

# AACD FALL MEETING 2008 REGISTRATION

**OCTOBER 17, AND 18, 2008**

*Anchorage, Alaska*

## EMBASSY SUITES ANCHORAGE

907-332-7000; or 1-800-362-2779 use code "ASW" reservations for rooms deadline Oct 2nd  
Standard room rate \$99 plus 12% percent tax.  
600 East Benson Blvd.

*Please RSVP to AACD office by Friday, October 3, 2008  
Phone 373-7923; Fax 373-7928; 1700 E. Bogard Rd., Suite 203A, Wasilla, 99654-6563*

**Registration fee schedule: (all fees include gratuity and facility charge) (NO REFUNDS)**

<u>Friday One-day registration fee:</u> (dinner excluded) for Districts & Cooperators	<u>\$115.00 x</u>	\$ _____
<u>Friday One-day registration fee:</u> (dinner excluded) All others and late registry	<u>\$135.00 x</u>	\$ _____
Friday Banquet additional tickets (spouses) \$70.00. At the door ticket \$85.00	<u>\$ .00 x</u>	\$ _____
 <u>Full two-day registration fee:</u> for Districts & Cooperators	 <u>\$190.00 x</u>	 \$ _____
<u>Full two-day registration fee:</u> All others and late registry	<u>\$210.00 x</u>	\$ _____
<u>Field Trip Extra Tickets:</u>	<u>\$25.00 each</u>	\$ _____
 <u>Friday Vendors table fee:</u>	 <u>\$50.00 x</u>	 \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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REPRESENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE(S) / E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*For OFFICE USE ONLY*

**FEES PAID** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **FEES INVOICED** \_\_\_\_\_

# **2008 Fall Conference of The Alaska Association of Conservation Districts Hosted by The Anchorage Soil & Water Conservation District**

Featuring Alayne Blicke, Horses for Clean Water  
Best Management Practices That Work In Alaska

## Friday, October 17th

- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.      **6 Tips for Managing Mud & Runoff**  
There are many ways to manage mud. In this class we will discuss what causes mud and how it affects your animals' health. Then we will cover six key steps you can take that will reduce and even prevent mud on your property. Learn about French drains, footing options, geotextile fabrics and many other secrets.
- 10:30 - 11:30 p.m.      **Manure Management**  
Make your place healthier for your animals, reduce the insect population, help your property become more productive during the growing season and make your property more chore-efficient.
- 11:30-12:45 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 12:45 - 3:00 p.m.      **Natural Ways to Control Mud, Dust, Bugs & Weeds**  
Reduce chemical use on your property, "natural" insect control, mud reduction, dust barriers, visual screening, and low cost/low care landscaping
- 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.      **Pasture Management**  
Learn basic techniques for good pasture management including how grasses grow, creating a winter pad dock, liming, spreading compost, rotational grazing, managing small grazing areas, weed control, fencing options and small farm equipment.
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.      **Roundtable with all District personnel and Supervisors**
- 6:30 p.m. To ???      **Dinner, social, employee fundraiser, silent auction and entertainment**

## Saturday, October 18th

- 8:00 a.m. - noon      **AACD Annual Meeting**
- Noon-4:30 p.m.      **Field Trip**  
Lunch, transportation to Portage, and tour of the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center's moose, bears, musk ox, elk, and other animals, including a presentation regarding the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game's Wood Bison Recovery Project

### Register by Friday, October 3rd

Conference accommodations provided by Embassy Suites, 600 East Benson Blvd., Anchorage.  
To book your room call (907) 332-7000. Mention code "ASW" to receive conference discount.

To register, contact AACD - 907.373.7923  
or the Anchorage District website at [www.aswcd.org/2008Conference.html](http://www.aswcd.org/2008Conference.html)

Friday-only registration (dinner excluded) for Districts and Cooperators \$115 - All others and late registry \$135.  
Two-day conference registration for Districts and Cooperators \$190 - All others and late registry \$210.  
Additional dinner tickets (spouses) with pre-registration \$70 each. At the door \$85.00.  
Transportation, breakfasts and lunches are included. Dinner seating limited - RSVP ASAP.



**Alaska Association of Conservation Districts**  
**Fall 2008 Conference**  
**Hosted by The**  
**Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District**

- **Overnight accommodations:** Will be hosted by Embassy Suites, 600 East Benson Blvd. (directly across from the Sears Mall).
  - Rooms are as low as \$99 per night plus tax of 12%. Mention code 'ASW' to receive conference discount. "Rooms" in this case are suites with a sitting area (with hide-away bed/couch), large desk, microwave and refrigerator, and:
    - Either one room with a king-sized bed or
    - Two adjoining rooms, one with a king-sized bed, the other with two double-beds.
    - Embassy also has suites available with Jacuzzi tubs, etc. for a higher cost
  - Districts may want to consider sharing suites to further save on rooming costs.
  - Other amenities at Embassy Suites include: shuttle service, pool, whirlpool, exercise room, large lobby with fountain and Alaskan artifacts, all-day café, and world-class dining.
  
- **Registration fees:**
  - Alayne Blickle conference only, breakfast and lunch included (banquet excluded): Districts and Cooperators \$115, all others and late registry \$135.
  - Full two-day conference, including banquet: Districts and Cooperators \$190, all others and late registry \$210.
  - Friday banquet additional tickets (spouses) \$70 with pre-registration. At the door \$85.00.
  - Registration deadline Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  
- **Vendors:**
  - Vendor tables are available during Friday's conference. The cost is \$50
  
- **Sponsors:**
  - We are seeking sponsors to donate funding toward travel expenses and other costs of the conference. Please contact Ryan Stencel at 907.830.3578 or Betty Vehrs at 907.892.8258
  
- **Rountable Discussion:**
  - Several months ago a roundtable discussion was organized and was very successful. Generally, it is a chance for all districts to talk with eachother about what projects we've been doing, what we'd like to see, possible cooperative opportunities, etc. We hope to see all Supervisors, personnel and others....don't forget copies of your annual reports.
  
- **Silent Auction:**
  - Please donate items to the silent auction. New or used, from artwork to a bale of hay, items will be auctioned off during Friday's banquet to benefit AACD and the Anchorage District. Don't forget to contact companies and other folks in your local areas to donate.
  - Items can be dropped off at AACD, dropped off or picked up by the Anchorage District, or brought to the conference.
  
- **Entertainment:**
  - To be announced
  
- **AACD Employees Association Fundraiser:**
  - To be announced

- **Friday Conference:**

- Featured speaker Alayne Blicke, Best Management Practices That Work in Alaska. For more information see [www.horsesforleanwater.com](http://www.horsesforleanwater.com). Alayne is very involved with the King County District in Washington and lived in Alaska for many years. Alayne will be speaking on mud, manure and nutrient management, and best management practices for issues such as drainage.
- Interested agencies, Cooperators and land users are encouraged to attend.
  - 9:00-10:15 a.m. 6 Tips for Managing Mud & Runoff
  - 10:30 a.m.-noon Pasture Management
  - 1:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Natural Ways to Control Mud, Dust, Bugs & Weeds
  - 3:00-4:00 p.m. Manure Management
- From 4:00-5:00 p.m. conference participants are on their own to reconvene in the conference area at 5:00 p.m. for a roundtable discussion with all Supervisors, staff and associates which will then progress into the night's social events starting with silent auction viewing and dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. Silent auction will be shut down at 8:30 p.m. with item awards after. Entertainment and no-host bar until ??? (kicked out at midnight).
- Menu for Friday's conference:
  - Breakfast: All guests who have rooms at Embassy Suites may go to the restaurant for a full made-to-order breakfast on the house. All others are welcome to the continental breakfast buffet in the conference area.
  - Lunch: Lunch will be soup, sandwich, side dish, dessert of the day
- Friday Dinner: **(RSVP immediately – limited seating)** Friday's dinner and social event will feature the silent auction, good food, good company and good entertainment.
  - Menu for Friday's dinner
    - Salad: Mixed baby green salad with house dressing, Asian Napa Cabbage Slaw, and Tropical Fruit Salad with Fresh Mint
    - Entrée: Citrus Rubbed Chicken, Alaskan Rock Fish Olympia and Roasted Prime Rib with red wine au jus
    - Extras: Vegetable, pasta side dish, rolls and butter, dessert, and no-host bar
  - Entertainment

- **Saturday Conference:**

- Saturday's conference will begin with the AACD Board meeting from 8 am to noon. For breakfast information see Friday's breakfast options.
- Lunch will be a sack lunch provided by a local deli. Menu will be sandwich, pasta salad, desert and drink. Lunch will be eaten during the bus ride to Portage where we will visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, highlighting Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Wood Bison Recovery Project.
- We will return to Anchorage approximately 4:30 p.m.. Dinner on your own.