

REGION 7 WINTER POTLUCK

MARCH 4-5, 2023

LAKE BENSON AT BON AQUA, TN

After years at Henry Horton the last weekend of February, our Region 7 winter potluck went into hiatus during COVID. Last January, the officers of Region 7 made a game-time decision and decided to have a winter meeting should 30 people want to get together. And that is what we did. We were at Montgomery Bell State Park and were not able to have a true potluck for Saturday dinner, although dinner was followed by a dessert potluck and fellowship in our suite. We had a Mardi Gras celebration blast together with many first-time attendees.

Last summer, we were recommended and toured Lake Benson, and that is where we will once again have a winter potluck. The last weekend in February was already booked, so we are meeting the following weekend. The accommodations are a bit more bare bones, but it will be a great place to be together and the prices are amazing. The retreat center is at Exit 7 of the Nashville bypass 840, right where you would exit to go to Iris City Gardens.

The main lodge has 20 rooms with 2 queen beds and private bathrooms. We are also making use of the retreat center's dorm building, where we will have one pod of the women's dorm. That building has 24 twin beds with a communal bathroom. The lodge rooms are \$42 for the night and the dorm pod beds are \$16 per night. There are no additional taxes or entertainment zone fees or anything else that drives up the cost of a hotel night. We are hoping that all the ladies who regularly come will join us at the women's dorm. There is a huge room in the middle of the lodge that we have rented out for after dinner and the post-dinner activities. There is a massive fireplace and tons of sitting areas to be with all your far-flung iris buddies.

Payment to Region 7 will be given to Jim Vernon when you arrive at the potluck. Reservations are being taken by Caroline Winters. When you make your reservation, you will be given all the details needed for the weekend. Any questions can be sent to Caroline as well. We hope to see many of you there.

Additionally, information about our spring (May 12-14) and fall (Sep 30-Oct 1) meetings will be sent to your club presidents very soon.

Caroline Winters

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