

# 2021 Fall NRHS Conference



# 2021 Fall Conference Hosted by The Twin Forks Chapter NRHS October 7 - October 9, 2021

The Twin Forks Chapter would like to welcome you to Long Island for the 2021 Fall NRHS conference.

Fall is a nice time to visit Long Island as the air becomes clean and crisp and the foliage starts to show its fall colors.

This will be the first in-person meeting of the NRHS in quite a while and we will be observing all the proper safety protocols as directed by the government experts as well as the NRHS Chief Council.

We hope you will consider coming to the Fall NRHS conference and enjoy the weekend while doing the important work of the Society. This will include meetings of the Advisory Council, the Board of Directors and the NRHS Fund.

The Conference Hotel is conveniently located by highway from the Long Island Expressway I-495, by the Long Island Rail Road at the Ronkonkoma Railroad Station, and from Islip Mac Arthur Airport.

The Airport here on Long Island is serviced by Southwest, American and Frontier Airlines.

The Hotel will provide free transportation from the LIRR Rail station and Islip Mac Arthur airport.

However, when you reserve your hotel room, <u>please let the Hotel know you will need to be picked up WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!</u>



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# **FALL 2021 NRHS CONFERENCE**

# October 7-9, 2021, Ronkonkoma, New York REGISTRATION FORM

(Return by September 25, 2021 to guarantee tickets)

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attached document. You must sign and return the waiver to be allowed to attend this event.\*

## MAKE RESERVATIONS directly with Hotel by Sept 30 to ensure the conference room rate!

## Host hotel is the **Holiday Inn Long Island** 1730 North Ocean Ave, Holtsville, NY 11741 **Make reservation requests by calling (631) 758-2900**

Group room rate is \$145 per night.(single / double occupancy)

Mention group code "NRH" when booking a room.

Make sure you mention any shuttle requirements from Ronkonkoma LIRR or MacArthur Airport.

#### **Hotel Booking Website:**

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/holtsville/ispcp/hoteldetail?cm\_mmc=YextLocal-\_-HI-\_-US-\_-ISPCP

The Twin Forks Chapter welcomes you to one of the first in-person meetings of the NRHS following the COVID-19 epidemic. Everyone has had a rough year, and we are glad to be able to host this year's Fall Conference. We will be following all government and NRHS issued COVID guidelines. We require you to follow these guidelines to ensure everyone remains safe, healthy, and having a good time. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### - List of Scheduled Events -

#### Thursday, October 7

Registration opens at 3pm till 10pm at the Holiday Inn Long Island. Cost \$50.

### Friday, October 8

All day trip on Friday, October 8th (9am – 4pm). We will ride the LIRR from Ronkonkoma Station (transportation will be provided to the station) to Hillside Support Facility for a tour of the Long Island Rail Road's maintenance shops and facilities. We will then be leaving Hillside Support Facility via rail, heading to the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum for a tour of their facility. We will then return via the Long Island Rail Road. **Cost \$55.** 

Certain areas of the Hillside tour require steel-tipped shoes as a requirement of the Long Island Rail Road. Failure to wear proper shoes will result in potential restrictions on the tour, including but not limited to exclusion from the maintenance shop area of Hillside Support Facility. Alternate areas of Hillside will be available for people who do not have steel-tipped shoes.

The NRHS Fund Officers and Board of Trustees will meet at 8:00 PM in the hotel.

#### Saturday, October 9

Meeting Day for the Advisory Council and Board of Directors. Following the meetings will be a Buffet Banquet with a presentation by a guest speaker, to be announced. **Banquet cost: \$50.** 

**Transportation to/from Ronkonkoma** – You can travel by air to JFK International or Mac Arthur Airports. The AirTrain connects to the LIRR, which can get you to Ronkonkoma Station. If travelling by Amtrak, the LIRR connects at Penn Station in NYC. Shuttle Services are available from Mac Arthur Airport and Ronkonkoma Train Station to the Hotel. **Please notify the hotel of any shuttle requirements at the number listed above when you make your reservation.** We have Uber and Lyft among other cab services available on demand. If you are driving, the hotel is directly off exit 63 of the Long Island Expressway. Parking at the hotel is complementary.

Need More info - Contact Richard Gorddard, Treasurer by email at: twinforksnrhs@gmail.com.

We welcome you to Ronkonkoma for a fun and successful Conference!

### **COVID-19 Information and Wavier of Liability**

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and an inherent risk of exposure to Covid 19 exists in any public place where people are present. According to the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable to COVID-19. It is not possible for the National Railway Historical Society or the Twin Forks Chapter, NRHS (hereinafter collectively NRHS) to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, by choosing to participate in an NRHS event, I may be exposing myself to and/or increasing my risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. This includes all the events at the 2021 NRHS Board Conference to be held in Ronkonkoma NY.

#### COVID-19 ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I agree to follow all CDC and local public health guidelines to reduce the likelihood of acquiring or spreading COVID-19. I do not believe that I have been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I am not currently experiencing, nor have I experienced COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days. I further attest that I have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days. I also attest that the following will remain true for the duration of my participation in the NRHS events in which I participate.

By attending or participating in an NRHS event, I voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and forever release and hold harmless NRHS, its volunteers, consultants, officers, directors, agents or other representatives (collectively "the Released Parties") from any liability or claims including for personal injury, death, disease or property loss, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence, and give up any claims I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection with exposure, infection and/or spread of COVID-19 I may contract while participating in an NRHS event.

I acknowledge that the venues of the events of the Board Conference and the NRHS have put in place preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the event and that I must follow all posted instructions and other verbal or written instructions while in attendance. However, the Released Parties cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19. By attending the event, I voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

By signing below, I voluntarily agree to comply with the written instructions above and the assumption of risk and waiver of Liability.

Signature	Date	
Printed Name		