



NCOIL 2008 ANNUAL MEETING
SPOUSE / GUEST TOURS
DUCK KEY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 21 & 22, 2008



Join us for two great trips during the NCOIL Annual Meeting at Hawk's Cay on Duck Key. Space will be limited, so make your reservations for 2 fun-filled days in the Keys by **November 10, 2008!**

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Friday, Nov. 21, 2008 – Bal Harbor Shopping & Lunch/Lea's Tea Room & Bistro

We'll meet in the main lobby of the Hawk's Cay Resort at 9:30 a.m, where we'll depart via a mini-bus for the beautiful up-scale Shops of Bal Harbor. The shopping area is set in a lush and tranquil, tree-lined locale and offers (per *Women's Wear Daily*) an unparalleled selection of world-renowned designers. The shops include Bottega Veneta, Brooks Brothers, Cartier, Dolce & Gabana, Giorgio Armani, Jimmy Choo, Lacoste, Neiman Marcus, Oscar de la Renta, Versace, *and too many more to mention*. After our shopping spree (or window shopping), we'll enjoy lunch at Lea's Tea Room & Bistro with specialties such as Salade Nicoise, Lea's Spring Salad, Grilled Flank Steak with pommes frites, Fresh Fish of the Day, and Risotto of the day. We should be back at Hawk's Cay Resort by around 4 p.m. **Cost per person is \$75.00, including transportation, lunch, tax and tip.**

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008 – Glass Bottom Boat Tour of Sand Key Reef

Let's plan to meet in main the lobby of Hawk's Cay Resort at 12:00 Noon and depart via mini-bus for a drive to Key West, where we'll board, a glass-bottom boat, The Fury Catamaran. This catamaran offers a sun deck and is air-conditioned with an enclosed viewing area and snackbar. It has a twin-hull which allows for maximum stability and less rocking. We'll see coral reefs, which lie about 7 miles offshore, that are teeming with tropical fish, hard and soft corals, sponges, snails, jellyfish, anemones, crabs, lobsters, rays, sea turtles, nurse sharks, and other sea life. There are around 110 species of corals and over 500 species of tropical fish in the coral reef community. We'll be back at Hawk's Cay by 5:00 p.m. **Cost per person is \$70.00 Adults and \$48.00 for children 12 & under (Price includes transportation, cruise, tax & tip).**

✍ Please register by November 10 to ensure group rates!

Friday, November 21, 2008

Number in party _____

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Number in party _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

*Please make your checks payable to:

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No refunds on day of event unless tour is cancelled due to inclement weather.



FLORIDA KEYS

The word *Key* comes from the Spanish word *cayo*, which means *little island*. The Spanish first found the Keys during Ponce de Leon's expedition in 1513. At that time, though, they called them "the martyrs" because the Keys seemed to be very twisted. There was no gold or fresh water, and a lot of insects. The Spanish mapped and named the Keys principally as an aid to navigation for their ships, which were filled with gold and silver.

The first settlement was at Key West, in 1882, a little more than two decades before Florida became a state. The other Keys were mostly deserted until 1874 when the government surveyed them and plotted land for businesses and homes. The early homes were primitive and built from materials that washed up on the beach from shipwrecks.

The mosquito was the king of the Keys. The saying goes, "If you swung a pint cup, you'd come up with a quart of mosquitoes." Bags filled with woodchips soaked in old engine oil were hung over water holes in an attempt to kill mosquito larvae.

In 1912 Henry Flagler built a railroad to Key West, and this greatly increased human settlement of the Keys. The railroad was destroyed by a hurricane in 1935, but in 1938 the longest over-water road in the world was built on the railroad's foundation. It includes 42 bridges-one that is seven miles long. This opened the Florida Keys up to a growing tourist trade.

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