



# **Area 8 Regional Conference Registration Guide**

**“Peer2Peer: Be the Friend you’d want to Have”**

**One-Day Drive in Conference**

**March 28, 2009**

**The University of Alabama**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Hosted by:**

**The University of Alabama**

**Project Health**

**Peer Health Educators**

Hello Area 8 Affiliates and friends:

Greetings! We are so excited to be offering a regional conference in the Area 8. It has been several years since we have been in a position to offer a conference. I am happy to be working with Michelle Harcrow from The University of Alabama, Deanna Wilkins from the Mississippi University of Women and our Area 8 Student Advisory Committee member, Allie Garris from Rhodes College. We have been working hard to develop the best Area 8 drive in conference.

We invite you to join us for the Area 8 Regional Conference at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL on March 28<sup>th</sup>. This one day drive in conference is a great way to connect with others in the region and learn from other peer educators and advisors.

The Area 8 Conference is a great opportunity for your peer education group to:

- ❖ Get new program ideas on a variety of health and safety issues relevant to college campuses.
- ❖ Learn how to revitalize, recruit and reenergize your organization
- ❖ Network with other peer educator and advisors from across Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee
- ❖ Gain new knowledge and skills to support your peer education efforts
- ❖ Learn more about how the BACCHUS Network can support your efforts

This guide gives you everything that you need to register and arrive on site prepared. We encourage you to submit a program proposal as well as awards nominations. The area conference is a great way to get conference presentation experience. You are encouraged to bring with you one or two items from your peer group or College/University that can be raffled off during the conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Tuscaloosa come March!

### **Conference Planners**

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# Directions to the University of Alabama Ferguson Center

**From Montgomery, AL:** take U.S. 82 west to Tuscaloosa. Proceed past the I-59/20 interchange to the University Blvd. exit. At University Blvd. turn right and travel west onto the UA campus. At the stadium (on left), turn right onto Stadium Drive and follow to the end. At the “T” intersection, turn right onto Campus Drive. Go up the hill and the Ferguson Center will be on the right, the parking deck on the left.

**From Jackson, MS:** Take I-20E towards Meridian. Exit I-59/20 onto I-359 into Tuscaloosa. I-359 ends onto Lurleen B. Wallace Blvd. Turn right at University Blvd. and travel east through downtown Tuscaloosa to the UA campus. At the stadium (on right), turn left onto Stadium Drive and follow to the end. At the “T” intersection, turn right onto Campus Drive. Go up the hill and the Ferguson Center will be on the right, the parking deck on the left. Turn left onto McCorvey Drive and immediately left into the parking deck for Visitor parking.

**From Memphis, TN:** Take US-78 East to exit for US-13/US-43 toward Tuscaloosa. US-13 becomes US-43. Take U.S. 43 to the intersection of U.S. 82 (McFarland Blvd.). Turn left onto McFarland Blvd. After crossing the Black Warrior River Bridge, take the University Blvd. exit (right). Turn right onto University Blvd. and travel west to the UA campus. At the stadium (on left), turn right onto Stadium Drive and follow to the end. At the “T” intersection, turn right onto Campus Drive. Go up the hill and the Ferguson Center will be on the right, the parking deck on the left.

**Jacksonville, AL:** Take I-20 W to exit 136 for I-459S. Take exit I-59/20 onto I-359 into Tuscaloosa. I-359 ends onto Lurleen B. Wallace Blvd. Turn right at University Blvd. and travel east through downtown Tuscaloosa to the UA campus. At the stadium (on right), turn left onto Stadium Drive and follow to the end. At the “T” intersection, turn right onto Campus Drive. Go up the hill and the Ferguson Center will be on the right, the parking deck on the left. Turn left onto McCorvey Drive and immediately left into the parking deck for Visitor parking.

The Ferguson Center (Bldg 67) is conveniently located on the corner of Campus Drive and 7th Avenue.

For more information, please call the Ferguson Center at (205) 348-7487.



## **Area 8 Regional Conference**

### **University of Alabama**

#### **Tentative Schedule**

Saturday March 28, 2009

9:00-10:00am	Registration
10:00-11:00am	Opening and Welcome (icebreakers)
11:00-12:00pm	Breakout Session 1
12:00-1:15pm	Lunch
1:15-2:15pm	Breakout Session 2
2:15-3:15pm	Breakout Session 3
3:15-4:15pm	Speaker
4:15pm	Closing and Awards
4:30pm	Campus Tour/Tour of Health Center



## REGISTRATION FORM

### Area 8 Regional Conference

March 28, 2009  
Deadline: March 6, 2009

School or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campus Affiliated Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the name of each person attending. Please be sure to check spelling of names as name tags will be created based on registration information and cannot be corrected on site.

Name:	Student/Advisor	T-shirt Size

Registration fees includes: t-shirt, conference materials and activities, and meals.

Number of people attending Area 8 Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ x\$25    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration Form and payment to:

Marianne Luther  
Res Life Office  
2000 North Parkway  
Memphis, TN 38112

Make check payable to "Rhodes College". If you wish to pay by credit card, please contact Marianne at 901-843-3241 for details.

Registration Deadline: March 6, 2009.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Because this Area Conference is coordinated on a small budget we ask you to consider the following: If a cancellation is made, the conference planners are usually unable to recover costs for items that are arranged well in advance. These include printing and other material costs. When the planners are able to reduce the costs (i.e. meals up to one week before the conference) then partial refunds are possible. Specifics regarding the cancellation/refund policy are listed below.

To cancel a registration, please contact the following:

Cancellations are subject to the following:

1. All registrations cancelled prior to February 27, 2009 are eligible for a full refund.
2. Registrations cancelled between February 27, 2009 and March 13, 2009 are subject to a refund of 50%.
3. Registrations cancelled on or after March 13, 2009 will be subject to a refund of any costs that can be recovered by the conference planners. This amount cannot be determined in advance and there is no guarantee of any refund.
4. Institutions/Organizations may elect to substitute participants. All efforts will be made to accommodate any special request for late substitutions (after March 13, 2009), but cannot be guaranteed.
5. Conference planners and sponsors cannot be held responsible for changes of conference plans due to weather, transportation, and acts of terrorism, acts of God, or other possible incidents that may result in non-attendance. In the event of unforeseen situations every effort will be made to refund any costs that can be recovered by the conference planners. There is no guarantee of any refund in this situation.



## CALL FOR PROGRAMS

**Deadline: March 6, 2009**

Program proposals are now being accepted for The BACCHUS Network Area 8 Regional Conference at The University of Alabama. As campus leaders we call upon you to submit to present on your efforts, success or a topic that you feel will benefit fellow Area 8 network members.

Please use the following information as a guideline. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Marianne Luther from Rhodes College at [lutherm@rhodes.edu](mailto:lutherm@rhodes.edu) or call 901-843-3241.

### How to Submit a Program

**Pick your topic. Teach us how peer education began and the strategies you have learned and used through programs at your school. Help us to become stronger advocates in knowing resources and ways to promote a healthy lifestyle.**

Teach us what methods and techniques you are currently using to educate your peers on health topics. You may choose to use the social norms model, environmental management, peer theatre, harm reduction, etc. Help strengthen other peer education groups by teaching recruitment, training, evaluation, and retention strategies.

Teach us how to enhance our efforts in the future education efforts. Address personal growth and how to create visibility for your efforts on campus and in the community. Present programs on topics that are focus on stress, time management, communication, nutrition, and media advocacy.

### Plan Your Proposal

The submission information we are looking for is listed on the following page.

### Submit Your Program

You may send the completed form via email attachment ([lutherm@rhodes.edu](mailto:lutherm@rhodes.edu)). The deadline is March 6, 2009.

### Program Selection

You will receive an email based on the program committee's determination. All applicants will receive an email regarding the status of their program. You will receive notification from us by March 13, 2009.

Selected programs will be categorized into the following educational tracks

#### Advising Skills & Issues

Alcohol Abuse and Impaired Driving Prevention

Affiliate/Peer Education

Other Drug Prevention

#### Promoting Wellness and Healthy Lifestyles

Sexual Health & Personal Safety Issues

Student Leadership Development

Tobacco Control

**Plan on joining us in Tuscaloosa!**

## PROGRAM PROPOSAL COVER PAGE

1. Proposed Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Presenter(s) Name(s) and Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. University/College/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

6. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Program Track – circle/highlight one

- Advising Skills & Issues
- Alcohol Abuse and Impaired Driving Prevention
- Affiliate/Peer Education
- Other Drug Prevention
- Tobacco Control
- Promoting Wellness and Healthy Lifestyles
- Student Leadership Development
- Sexual Health & Personal Safety Issues

8. Program Abstract (max. 100 words): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. A program outline of the content and objectives of the program including the format, major points and how the audience will benefit. Please attach a separate page.

10. Audio visual requests: please request only what you will really use. If you would like to present a PowerPoint, please bring your own projector and laptop.

11. Needs for special room set-up (chairs in circle, no chairs, etc.)

Please email this form to:

Marianne Luther at [lutherm@rhodes.edu](mailto:lutherm@rhodes.edu) or fax to 901-843-3043

## AWARD INFORMATION

Do you have amazing students & advisors in your peer education program? Have you organized an outstanding program? Celebrate your past & present by applying for one of the BACCHUS Network Area 8 Regional awards. Just submit this form (copy as needed for multiple submissions) and no more than three (3) typed narrative pages describing the nominee(s) and how they meet the stated criteria of the intended awards(s) as outlined below to Deanna Wilkins at [dwilkins@muw.edu](mailto:dwilkins@muw.edu) no later than March 6, 2009.

Awards available:

- **Outstanding Chapter**: The Outstanding Chapter will be judged on overall impact, diversity and scope, membership recruitment and retention, service to community, student leadership, campus and community relations, creativity and overall effectiveness. The extent of chapter funding is not considered.

- **Outstanding Student**: The Outstanding Student nominations will be evaluated on prerequisite qualities of an excellent peer educator -including being a role model, an outstanding facilitator of student learning, and an effective link between student needs/resources and campus/community needs/resources, and some qualitative and quantitative measure of student/community service. This person would often serve above and beyond the call of duty. Please note the current Student Advisory Committee member is not eligible for this award.

- **Outstanding Advisor**: The Outstanding Advisor nominations will be evaluated on qualities that relate to the advisor's relationship with students, campus and community, including leadership example, motivational style, support of the student efforts, dedication to peer education and service to the campus community. A student member of an existing peer education group must submit the nomination for this award. Please note the current Area Consultant is not eligible for this award.

- **Outstanding Program**: These nominations will be evaluated based on the program's overall impact on its intended improvements in college health over the long-term. Be specific regarding type, extent, goals, reach, and service. You may nominate as many events/programs as you wish from the past year only (January 2008-present).

- **Outstanding Area 8 Alumni**: The Outstanding Alumni nominations will be evaluated on prerequisite qualities of an excellent member of the BACCHUS Network -including being a role model, an outstanding facilitator of student learning, and an effective link between student needs/resources and campus/community needs/resources, and some qualitative and quantitative measure of student/community service. This person would often serve above and beyond the call of duty.

**While there is no limit to the number of awards you may submit, we encourage chapters to send only one entry per award category.**

## AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Award Category: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title of the person making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

A selection committee of regional staff and students will review nominations and choose award recipients. Awards will be presented at the conference on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The winners do not need to be present at the conference to qualify for selection (but we hope you will be there to join in the celebration).

**Return nomination form(s) and letter(s) no later than Friday,  
March 13, 2009 to Deanna Wilkins at [dwilkins@muw.edu](mailto:dwilkins@muw.edu)**

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED!**