

## ARTHRITIS, AGRABILITY, and RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE



**Downtown Hilton, Knoxville, Tennessee**

**August 24-27, 2015** (can attend partial days or full conference- see registration information for more details)

An exciting opportunity for rural professionals and farmers alike! The AARH Conference will assist rural professionals in becoming more aware of evidence-based strategies to aid farmers and ranchers battling the many forms of arthritis and other disabilities, while aiding farmers in learning how to adjust their operations to maintain their independence and success despite a disability.

This conference is open to anyone interested in, or currently involved in, working with rural populations regarding health care, arthritis, and/or disabilities. A **pre-conference arthritis self-help and exercise program** will kick off the conference, and in addition to **keynote and capnote speakers, two tracks of sessions** will be held on Tuesday during the Arthritis conference- Farmers, ranchers, gardeners, and other consumers will have a dynamic set of speakers and presentations, while extension educators, occupational therapists, physical therapists, nurse practitioners, state departments of health, rheumatologists, vocational rehabilitation staff, farm business representatives and others will have a separate set of topics and speakers. **Conference meals** will allow all attendees the chance to network and mingle, and all attendees will be provided the chance view **vendor, non-profit, and agricultural exhibits**. A full-day of **agricultural, farm, and tourism stops** are included in the conference, followed by a full-day of **AgrAbility training**. During registration, attendees can customize their choices to best fit their needs based on the days of attendance and interests or need for training!

Please visit <http://arthritis-ag.org/national-conference/> to view the **draft schedule, call for proposals** (due June 30<sup>th</sup>), **tour options, hotel and registration links** (there will be no on-site registration, please register and book your room by August 10), and the **sponsorship/exhibitor form!** Please note on the registration that there are two **discounts**- one for registering for the full 4-day conference (\$20 off!) and one for farmers/students (\$40 off!).

The AARH Conference is made possible through the National AgrAbility Project, with planning by the Arthritis Foundation- Heartland Region and Tennessee offices, Goodwill of the Finger Lakes, and the University of Tennessee/Tennessee AgrAbility Project. *Additional sponsorships are welcomed!*

Please let me know if you have any questions about this exciting opportunity! Mark your calendars now, and please share with all of your contacts!

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