

The Mountains are Calling - Next Stop Knoxville!



It's time to make your summer vacation plans! This year's LOTS convention takes us to **Knoxville, Tennessee - Home of the Vols!** From July 9 to 16, 2023, you'll enjoy six days of tours in or near the third largest city in Tennessee.

Knoxville is located in the Great Appalachian Valley, known locally as the Tennessee Valley, about halfway between the Great Smoky Mountains to the east, and the Cumberland Plateau to the west, and is within a day's drive of more than half the entire membership in LOTS!

Knoxville was settled in 1786 and was the first capital of Tennessee. Knoxville is also the home of the flagship campus of the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), a federally owned electric utility corporation created by Congress in 1933.

The first railroads to arrive in Knoxville were the East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad (1855) and the East Tennessee & Virginia Railroad (1856.) With these railroads and the river, Knoxville became a major transportation hub and commercial center for East Tennessee. Knoxville grew rapidly as a major wholesaling and manufacturing center.

What's that golf tee with a gold ball on top of it in the LOTS convention logo? It's the Sunsphere, a one-of-a-kind structure built for the 1982 World's Fair that was held in downtown Knoxville. Those who sign up for our Tuesday tour will be whisked up to the 4th floor for an outstanding view! Sign up today!



On Saturday, July 15, we'll share and promote toy trains by hosting the **Knoxville Airport Model Train Show**. The show features all types of trains in one of the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel ballrooms.

"Make plans now to join your fellow LOTS Members in Knoxville, Tennessee!

You're sure to have a great time!" Bring your friends and family with you! LOTS Members are some of the friendliest conventioners on the planet, and always have a great time together!

Our 2023 Convention headquarters hotel, the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel (2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, TN 37777) is conveniently located and connected to the McGhee Tyson Airport via a covered walkway from the baggage claim area. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport and additional locations within five miles of the hotel. Parking is free in the hotel lot.

Each of the spacious rooms at the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel, some with mountain views, features free WiFi, free coffee and tea, a flat-screen TV, and a hair dryer. Additional amenities include an indoor pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. Cooper's Restaurant, Landings Lounge, and Tail Winds, the hotel's in-house restaurants, have good food and great service. There are additional restaurants a short distance from the hotel.

Our preferred single-quad group rate is \$135 plus tax. Reservations are being accepted now at 865-970-4300. Be sure to mention you are with LOTS to receive the group rate. Reservations must be received by June 9, 2023 or before our room blocks are full, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions or require additional information not contained in this brochure, please call Paula Smith at 513-598-8240, or email her at **lotsbusinessoffice@gmail.com**.

Tour #1: Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center, Little River Railroad and Lumber Company Museum, and Tuckaleechee Caverns

Monday, July 10 - Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Adults: \$92.00, Children: \$65.00

To kick off our 44th Annual Convention, we'll head out early to Townsend, Tennessee, the Peaceful Side of the Smokies.

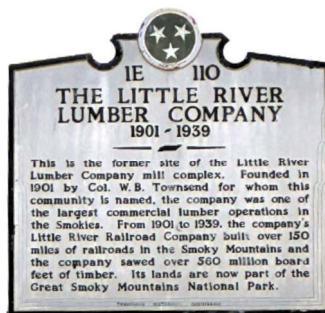
Stop #1 - Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center - The Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center features two galleries displaying Native American and early settler artifacts dating from 10,000 BC to the 1930s. On display are items related to the five national parks in East Tennessee. As we stroll through the pioneer village of original 19th-century buildings and the transportation barn that chronicles



transportation from horse-drawn buggies to motorized vehicles, we'll get a sense of the spirit and history of Townsend, Cades Cove, and the Great Smoky Mountains.

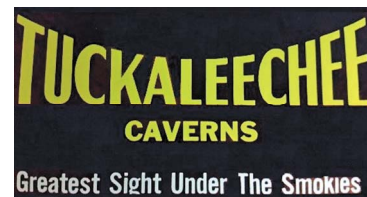
Stop #2: The Abbey Restaurant - Lunch will be catered by The Abbey Restaurant and Tap House on the banks of the Little River. Lunch choices are a pork BBQ sandwich, chicken salad croissant or soup and salad. Please be sure to make your lunch selection when you register.

Stop #3: Little River Railroad and Lumber Company Museum - Walking distance from The Abbey Restaurant is the Little River Railroad and Lumber Company Museum. During our visit, we'll learn about steam logging in the Smokies from 1901 to 1938. A Shay engine that had been used in the logging operation, No. 2147, was restored and is on display along with some other interesting equipment and a small G-gauge railroad. In 1983, the depot building, from Walland, Tennessee, was moved to Townsend and is currently used to display the memorabilia that was collected from the days of the railroad and lumber operations.



Stop #4: Tuckaleechee Caverns - Tuckaleechee Caverns - Known as the "Greatest Site Under the Smokies" are the highest-rated Cave or Cavern of the Eastern United States. Carved inside the earth's oldest mountain chain and estimated to be between

twenty and thirty million years old, the Caverns are rich in history and lore, in recent years as well. Millions of formations are viewed along the 1.25 mile round-trip adventure. You will find the "Big Room" on one end of the tour that could almost fit a football stadium inside it. On the other half of the tour you get to view "Silver Falls". Silver Falls (210 feet from top to bottom) is the tallest subterranean waterfall in the Eastern United States. In addition, Tuckaleechee Caverns hosts the most sensitive seismic station on Earth. The station is now monitored 24-7 and is able to detect nuclear testing across the globe. *Note: Please wear comfortable walking shoes and a light jacket! The Caverns have stairs and walkways with handrails, but may not be suitable for those with extreme mobility challenges. Travel time to Townsend is 45 minutes from the hotel.*



Tour #2: Tennessee Riverboat Cruise, The Foundry on the Fair Site, World's Fair Park, Sunsphere, L&N and Southern Passenger Stations

Tuesday, July 11 - Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Adults: \$95.00, Children: \$65.00

Today's tour takes us to the city of Knoxville, Tennessee approximately 25 minutes from the hotel.

Stop #1 - Tennessee Riverboat Company - Our adventure will begin with a relaxing cruise on board the Star of Knoxville paddle-wheel riverboat on the scenic Tennessee River. The Tennessee River is one of the most beautiful rivers you will ever cruise. While

cruising, you will enjoy one of the most breathtaking views in Knoxville. Narration will be provided during the 1.5-hour cruise.



Stop #2 - The Foundry on the Fair Site - Built in 1865, The Foundry on the Fair Site was originally operated as a foundry for the casting of railroad spikes and flathead nails from cannonballs. The building fell into disuse, burned, and was later renovated to host the Strohaus (German Pavilion) throughout the 1982 World's Fair. Lunch will be served in one of The Foundry's ballrooms and will feature your choice of grilled

chicken, beef stroganoff or a salad of mixed greens with a blend of grains.

Stop #2 - L&N Passenger Station - Across the street from The Foundry and on our way to the famous Knoxville Sunsphere, is Knoxville's L&N



Station. It is unlikely that we will be able to enter the station since it is currently part of Knox County Schools. However, we will still be able to gaze at the restored stained glass windows from the outside.

Stop #3 - The Sunsphere - Built for the 1982 World's Fair, the Sunsphere is a one-of-a-kind structure. The 4th Floor Observation Deck offers a breathtaking 360-degree view stretching from downtown to the Great Smoky Mountains including World's Fair Park, the Tennessee River, and the University of Tennessee Campus.

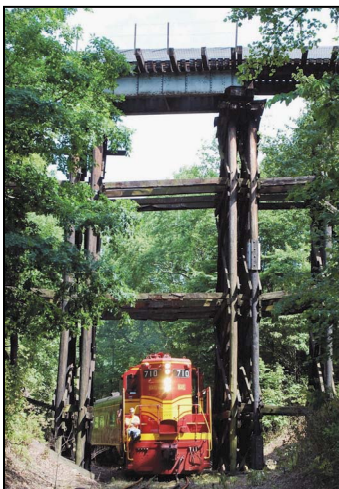
Stop #3 - Southern Railway's Passenger Station - In addition to browsing through the station, we'll walk thru the restored private passenger cars, one of which was a former "Jim Crow" service car and another the famous Railway Post Office (RPO) car.

Tour #3: Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's Hiwassee River Rail Excursion

Wednesday, July 12 - Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Adults: \$105.00, Children: \$75.00

Today's train excursion takes us south to Copperhill, Tennessee and McCaysville, GA where you can have one foot in Tennessee and one foot in Georgia at one time! To get there, we'll travel a little



over an hour by motorcoach to Delano, Tennessee where we'll board the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's Hiwassee River Rail Excursion train. We'll travel about 50 miles on trackage that was formerly part of the Louisville and Nashville (L&N) Railroad's Atlanta Division stretching

between Etowah, Tennessee and Marietta, Georgia. Attendees will enjoy fantastic river views as we make our way to the famous Hiwassee Loop. The "Loop" is almost two miles in length. The change in vertical elevation is 426 feet. The trestle where the line crosses over itself is 197 feet long and 63 feet high. Don't forget to bring your camera!

After we traverse the "Loop," we'll continue south to Copperhill, Tennessee. There will be ample time to shop and enjoy lunch on your own in town. After lunch and shopping, we will travel by motorcoach and stop at the L&N Depot and Railway Museum in Etowah, Tennessee, before returning to the hotel.

Tour #4: Brushy Mountain Penitentiary and Distillery, Manhattan Project Museums, and Knoxville Area Model Railroaders

Thursday, July 13 - Time: 8:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Adults: \$110.00, Children: \$70.00

Put on your walking shoes and travel back in time moonshine tasting if you like! The following stops are included in today's tour:

Stop #1 - Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary - Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary was the last place you wanted to be sent! Known as the "End of the Line," Brushy was a maximum security prison that held Tennessee's worst of the worst! Today, the historic site is home to prison tours, Brushy Mountain Distillery and Warden's Table Restaurant and more. Prior to eating lunch, we'll tour the prison and have the opportunity to sample some moonshine.

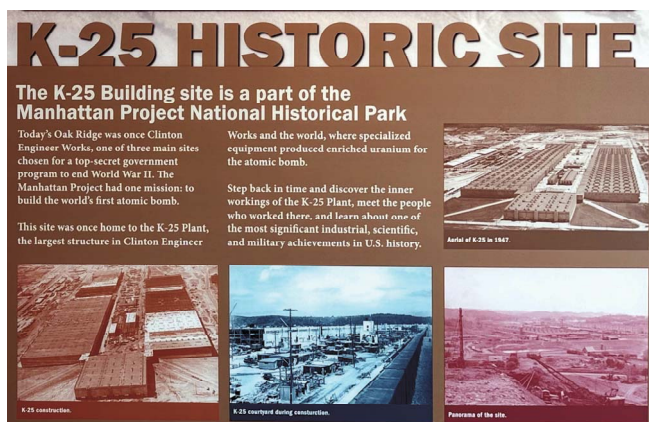


Stop #2 - The Oak Ridge History Museum - The Oak Ridge History Museum shines a light on the "human side" of the Manhattan Project, focusing on history and people's day-to-day lives during World War II in Oak Ridge. Various artifacts from public and private collections are on display including the largest collection of original Ed Westcott photography. Ed was the official photographer for the Manhattan Project approved by the United States government.

Stop #3 - Knoxville Area Model Railroaders - Inspired by models donated by longtime Oak Ridge model railroader Milton Lloyd and built by members of the Knoxville Area Model Railroaders (KAMR), the

Children's Museum of Oak Ridge features a World of Trains display with a mock-up of a diesel engine and a large HO scale layout called Lloydstown. In addition, this section of the museum contains the meeting rooms of KAMR, a full-size Norfolk Southern caboose, and a garden railroad. The KAMR have layouts in all gauges and are excited to share their private club area with LOTS members.

Stop #4 - K-25 History Center - The 7,500 square foot K-25 History Center honors the amazing stories of the men and women who helped construct and operate the K-25 uranium enrichment complex. The uranium that was produced using the gaseous diffusion process, fueled one of two atomic bombs that ended World War II.



Tour #5: Chandler Farms Steam Train and the Crofut & Iron Creek Railroad

Friday, July 14 - Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Adults: \$72.00, Children: \$50.00



Dirk and April Chandler are looking forward to sharing Chandler Farms with LOTS members on the fifth day of touring during the LOTS 44th Annual Convention. Chandler Farms is a private collection of railroad, farming, and steam equipment in East Tennessee. Notable pieces include a Plymouth locomotive operating on a loop of former Knoxville, Sevierville, and Eastern (Smoky Mountain Railroad) rails, a steam roller, a fully-functional steam belt-driven workshop, and a 7.5" gauge live steam railroad. The Chandlers have a passion for preserving

equipment from the past for future generations. Chandler Farms is accessible only by private invitation. Before departing you'll enjoy a boxed lunch and some fresh ice cream made from a steam powered ice cream maker. This tour has limited tickets available, register early so you don't get left at the station!

Prior to returning to the hotel, we'll stop at Iron Creek Shops and the Crofut & Iron Creek Railroad. Don Niday, a pioneer in "F scale," looks forward to sharing his layout and shop with LOTS members. F-Scale: In North America, most garden railways run on #1 gauge tracks (45mm between rails). In spite of the wide variety of prototypes and scales found within these "large scale" trains, they share one thing in common: they all run on #1 gauge tracks.



Gauge and scale are actually very different concepts. Scale refers to the proportional relationship between a model and its prototype. In contrast, gauge refers to the distance between the two rails on which our model trains run. A model train built to a specific scale should also run on a model track gauge proportional to the prototype.

As garden railroading has evolved, this has not been the case historically. Scale has generally been sacrificed for the expediency of one virtually universal track gauge - 45mm - resulting in a cacophony of scales and mismatched models, all trundling down the same track under the vague label of "G-scale."

Unlike the smaller model railroading scales, where each major scale has its own standard gauge as well as narrow gauge counterparts (for example: O, On3, On30; or H0, and H0n3) and uses a variety of proportional track gauges, large scale hasn't had this option before. An accurate narrow gauge model is best complemented by an accurate standard gauge model.

With F-scale, you can now accurately model narrow and standard gauge trains in the same scale by creating a new track gauge of 70.64mm (2.781"). Sign up for Tour #5 to learn more about the newest scale recognized by the NMRA.

LOTS Annual Business Meeting and Future Convention Site Preview

The annual LOTS Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, July 14 at 3:30 p.m. Your officers will report on the club's activities during the past year and receive your input on various topics. A presentation about the LOTS 45th Annual Convention will be given as well. Door prizes will be awarded to members in attendance. Free to ALL LOTS Members.

Location: Cascades Ballroom

Get Acquainted Party and LOTS Annual Toy Train Auction

Friday, July 14 -

Auction Preview - 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 5:00 p.m. • Auction Start Time - 6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$39.00, Children: \$25.00

The LOTS 2023 Get Acquainted Party will be held on-site at the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel. An authentic Mexican fiesta buffet will be served, along with a cash bar. The dinner coincides with the LOTS annual "no reserve, no buyer's premium" live toy train auction. In this auction, we are liquidating the collection of all types of trains and train stuff of Cris Matuszak, DM-1399, a long time LOTS member who passed away in 2020. To bid on any item in the auction, you must attend the auction in person. Priority seating will be provided (at assigned tables) in the ballroom for those attending the Get Acquainted Party. You can still attend the auction without purchasing a dinner ticket, however, your seat will be at the back of the ballroom. The auction will be open to public. Get your registration in as early as possible to ensure your spot. **Location: Cascades Ballroom**

Tour #6: Sam Wilson's Home Layout and Crossville Model Railroad Club's Modular Layout

Saturday, July 15 - Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Adults and Children: \$40.00

Tour update - The Crossville Model Railroad Club, founded in 2001, is a dedicated group of hobbyists who strive to preserve and honor the people and

equipment of the glory days, when massive iron horses climbed mountains and ran through valleys.



Unfortunately, the space where they've been ambassadors to this wonderful hobby for more than two decades, was taken away by new owners. They were told to vacate the space by April 1. They will still participate in this tour by setting up some of their trains at Sam Wilson's home.

Sam and his grandparents Kathy and Aubrey Cole are looking forward to visiting with LOTS members at their home. Sam has an "in-progress," 14' x 34' modern style, two-track mainline, Lionel layout based on the Norfolk Southern's CNO&TP line. He likes to run steam engines for fun when he's not operating prototypically. Sam is a college student working on a degree in communications. Aubrey worked as a caboose brakeman for the New York Central. He has several "real" stories of the rails to share with us.

Knoxville Airport Model Train Show

Saturday, July 15 - Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All registered LOTS Members and their guests can attend the show free of charge beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, as long as they are wearing their 2023 Convention name badges. Registered LOTS Members get exclusive access to the show for the first hour!

If you do not register for the convention, you will not be admitted to the train show during the exclusive access time. You are welcome to attend beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$8.00 per person. **Location: Grand Ballroom**

LOTS 44th Annual Banquet Dinner

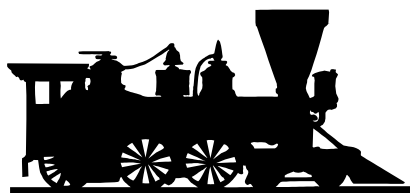
Saturday, July 15 - Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Adults: \$72.00 Children: \$35.00

The LOTS Annual banquet will be held on Saturday, July 15 at the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel. A cash bar will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be a buffet meal featuring Chicken Piccata, beef medallions in mushroom wine sauce, oven roasted potatoes, baby carrots, penne pasta, fresh fruit salad, and assorted desserts. Children's meals will be chicken tenders and French fries.

As with all past LOTS Banquets, door prizes, table favors, and unparalleled camaraderie are also included. **Location: Cascades Ballroom**

Knoxville Airport Model Train Show



July 15, 2023: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel - Grand Ballroom

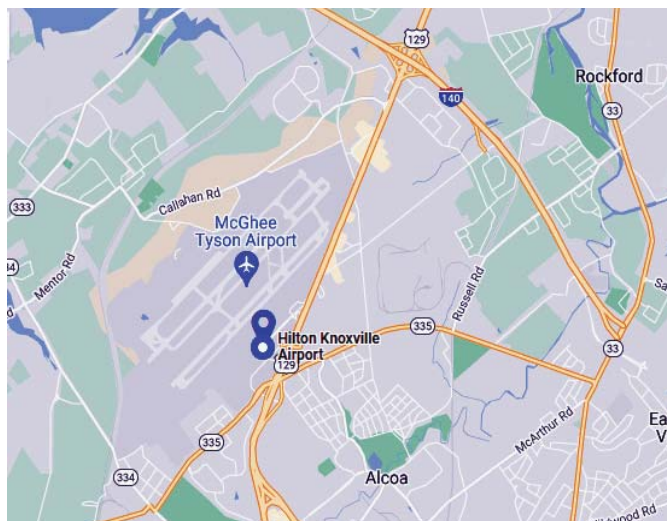
2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, TN 37777

The LOTS Annual Train Show will be held at the **Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel** in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free parking is available in the hotel lot. Once the hotel lot is full, parking is available in the adjoining short term airport lots for a small fee.

Vendor tables (6' x 30") are available at \$25 each. **Register Early!! Tables will be assigned in the order they are received, starting closest to the entrance.** If you want your table next to another Member, please list their name as a special request below. Electrical hook-ups are available for a \$65 fee. No flashing lights, sirens, blowing horns, etc. are allowed. All train items must be clearly marked and priced.

Unloading and set-up will be on Friday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, July 15, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. No trading will be allowed during set-up times. Violators will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to sell at the meet.

Show Times: Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Registered LOTS Members have exclusive access from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.) Several modular train groups will bring their large layouts to fill the hall with wailing whistles and clouds of smoke. **Train drag racing will begin at 10:30 a.m.**



To order tables, send this coupon, along with payment information (checks payable to "LOTS") to the address listed below.

Name _____ LOTS Member #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Arrival Date & Time: ____ Friday at _____ p.m. or ____ Saturday at _____ a.m. **Cargo Trailer:** ____ Yes ____ No

Description of sales items or your special requests: _____

**Deadline to register:
June 10, 2023 -- or when
we are sold out!!**

Table(s) (6' x 30" w/ 1 chair): _____ @ \$ 25 = _____

Electricity: _____ @ \$ 65 = _____

Grand Total Due: _____ \$ _____

Type of Payment: ____ Check **payable to "LOTS"** ____ Money Order ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV: _____

Billing Address: _____

By my signature, I authorize LOTS to charge the total amount due. Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send Form to: Knoxville Airport Model Train Show, c/o LOTS, 6376 W Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247 or FAX to 866-286-6416

If you have any questions, call Geoff - 317-523-4136 or e-mail: lotstrainshow@gmail.com

LOTS 2023 Annual Convention Registration Form

Member Name: _____ Phone # _____ LOTS # _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Via: Car Air Train
 Names of those attending the Convention: _____

We are willing to Volunteer at the Convention. Names of helpers: _____, _____, _____

Registration Fee: One fee covers the member, spouse or companion, all family members under 18 and includes one set of registration commemoratives. Registration Fee <u>must be paid</u> to participate in the Convention.			\$65	
If postmarked/submitted on or Before May 19, 2023				
If postmarked/submitted After May 19, 2023			\$90	
Guest/Extended Family or Friends (over 18 years of age) Registration Fee (each):			\$10	
Monday, July 10 - Tour #1: Smoky Mountain Heritage Center, Little River Railroad, The Abbey, and Tuckaleechee Caverns	Adult		\$92	
	Child		\$65	
→ Tour #1 Lunch Selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Pork BBQ <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad Croissant <input type="checkbox"/> Soup and Salad				
Tuesday, July 11 - Tour #2: Tennessee Riverboat Cruise, The Foundry on the Fair Site, World's Fair Park, Sunspere, L&N and Southern Passenger Stations	Adult		\$95	
→ Tour #2 Lunch Selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Stroganoff <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Greens w/ Five Grain Blend	Child		\$65	
Wednesday, July 12 - Tour #3: Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's Hiwassee River Rail Excursion	Adult		\$105	
	Child		\$75	
Thursday, July 13 - Tour #4: Brushy Mountain Prison and Distillery, Manhattan Project Museums, and Knoxville Model Railroaders	Adult		\$110	
	Child		\$70	
→ Tour #4 Lunch Selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Pulled Pork BBQ <input type="checkbox"/> Pulled Turkey BBQ <input type="checkbox"/> Black Bean Burger				
Friday, July 14 - Tour #5: Chandler Farms Steam Train, and the Crofut & Iron Creek Railroad	Adult		\$72	
	Child		\$50	
→ Tour #5 Lunch Selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian				
Friday, July 14 - Get Acquainted Party & LOTS Annual Toy Train Auction Preview	Adult		\$39	
	Child		\$25	
Saturday, July 15 - Tour #6: Home Layout Tour	All		\$40	
Saturday, July 15: LOTS Annual Banquet (Buffet Style Meal)	Adult		\$72	
	Child		\$35	
Embroidered Golf Shirt - short sleeve, navy blue color with LOTS 2023 Convention Logo				
Without Pocket: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL			\$35	
With Pocket: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL			\$39	
Shipping for Shirts if you <u>ARE NOT</u> attending the Convention. 1 shirt \$12 and 2 shirts \$18				
Hard Plastic LOTS Membership Badge: <input type="checkbox"/> Magnetic or <input type="checkbox"/> Pin Fastener			\$20	
→ RM - _____ Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____				
Convention Bar/Dangle for Membership Badge: "Knoxville, TN '23"			\$5	
			Total Due:	

- Tours are not handicap-accessible.
- All tours are subject to change based upon demand and facility availability. **No personal vehicles are allowed to follow the buses - NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Child: ages 2 - 12 years old. Children under 2 are free. Children under 2 must sit on an adult's lap during travel time and lunch is not available.
- **Do you need to cancel?** All refunds must be requested in writing to LOTS. No refunds will be given for registrations cancelled after June 10, 2023.

Type of Payment: ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Money Order ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover
 Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Sec Code: _____
 Signature: _____ Billing Address: _____

By my signature, I authorize LOTS to charge my credit card account for the amount indicated above. If check or money order: Payable to "LOTS" - US Dollars Only!

Mail or FAX Registration Form to: LOTS 2023 Convention, 6376 W Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247-5704
FAX: 866-286-6416 **Register online at: www.lots-trains.org**

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6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Member Registration – Chilhowee

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm **Knoxville Airport Train Show Dealer Setup** – Grand Ballroom (No Selling!)

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm **Annual Business Meeting and 2023 Convention Preview** – Cascades Ballroom

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm **Get Acquainted Party & LOTS Annual Toy Train Auction Preview** – Cascades Ballroom

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **LOTS Annual Toy Train Auction** – Cascades Ballroom

Saturday, July 15

7:00 am - 9:00 am **Knoxville Airport Train Show Dealer Setup** – Grand Ballroom (No Selling!)

9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Knoxville Airport Model Train Show** – Grand Ballroom

10:30 am **LOTS Annual Train Drag Race** – Grand Ballroom

1:00 pm - 4:45 pm **Tour #6: Home Layout Tour**

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Cocktails and Cash Bar** – The Cove (Convention Center Entrance Foyer)

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Annual Banquet** – Cascades Ballroom

10:00 pm Convention Closes. See you next year in Lawrence, Kansas!

- Registration will not be open each morning. Please pick up your tickets and registration packet the night before your first tour, or call Paula Smith at 513-598-8240 to make other arrangements.
- All tours depart from the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel Convention Center Entrance.
- Boarding will begin as soon as the bus arrives (usually 15 minutes prior to the tour departure time).
- You must have a ticket to board.
- Front row seats are reserved for tour volunteers. No saving seats for others.
- Buses will leave at the scheduled departure time.
- If you are late you will miss out! No refunds will be issued.
- No personal vehicles are allowed to follow the tour buses. No exceptions.

Note: All Times are EDT (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)