendors located in the Food Court selling a variety of treats, goodies and great food. For more information, please visit <http://www.hickoryoktoberfest.com>.

A FINAL NOTE

Be sure to get your registrations in right away! If you have any questions, contact Rodney Miller at (828) 465-8210 or rmiller@catawbacountync.gov.
