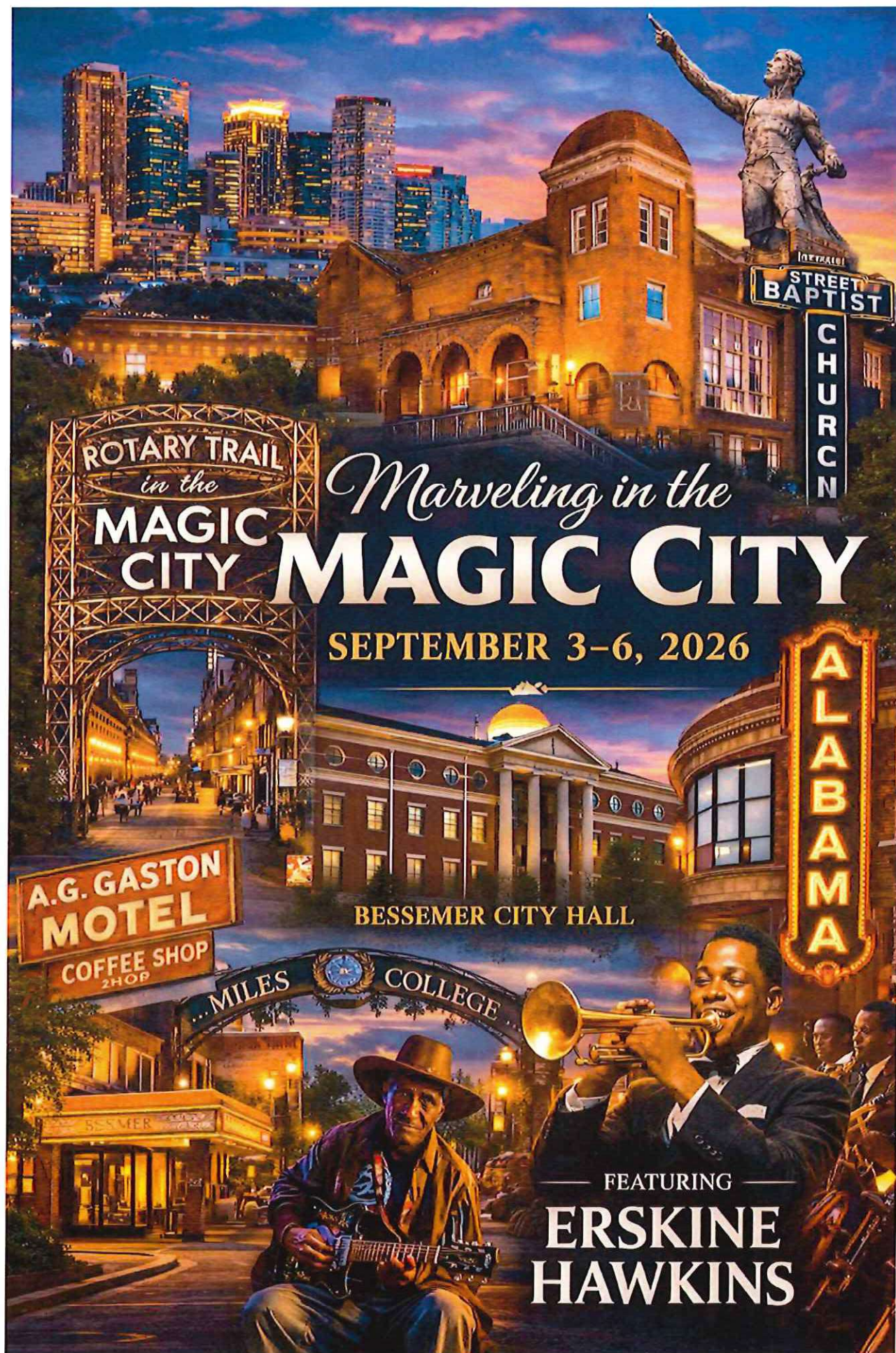




Marveling in the
MAGIC CITY

SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2026

BESSEMER CITY HALL

— FEATURING —
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THE HOLIDAYS, INCORPORATED

Birmingham Chapter

Holiday Katrina Ross McClendon, President

April 7, 2026

Greetings Holidays:

On behalf of the Birmingham Chapter of The Holidays, Incorporated, I am delighted to extend a warm invitation to you to join us in the Birmingham Metropolitan Area, Alabama, for our **55th Annual Concourse of The Holidays, Incorporated**. Our theme this year is **"Marveling in the Magic City."** We sincerely hope that you will attend and depart with a deeper understanding of why this theme perfectly represents our event and the Birmingham Metropolitan Area.

Birmingham Metropolitan Area has played a pivotal role in significant moments throughout American history. Both the city and the state of Alabama are closely linked to the origins and progress of the civil rights movement. The Civil Rights Institute is a museum and research center showcasing the history of the struggle for civil rights in America.

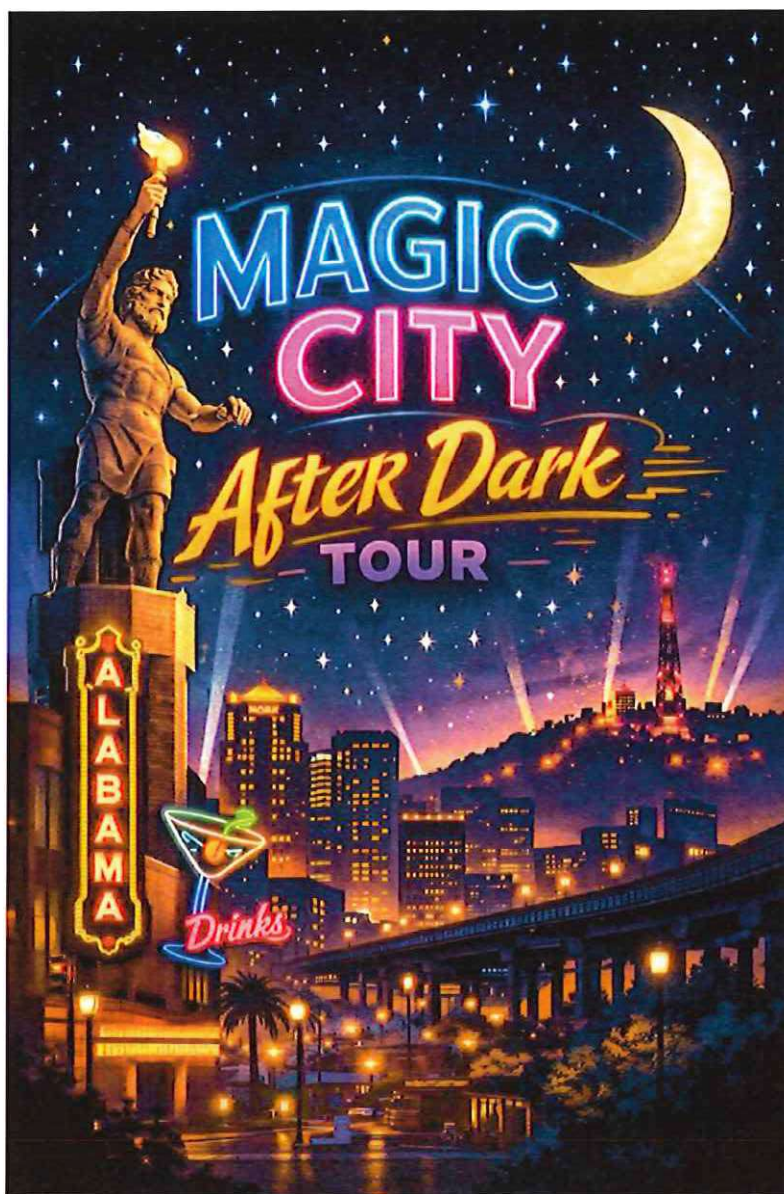
Birmingham's growth as an industrial powerhouse was fueled by its abundant natural resources, including coal, iron, ore, and limestone. The city's steel industry boomed in the 20th century. Vulcan Park and Museum pay homage to Birmingham's roots as an iron and steel town, while the statue of Vulcan watches over the city from atop Red Mountain.

Today, UAB Hospital is Birmingham's largest employer. According to the 2025-2026 U.S. News & World Report Best Hospital rankings, UAB Hospital is the number one hospital in Alabama and the Birmingham metro area.

Birmingham is also home to many notable individuals, including Condoleezza Rice, Willie Mays, Angela Davis, Eddie Kendricks, and Ruben Studdard. Bessemer is the home of Actor Andre Holland (Salem) and Houston Texan head coach, DeMeco Ryans. Legendary singer Eddie Levert hails from Bessemer, Alabama and Diana Ross spent some of her childhood in Bessemer, Alabama. Most notable of all, Bessemer is home to our charter member, Lydia Lewis Alexander.

With Chair, Holiday Denise Blue Poe and Co-chairs, Holidays Agnes Chappell, Margie Curry, Claudia Williams and Dorothy Wilson at the helm, we are dedicated to making this Concourse an unforgettable experience. We invite you to join us in the **Magic City** from **September 3-6, 2026**. Hosting the 55th Concourse fills us with anticipation, and we can't wait to welcome each of you!

Sincerely,
Katrina Ross McClendon
President of Birmingham Chapter



Magic City After Dark Skyline Dinner & Heritage Tour

55th Annual Concourse Signature Experience

DATE: Thursday, September 3, 2026
TIME: 6:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.

An Optional Evening Experience for Early Arrivals

Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening exploring the history and beauty of Birmingham and Bessemer, culminating with **dinner overlooking the Birmingham skyline** at Vulcan Park and Museum. Dinner will feature authentic Alabama barbecue catered by the legendary *Dreamland Bar-B-Que*, accompanied by live music while guests enjoy panoramic views from Red Mountain.

As the sun sets over the vibrant skyline of Birmingham, the city reveals a different kind of magic—one defined by glowing

lights, rich culture, and the unmistakable rhythm of the South.

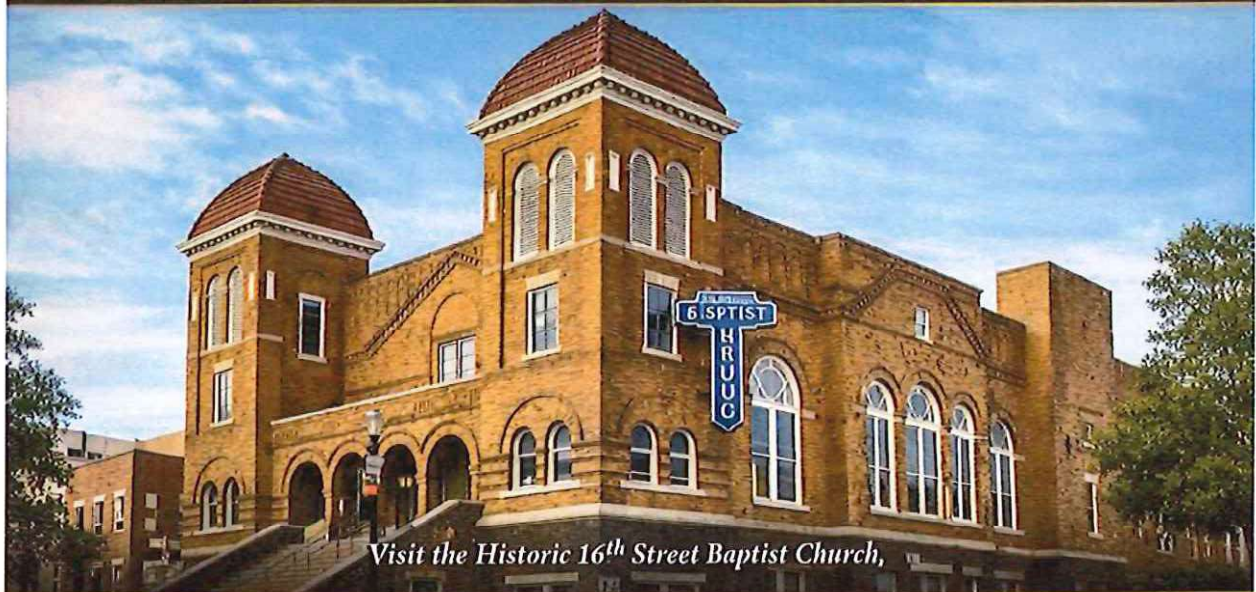
For guests arriving early to the 55th Annual Concourse, **Magic City After Dark** offers an unforgettable introduction to Birmingham, affectionately known as the *Magic City*, and Bessemer, affectionately known as the *Marvel City*. This optional evening gathering invites attendees to unwind, reconnect, and begin the Concourse experience in a relaxed and elegant setting.

Against the backdrop of Birmingham's illuminated skyline and the tranquil waters of the Black Warrior River, guests will enjoy an evening of fellowship, music, and Southern hospitality. The night provides the perfect opportunity to greet fellow members, welcome new attendees, and ease into the weekend celebrations.

Whether sharing laughter with longtime friends or meeting members of the Holidays family for the first time, this evening captures the spirit that makes the Concourse more than a conference—it is a reunion of legacy, fellowship, and purpose. **Magic City After Dark** sets the tone for the days ahead, offering a warm Birmingham welcome and a glimpse of the beauty, history, and hospitality that defines this remarkable city.

A Walk Through History

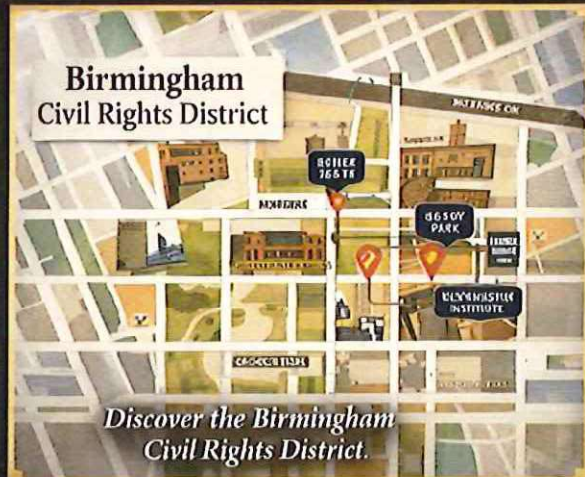
BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS DISTRICT TOUR



Visit the Historic 16th Street Baptist Church,



Explore the Powerful Monuments of
Kelly Ingram Park.



Birmingham
Civil Rights District

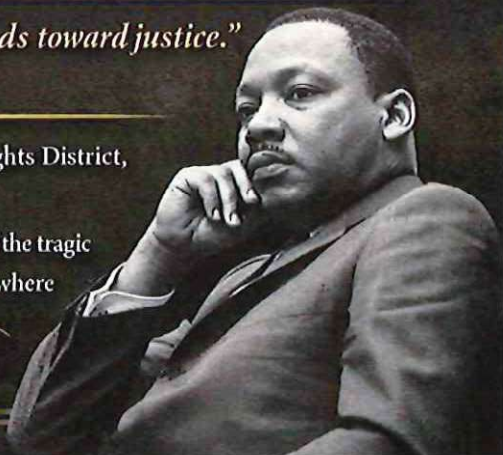
Discover the Birmingham
Civil Rights District.

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Join us for a poignant journey through the Birmingham Civil Rights District, where history was made and the fight for equality found its voice.

Our guided tour will take you to the 16th Street Baptist Church, site of the tragic 1963 bombing that shocked the nation, through Kelly Ingram Park, where demonstrators bravely faced fire hoses and police dogs.





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2026 Schedule-At-A-Glance

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Thursday, September 3, 2026

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Concourse Registration – Mezzanine
6:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Magic City After Dark – Skyline Dinner and Heritage Tour*
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite

Friday, September 4, 2026

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Labor Day Outing - Frank House Golf Course
8:00 AM – NOON	Concourse Registration – Mezzanine
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Vendors Open
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Memorial Service – “Honoring our Days” – [All White Attire]
10:00 AM – NOON	Executive Board Meeting – Riverchase B
12:30 PM – 5:00 PM	“A Walk Through History” –Birmingham’s Civil Rights District Tour *
12:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Leisure Time
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Bridge Basics and Casual Bridge – Riverchase B
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	“Function at the Junction” –Dinner and Dancing [HBCU T-Shirt]
9:00PM – 11:00 PM	Bridge Tournament – Riverchase B
10:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Suite

Saturday, September 5, 2026

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Concourse Registration
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Vendors Open
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Plenary Session
Noon – 3:00 PM	<i>Winning Hands & Crowns of Legacy Endowed Scholarship Luncheon</i> <i>[A Little Black Dress Affair adorned with Pearls of course!]</i>
3:05 PM – 3:30 PM	Concourse Group Picture (All attendees)
3:45 pm – 5:00 PM	Bridge Workshop and Casual Bridge
6:00 PM - 6:59 PM	Cocktail Reception – A Toast to the Birmingham Chapter
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Legacy Awards Banquet and Gala- Celebrating 51 st Chapter Anniversary
10:00 PM – Midnight	Hospitality Suite

Sunday, September 6, 2026

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Concourse Farewell Breakfast
11:15 AM – NOON	Post-Concourse exchange with 2027 Annual Concourse Host Chapter

*Optional Activity – not included in registration fee.



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Attendee Information

- Full Name: _____
- Preferred Name (for badge): _____
- Chapter Name: _____
- Office Held (if applicable): _____
- Years of Membership: _____

Contact Information

- Mailing Address: _____
- _____
- City/State/Zip: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact

- Name: _____
- Relationship: _____
- Phone Number: _____

Registration Category

(Please check one)

- ☐ Officer/Committee Chair/Delegate
- ☐ Member
- ☐ First-Time Attendee
- ☐ Guest (Non-Member)

Event Participation

(Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Magic City After Dark Tour - (Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026) *Optional Activity* - \$100
- ☐ Labor Day Golf Outing - (Friday, Sept. 4, 2026)
- ☐ A Walk-Through History - Civil Rights Tour - (Friday, Sept. 4, 2026) *Optional Activity* - \$75
- ☐ Function at the Junction - (Friday, Sept. 4, 2026) [Wear your HBCU T-shirt]
- ☐ Tournaments / Bridge Play (Friday, Sept. 4, 2026)
- ☐ Casual Bridge Tournament
- ☐ *Winning Hands & Crowns of Legacy Luncheon* (Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026) [A Little Black Dress & Pearls]
- ☐ Legacy Banquet & Gala (Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026)
- ☐ Breakfast (Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026)

Meal Selection (if applicable)

- ☐ Vegetarian
- ☐ Special Dietary Needs (please specify): _____

Hotel Accommodations

Hyatt Regency Birmingham –
The Wynfrey Hotel
1000 Riverchase Galleria
Birmingham, Alabama 35244

TO MAKE RESERVATION:

Make reservations online:

https: : www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/BHMHHR/G-HNNC

Room rate is \$132 + taxes & fees. Hotels
reservations must be made individually.
Book by August 6, 2026.

Hotel Parking Daily Rates:

- Self-Parking is \$19 per day up to 24 hours
- Valet Parking – Overnight - \$25
- Parking in the Galleria Garage is Free

Liability & Consent

I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in the 55th Annual Holidays Concourse and agree to abide by all rules, policies, and guidelines established by The Holidays, Incorporated and the host hotel. I release and hold harmless The Holidays, Incorporated, the Birmingham Chapter, and all sponsors from any liability arising from my participation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITY INFORMATION (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

ACTIVITY	HOLIDAY	LABOR DAY	EVERY DAYS	GUEST(S)
CONCOURSE REGISTRATION BEFORE JULY 15 th (\$350)				
CONCOURSE REGISTRATION AFTER JULY 15 th (\$400)				
MAGIC CITY AFTER DARK - SKYLINE DINNER & HERITAGE TOUR (\$100) Thursday, September 3, 2026 (6:30 pm -10:30 pm)				
LABOR DAYS' GOLF AND LUNCH Friday, September 4, 2026 (7:00 am - 1:00 pm)				
"A WALK-THROUGH HISTORY" (\$75) Tour Birmingham's Civil Rights District Friday, September 4, 2026 (12:30 pm -5:00 pm)				
"FUNCTION-AT-THE -JUNCTION" Friday, September 4, 2026 (6:30 pm -8:30 pm)				
BRIDGE TOURNAMENT Friday, September 4, 2026 (9:00 pm -11:00 pm)				
WINNING HANDS & CROWNS OF LEGACY Endowed Scholarship Luncheon - Saturday, September 5, 2026 (Noon -3:00 pm)				
BRIDGE WORKSHOP and CASUAL BRIDGE Saturday, September 5, 2026 (3:30 pm -5:00 pm)				
LEGACY AWARDS BANQUET AND GALA - Celebrating 51 st Chapter Anniversary Saturday, September 5, 2026 (6:00 pm -11:00 pm)				
FAREWELL BREAKFAST Sunday September 6, 2026 (9:00 am -11:00 pm)				

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please complete & print the forms on pages 5, 6, and 7.

OPTION 1: PAY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER:

Make check or money order payable to: **BIRMINGHAM HOLIDAYS**

Submit via regular mail to: **Holiday Patricia Simpson**
1408 Miami Drive
Birmingham, AL 35214

OPTION 2: PAY USING Zelle® [If you are not registered for Zelle®, YOU MUST DO THAT FIRST.]

PROCEDURES FOR USING ZELLE®:

1. Open your bank's app or website.
2. Log onto the banking website.
3. Find Zelle® (usually under *Payments or Transfers*).
4. Select Send with Zelle®.
5. Enter email address: bhmholidays@gmail.com
6. Enter the dollar amount.
7. Add note or memo: Include your name and chapter.
8. Review, confirm and authorize transfer.
9. You should receive a confirmation code for successful payment!
10. You will receive a confirmation email upon receipt of payment from the Birmingham Holidays.
11. If you experience a problem or have questions, contact Holiday Dorothy Wilson, Registration Chair at bhmholidays@gmail.com