

10 Reasons to attend the NC REALTORS® Convention & Expo:

- 1. Great value for your money!** The registration fee will include *ALL* convention program activities, with the exception of recreational activities and CE! This includes:
 - EDUCATION: 15+ high-quality education sessions, ‘tricks of the trade’ exhibitor sessions, plus keynote speaker to kick off the event
 - FOOD & BEVERAGE: welcoming refreshments on Sunday, Sunday evening opening reception sponsored by CRRRA, continental breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday, lunch and afternoon break on Monday
 - ENTERTAINMENT: a great lineup including a dance party, opening reception by CRRRA, and a cool Sinatra lounge!
- 2. \$10 CE!** Three CE classes will be offered by Bill Gallagher. These courses will be open to the first 250 registered attendees; *there will not be a waitlist*. A separate registration form is required & will be included in convention confirmations.
- 3. Exclusive programming for Early Career REALTORS® and 1st Time Attendees!** Never been to Convention? Join your peers at the welcoming orientation on Sunday, where you’ll have an opportunity to meet the association’s leadership. Been in the business 3 years or less? There are education classes targeted for your needs, such as “Six Great Ways to Build Your Business in 2009”, “Solidify Your Foundation”, and “Working With Investors Effectively”.
- 4. Earn CRB credits:** Attend the two-day CRB course: “Financial Planning and Management” and earn 3 CRB credits. This program is for real estate leaders- brokers, owners, managers, and associates. \$475 if registered by 5pm, September 23rd. Find more details at: <http://www.ncarconvention.org/events.cfm>
- 5. NC Artist to create original painting for event:** William Mangum, affectionately referred to as “North Carolina’s artist” is the state’s best-known watercolor artist and has completed more than 3,000 pieces of original art. Beginning with the 2008 Convention, Mangum will create an original piece of art to celebrate the Convention location for the next three years. Special prints will be created as a keepsake for attendees and Mangum will host a signing event for the prints in the Expo hall on Sunday. Attend the 2008 Convention and receive the first of three special prints created for NC REALTORS®!
- 6. A chance to win the Grand Prize Giveaway!** A \$1000 travel voucher will be given away in the general membership meeting!
- 7. 150 Exhibitors- our largest Expo ever!!** From technology tools and prospecting software to closing gifts and jewelry, the Expo has it all!
- 8. Take a break and have some fun!** Convention offers more than we know.
 - Go whitewater rafting at the US National Whitewater Center.
 - Tour the kitchens at Johnson & Wales University
 - Golf in the tournament at Ballantyne Resort
 - Eat well! *Restaurant News Magazine* voted Charlotte as “Top 50 Cities That Sizzle”
- 9. Convention is in North Carolina this year!** Staying in state allows us to pour our financial support back in to NC. Charlotte is convenient with shorter drive times and less mileage.
- 10. This year’s theme is “Uptown Business...Downtown Cool”** Convention is going to have nightlife you’ll not want to miss! Experience Charlotte’s incredible shopping, hot restaurants, attractions and nightclubs!

Convention Specifics

When: October 5-8, 2008

Where: Charlotte Convention Center and The Westin Charlotte
All meetings and events will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center unless noted. Please see www.ncarconvention.org for schedule information.

How much: **Standard registration: \$200**
REALTOR® Referral- refer a 1st-timer: \$175
1st time attendee: \$150
(All rates reflect registration forms received by Aug. 29, 2008. No registrations will be accepted after Sept. 26.)

Register: **Register online at www.ncarconvention.org**
Guests pay the registration fee and are entitled to participate in all convention events

More Information & to register: Find out more about Convention, including a tentative schedule and online registration, by visiting the Convention website: www.ncarconvention.org.

Hotels: The Westin Charlotte: \$159, plus tax and fees
-Located immediately across the street from the Convention Center.
-Room block rate has a cut off date of September 16th.

How do I secure my hotel room? Once a paid registration is received a confirmation packet will be emailed. Detailed booking instructions will be included.

Please note: The NC Association of REALTORS® hotel block is only available to registered convention attendees. The group block will be monitored to confirm all registered attendees.

Parking: There are several parking lots within the downtown Charlotte area. Please also consider parking remotely and riding the light-rail system to The Westin Charlotte. More detailed information is available at www.ncarconvention.org

As we all make travel plan for this year's Convention, please note there will be a Panthers game the Sunday of Convention, October 5th. The Panthers schedule has an estimated game time of 1pm for the home game of Panthers vs. Kansas City. Please plan accordingly.

\$10 CE: In order to take advantage \$10 CE, you must be a registered convention attendee. The courses will be open to the first 250 registered attendees. A separate registration form is required. Registration forms will be included in your convention confirmation package.

For questions or additional information please call Meeting and Events at 800-443-9956