

10 Reasons to Attend the 2009 TAE4-HW Conference in Chattanooga

1. Join us at this great opportunity for some professional development with other 4-H staff. The planning committee is packing the conference full of educational and fun activities to energize you in your 4-H career.
2. You'll stay in the fabulous downtown Chattanooga Hotel. The hotel is known for its' exquisite rooms, luscious restaurants, and full-service spa. Visit <http://www.chattanoogaanhotel.com/>.
3. At the Tennessee Aquarium there's 450,000 gallons of water floating about. Out of the aquarium's 24 exhibits, the Cove Forest, dressed to resemble a misty Appalachian Mountain forest complete with blooming flowers and otters, ranks as one of the coolest. Like a favorite fishing spot, people visit the Aquarium to see amazing animals that swim, fly and crawl in their natural habitats. This remarkable journey puts visitors eye to eye with 10-foot sharks, giant spider crabs, river otters, penguins, and alligators. It's amazing for tourists and kids of all ages.
4. To view the healthier side of life, you'll want to visit Greenlife Grocery. Greenlife is the largest organic grocery store in Tennessee with two full-service natural food stores dedicated to bringing you and your family the freshest and healthiest foods and products available. No artificial flavors, colors, preservatives here! The freshest and finest foods in Chattanooga are available with a juice bar, coffee bar, made to order wood fired pizza's and more!
5. Located on the beautiful Tennessee River, Chattanooga boasts the famous Bluff View Art District. This area offers a variety of galleries and shops on the bluffs over the river where you can watch chocolate makers and bakers craft their delectable goodies.
6. No visit to Chattanooga would be complete without a tour of the Chattanooga African-American Museum/Bessie Smith Performance Hall. The museum highlights achievements of noted African Americans within the community, while the hall pays homage to its namesake world-acclaimed blues singer.
7. About the only public place where an entire family may strip down without being arrested is at Coolidge Park (a 22-mile public area along the Tennessee River). Make a dash through the park's interactive fountain, which is guarded by water-spouting lions, tigers, and bears.
8. You'll want to visit the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel. During its life as a train depot in the early 1900s, the Choo Choo welcomed thousands of travelers en route to various destinations. Today as a 30-acre hotel, it welcomes just as many families to a fun time. Take in a garden tour here, and don't miss out on the dining experience—servers sing that old-time favorite for which the hotel is named.
9. Rock City, Ruby Falls, and the Incline Railway are all within driving distance on Lookout Mountain. The natural rocks and falls are amazing and anyone interested in geology will love this group of attractions!
10. The Hunter Museum of American Art is located nearby. The museum houses an excellent collection of Hudson River School and genre paintings, as well as works from America's modern masters including Pollack and de Kooning and contemporary glass and sculpture pieces.