



Hello,

Thank you for registering to attend the 33rd Annual National Teaching Public Administration Conference held in Grand Rapids from Thursday, May 13 – Saturday, May 15, 2010. Please take note of the items that follow:

- Now that you are registered, we would like to invite you to a FREE pre-conference luncheon on Thursday, May 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Johnson Center for Philanthropy in Grand Rapids.
- A shuttle service from the Gerald R. Ford Airport to the Eberhard Center will be provided as a fundraiser by American Humanics. You may have indicated during registration if you wanted this service; if not, and you are interested, please contact tpac@gvsu.edu with your flight information, flight number, date, and time of arrival and wait for confirmation.
- If you are interested in staying overnight, please follow the link below to contact the Courtyard Marriott, Downtown Grand Rapids which offers close accommodations and a special rate for TPAC attendees. Please note: the special rate will only be available until Friday, April 23.
- Various attractions will be offered during the weekend of the conference:
 - Multiple receptions will be offered to attendees both at the Eberhard Center and the Courtyard Marriott.
 - There is the opportunity to attend a minor league baseball game between the West Michigan Whitecaps and the South Bend Silver Hawks on Friday, May 14! If you are interested in attending this game, please contact tpac@gvsu.edu as soon as possible.
 - An evening night out in downtown Grand Rapids!
 - To see what other activities are available in the Grand Rapids area, please visit the Grand Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau website at the link below.

The conference is just around the corner and there are many exciting activities planned! Please send your responses about the shuttle service and the baseball game no later than one week prior to the conference. If you have any further questions, please send an email to Dr. Diane Kimoto, Program Coordinator, at kimotod@gvsu.edu or to the planning team at tpac@gvsu.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Please don't forget that you need to register in order to present!

Have a great day!

TPAC Team

Links: Courtyard Marriott, Downtown Grand Rapids

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/grrdt-courtyard-grand-rapids-downtown>

Grand Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau

<http://www.visitgrandrapids.org/visit.php>