

LA Road Trip to the Smoky Mountain Gathering Ages 50+

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TALENT SHOWCASE WITH THE ADDITION OF DRAMA DIVISION CATEGORY
SPIRITCARE BANQUET **MINISTRY TO THE MILITARY BREAKFAST**

APRIL 23-25, 2024

GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER // REGISTRATION COST: \$85
WWW.SMOKYMOUNTAINGATHERING.COM

Louisiana Senior Adult Road Trip
& Smoky Mountain Gathering
Tentative Schedule

Monday, April 22

- 12:00 PM Meet at Robert Church of God, 23092 Highway 190E Robert, LA. Pastor Will Carson contact info: 586.879.8617. Load bus. *Please eat lunch **before** arrival.*
- 1:00 PM Bus departs. Dinner on the way at Cracker Barrel 6659 US Hwy 49 Hattiesburg MS. Each will pay for their own meal.
- 7:00 PM Arrive at Holiday Inn Express 5911 Valley Rd. Trussville, AL. (205) 655-2700.

Tuesday, April 23

- 7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel. Load bus.
- 7:30 AM Departure for Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
- 1:00 PM Lunch reservation at **Calhoun's** 1004 Parkway 101, Gatlinburg, TN. (865) 436-4100. Each will pay for their own meal.
- 3:00 PM Check in to hotel @ Fairfield Inn, 611 Airport Rd, Gatlinburg, TN. (865) 436-4935
- 5:00 PM Register at Convention Center (Registration opens at 11AM)
- 6:00 PM Doors Open. **See Smoky Mountain Gathering Schedule of Events.** Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, April 24

- 9:00 AM **See Smoky Mountain Gathering Schedule of Events.** Meals on your own.
- 4:30 PM *Spirit Care banquet for retired ministers and widows (advance sign up required)*

Thursday, April 25

- 7:30 AM *Ministry to the Military Breakfast for active military and veterans and spouses ONLY (advance sign up required)*
- 8:00 AM Check out of hotel. Convention Center doors open. **See Smoky Mountain Gathering Schedule of Events.**
- 12:00 PM Dismissal.
- 12:30 PM Quick lunch on your own.
- 1:30 PM Bus departs.
- 7:00 PM Stop for lodging at Holiday Inn Express 5911 Valley Rd. Trussville, AL (205) 655 2700. Dinner @ Ferus 101 Beach St. Suite 111 Trussville, AL (205) 508-3001. Each pays for their own meal.

Friday, April 26

- 7:00 AM Breakfast at hotel. Load bus.
- 8:00 AM Depart for Robert COG. Bring snacks for the bus ride. We will not make an extended stop for lunch.
- 2:00 PM Arrive at Robert COG. See you next year!

LOUISIANA ROAD TRIP TO THE **SMOKY MOUNTAIN GATHERING 2024** IMPORTANT FACTS:

- **Trip dates:** Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26
- **Trip cost: WE ARE STILL WORKING ON MORE DISCOUNTED RATES TO BE CONFIRMED BY FEB 1!** As of 1/22/24, the cost is now **\$535 per person** (down from \$680 per person) based on double occupancy (two per room).
 - Cost includes transportation, lodging, and the \$85 conference fee.
 - Breakfast is included at each hotel.
 - The transportation cost is now calculated based on 20 persons traveling.
 - Bottled water and light snacks included for the bus rides.
- **Registration opens first to LACOG pastors, ministers, retired ministers, and widows ONLY until February 17.** At Winter Advance (prayer conference), registration will open to all LACOG. Final registration deadline is March 17 to secure a spot on the bus and receive the \$535 per person rate.
- Smoky Mountain Gathering information is available online at smokymountaingathering.com.
- Travel will be provided by two large spacious vans. Van #1 has nice bucket seats. In van #2, only two-persons will be seated on each bench seat for increased comfort.
- There are over 10 restaurants within 1-2 blocks (walking distance) of the Gatlinburg Convention Center and Fairfield Inn.
- Transportation will be provided between the hotel and convention center daily. The Fairfield Inn is 0.4 miles to the Gatlinburg Convention Center (11 minute walk).
- Please contact the state office for single occupancy final rate or other questions at 225.293.0165.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

1. Fill out the attached registration form. Include your spouse on the same form, if applicable.
2. Include the deposit amount which is at least half of your **\$535 per person cost** via check.
3. Mail the completed form with payment to the **Louisiana Church of God State Office, ATTN: LACOG Road Trip, 12005 Coursey Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.** *Do not send payment to the international offices.*
4. Final registration deadline is March 17. All unpaid balances due at this time.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN THIS ROAD TRIP WITH LOUISIANA CHURCH OF GOD?

- Good fellowship, friendships, and laughs shared with our COG family!
- Great worship and preaching!
- Enjoy and participate in the choirs, crafting, and creativity of the Senior Talent Showcase!
- Stress-free travel! Save your vehicle from the wear and tear! Gas alone would cost \$200 in an average vehicle! Let someone else drive and you enjoy the ride!
- Group rates at the hotels!

The Smoky Mountain Gathering....Reaching a Jubilee Generation

Formerly known as the Smoky Mountain Jubilee, this annual event brings senior adults from all across the country to the Smoky Mountains to celebrate, worship, re-kindle old friendships and establish new relationships.

The Smoky Mountain Gathering is designed for ages 50 and up. It is focused on providing a worship / retreat experience like none other. 2024 will host an array of events that will be sure to bring new and exciting things to the Smoky Mountain Gathering including a day at Dollywood Amusement Park (optional). Make plans now to attend. We hope to see you at the Smoky Mountain Gathering where we will reach a Jubilee Generation.



“O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.” Psalm 71:17-18

FIND OUT MORE: [Senior Adults — Mission NORTH AMERICA \(mission-northamerica.com\)](https://mission-northamerica.com)

SENIOR TALENT SHOWCASE 2024

Senior Talent seeks to recognize and involve Church of God Senior Adults who demonstrate talent, skill, and accomplishment in art, music, writing and drama.

In addition, Senior Talent endeavors to motivate Senior Adults to utilize their talents in worship and in evangelism ministries of the church, consecrating their talents for the purpose of Christian witness. Senior Talent seeks to exemplify the model of Titus 2:3-8.

Get ready to participate in the SMG Senior Talent Showcase by first participating at Louisiana’s Senior Adult Talent Showcase that will take place on Friday, February 16 from 1-4 PM at House of Prayer Int’l in Monroe, LA. Awards celebration will take place at 4:30 PM. Download and print the PDF document below.

Categories include ART, MUSIC, CREATIVE WRITING, AND DRAMA. *Do you sing, crochet, draw, or enjoy storytelling or writing poetry? Display your wood-working, sewing, crafting or oil painting skills!* Click the above link or go to SmokyMountainGathering.com for guidelines.

Registration is open. You must participate in LACOG Talent Showcase on February 16 to advance to the SMG Talent Showcase in Gatlinburg, TN. The fee to participate is \$10 per entry. Registration deadline for Senior Adult Talent is Thursday, February 8 at 4:00 PM. [Senior-Adult-Talent-Guidelines.pdf \(smokymountaingathering.com\)](https://smokymountaingathering.com)



FEBRUARY 16, 2024 | 1 - 4 PM

AGES 50+ | Art, Writing, Drama, Music

AT HOUSE OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

REGISTER @ [LACOG.ORG/EVENTS](https://lacog.org/events)



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB 8

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 50+ TO COMPETE. MAIL TO: 12005 Coursey Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

QUESTIONS? CALL 225-293-0165. CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES MUST BE ATTACHED TO REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMITTED BY DEADLINE.

Registration Information

Name, Age, Male, Female input fields

Phone Number, Email input fields

Full Mailing Address, City/St/Zip input fields

Category - You may enter multiple categories. Please mark each clearly.

Music

- Vocal Solo, Vocal Ensemble, Choir (13+ singers), Instrumental solo Keyboard, Instrumental solo Non-Keyboard, Instrumental Ensemble (2+)

Creative Art

- Crochet/Knitting Weaving, Dry Media, Embroidery/cross-stitch needlepoint /applique, Handcraft, Oil/Acrylic Painting, Photography

- Quilting, Sculpture/Carving, Wet Media Painting, Woodworking

Drama

- Spoken Drama, Monologue, Group Skit, Solo Storytelling, Group Storytelling

Creative Writing Poetry Short Story

Louisiana state level competition will follow the guidelines at https://smokymountaingathering.com/