



Embrace The Adventure

2024 Call to Convention

Hostess Chapters G, K, AE, and AG invite you to
Embrace the Adventure at our State Convention, April 24-27, 2024 at the
Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort and Spa at Grand National

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE STATE CONVENTION

This is a time to meet P.E.O.'s from across the state. This is your chance to see old friends, and make new ones. It is an opportunity to see and appreciate the larger picture of what we do as a Sisterhood. Project speakers and the International Representative share inspiring messages that leave you knowing that we are making a difference in the world around us. Hearing the recipients of scholarships speak on why they are reaching for more education, will encourage you to keep blazing your own trail to seek growth in your heart and mind and embrace your own adventure.

WHAT TO BRING

P.E.O. Membership Card
P.E.O. Emblem
Current Chapter Yearbook
Delegates: Study and be prepared to discuss proposed amendments

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Sweater for cool meeting room
Casual "Daisy" Attire
Business Casual Attire
Dressy Daisy/Star Attire

The 2023-2024 STATE OFFICERS



President Cindy Fry will host the President's Reception on Friday, 5:30 pm in the atrium near the patio. Greet Vice President Elaine Bassett, Organizer Cel Bailey, Treasurer Paige McCormick and Secretary Nancy Newton. This will be a fun social time to meet old and new friends and renew the bonds of P.E.O. sisterhood. A cash bar will be offered.

HOTEL REGISTRATION

To book a room with our P.E.O. rate of \$169 click on the highlighted link. Please read all the information listed below the link which has helpful information while booking.

Auburn Marriot Opelika Resort and Spa at Grand National, 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail, Opelika, AL 36801 (334) 741-9292

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1706021723202&key=GRP>

We are listed as **P.E.O. Alabama 2024 State Convention** for reference if sisters have to contact the hotel outside of registration.

The deadline for cancellation for refund is March 20, 2024.

COST OF HOTEL ROOMS

**2 Queen size beds\room
P.E.O. Rate \$169.00 + taxes/fees**

***Room rates will show a \$25 additional charge for a resort fee when you reserve your room, but will NOT be charged per our contract with the hotel. The room rate will show a fee of \$194 until you hit the checkout button. The room rate will be corrected at that time.**

All conventions contract with the hotel for the sale of a certain number of hotel rooms, food and beverages. By meeting this goal, there is no charge to the contracting organization for the use of meeting rooms. Therefore, your reservation is important to ensure P.E.O. meets their financial obligations.

HOTEL PARKING The parking at the hotel is self-parking with no additional fees. Handicap spots are available.

REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION

You can register here, [Convention 2024](#), for Registration and or meals or you can Register online at the Alabama State website: www.peoalabama.org

Once registration is completed, a link will direct you to the hotel website to complete the hotel reservation. Each person attending ANY portion of the Convention will need to complete registration online. Registration, which includes meal selections, is to be submitted by March 25, 2024. This allows the hotel time to prepare the foods we request.

Payment for meals can be accomplished online using a variety of payment options to make registration easier. The completed registration form can be printed and a check mailed as instructed on the form. Hotel reservations, paid online by credit card, must be made by March 25, 2024. After this date, our block of contract rooms at the P.E.O. rate expires and will be released to other guests at a higher rate.

We have cost requirements with the hotel for food and lodging. If at all possible, please make your arrangements to stay and eat with your sisters at the hotel. Time is tight and it will be hard to go out to lunch and return for the meeting on time.

Volunteers from chapters **G, K, AE, AG** and local Auburn Chapters are here to help you with anything you need. If they don't know the answer to your question, they know where to find it! The convention hosts will be wearing adventure themed attire. If you have any questions, the host chapters are there to help a find answers. Contact us at Alconvention2024@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE

Friday:		1:30pm	Board Meeting
7:30am	Daisy Marketplace	5:00pm	Daisy Marketplace
7:30-11am	Hospitality Room	5:30pm	President's Reception
7:30-11am	Daisy Marketplace	6:30pm	Friends & Family Banquet
8:30am	Registration & Volunteer sign-up		
9:45am	Guards, Pages & Tellers Meeting	Saturday:	
10:15	Committee to Approve Minutes meeting	7-8:30am	Hospitality Room open
10:30am	Delegation Orientation	8am	Registration-Volunteer sign-up
11am	Celebration of Life	8am	Daisy Marketplace
11:45	Daisy Marketplace	8:15am	Guards in Place
Noon	Lunch	8:30am	Business Meeting & Philanthropy Speakers
1:15pm	Guards in Place	Noon	Lunch
		Noon	BIL Lunch
		1:30pm	Business Meeting

COVENTION MEAL SELECTIONS

Thursday 4/25/2024

Board Lunch - Box Lunch On The Go \$39.15

All lunches include potato chips, fresh fruit salad, cookie and beverage.

Choice 1 – Chicken Salad Wrap Alabama Pecans, White Grapes, Bibb Lettuce, Tortilla

Choice 2 – Honey Cured Ham Croissant Goat Cheese, Arugula, Sliced Apple, Dijon Mustard Spread

Choice 3 – Grilled Vegetable Wrap Herb Marinated Garden Vegetables, Hummus, Baby Spinach, Tortilla

Committee Chairs Lunch - Box Lunch On The Go \$39.15

All lunches include potato chips, fresh fruit salad, cookie and beverage.

Choice 1 – Southern Chicken Salad Wrap Alabama Pecans, White Grapes, Bibb Lettuce, Tortilla

Choice 2 – Honey Cured Ham Goat Cheese, Arugula, Sliced Apple, Dijon Mustard Spread, Buttery Croissant

Choice 3 – Grilled Vegetable Wrap Herb Marinated Garden Vegetables, Hummus, Baby Spinach, Tortilla

PSP Dinner Plated Dinner

All plated meals include bread service, water, un-sweet tea, salad, dessert and coffee service.

Choice 1 - Seared Chicken Breast \$69.13 Bone-in Brined Chicken, Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, Haricot Verts, Lemon butter

Choice 2 – Roasted Salmon \$74.58

Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, Haricot Verts, Lemon butter

Choice 3 –Grilled Tofu \$60.95 Seasonal Vegetables, Saffron Rice with Fresh Herbs, Balsamic Reduction Caprese Salad Mixed Greens, Roasted Grape Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella, Toasted Lavosh, Fresh Basil, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Dessert

Fresh Berry Compote

Friday 4/26/2024

Friday Lunch - Soup and Salads Buffet \$52.58

Roasted Chicken Noodle Soup Garden Fresh Minestrone Soup Brown Derby Cobb Salad Chopped Iceberg and Romain, Grilled Chicken, Applewood Bacon, Ripe Tomato, Avocado, Bleu Cheese, Egg, Aged Sherry Vinaigrette

Broken Salmon Salad

Broken Roasted Salmon, Fingerling Potato, Hard Boiled Egg, Roasted Red Pepper, Haricot Verts, Baby Spinach, Basil Olive Vinaigrette

Grilled Chicken Caesar

Shaved Parmesan and Garlic Croutons

Panzanella and Mozzarella Salad

Sourdough Croutons, Heirloom Tomato, Roasted Fennel, Red Onion, Fresh Mozzarella, Basil and Red Wine Vinaigrette

Hazelnut Crunch Cake

Normandy Apple Tart

Water, Un-sweet Tea and Coffee Service

Friday 4/26/2024

Friends and Family Convention Dinner Plated Dinner

served water, un-sweet tea, coffee service, Salad and Dessert

Choice 1 – Seared Chicken Breast \$69.13 Blistered Tomatoes, Basil pesto, Arugula, Roasted Corn Risotto

Choice 2 –Roasted Salmon \$74.58 Blistered Tomatoes, Basil pesto, Arugula, Roasted Corn Risotto

Choice 3 – Vegetarian Pasta \$62.95 Harvest Salad Mixed Greens, Candied Pecans, Diced Pears, Maple Gorgonzola Vinaigrette

Dessert
Strawberry Shortcake served in Martini Glass

Saturday 4/27/2024
Southern BBQ Experience Buffet \$52.78
House Brunswick Stew
Freshly Baked Corn Bread
Mixed Green Salad
Buttered Croutons, Tomato, Cucumber Balsamic Vinaigrette “Loaded” Potato Salad Grilled Peach Coleslaw
“Beer Can” Smoked Chicken, Black and Tan Gravy
Slow Smoked Beef Brisket
Creamy Polenta and Espresso BBQ Sauce
Grandma’s Green Beans, Caramelized, Crispy Bacon Triple Cheese Macaroni and Cheese
Peach Cobbler
Biscuit Crumble, Chantilly Cream Red Velvet Cake Parfait
Water, Un-sweet Tea and Coffee Service

Saturday 4/27/2024
BIL Lunch \$60.95
Plated Dinner served with salad, dessert, water, un-sweet tea and coffee service. A special Southern Barbeque Short Ribs lunch for BILs and guests will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 12:00 pm, in meeting room 3. The event will be hosted by Chris Fry, husband of President Cindy Fry. This is a fun social time for the guys to bond and learn more about P.E.O. from a variety of viewpoints. BILs and guests are also invited to attend the Friday evening friends and family banquet and at the closing event on Saturday.

Barbecue Short Rib
Slow and Low Smoked Beef Short Rib, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Sorghum Glazed Baby Carrots, Espresso BBQ Sauce

Berry Salad
Mixed Greens, Fresh Berries, Goat Cheese, Candied Pecans, Citrus vinaigrette

Dessert
Alabama Pecan Pie

HOSPITALITY ROOM

The Hospitality Room will be serving light refreshments between meeting times. Hotels allow only home baked, individually wrapped treats. Our host Chapter AE and local Auburn Chapters have teamed up to prepare snacks during the convention. Coffee and water will be available all day. Take a moment to refresh and meet and greet your sisters in the Hospitality Room.

DAISY MARKETPLACE

A novelty shop that features items related to P.E.O. All proceeds support the Alabama State Chapter Convention. Marketplace items range from \$5.00 to \$40.00 and can be purchased with cash and a variety of payment options. Come shop for your new DAISY and STAR items.



Our six philanthropy displays will be in the main hallway. Peruse through each display and vote for your favorite! A \$1.00 per vote is requested. The philanthropy display with the most votes will get all the money collected, vote early and as often as you like!

Admission of Visitors to Business Meeting

At approximately 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 27, BIL's and guests will be invited to join all P.E.O.'s in the business meeting to hear remarks by the outgoing and newly installed president, introduction of guests, and the invitation to the 66th Annual Convention of P.E.O. Alabama State Chapter. Visitors will be asked to leave the meeting for the formal close of the convention.

What Auburn and Opelika have to offer for BIL's and Guests outside of the convention

The Spa at Grand National <https://rtjspathtrail.com/spa/the-spa-at-grand-national/>

The Bunkers is a one-of-a-kind restaurant, cocktail bar, and indoor golf simulator.
<https://www.bunkersauburn.com/>

Opelika Pickleball Facility <https://www.opelika-al.gov/852/Opelika-Pickleball-Facility>

Rane Culinary Science Center Experience <https://ranecenter.auburn.edu/>

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