

FALL REFINING AND EQUIPMENT STANDARDS MEETING



Spouse/Guest Program Activities

November 14-15, 2016 * Hyatt Regency New Orleans * New Orleans, Louisiana

(The Spouse fee is valid only to a spouse or personal friend, not attendees, business associates, or staff colleagues.)

Breakfasts will be provided Monday and Tuesday mornings for registered spouses and guests. In addition to breakfasts, other activities are being planned as follows. Please revisit this site for more details as they become available.

Note: Early registration is required for all of the following activities. If you register on-site, participation in activities will be based on availability at that time. All participants must be 18 years of age or older. Before participation can begin, spouses/guests will be asked to sign a general waiver of liability.

Monday, November 14, 2016 – Plantation Tour and Lunch

South Louisiana is known for its beautiful antebellum architecture, and there are plenty of plantation homes that are within an hour's drive from New Orleans. Get a feel for the Antebellum South as you look out over rows of oak trees to the Mississippi river from the porch of a plantation home. The architecture and beauty of these homes alone is impressive – the stories that go with them are even better. Hear stories about the homes – the famous local families that built and owned them, the people that walked through their halls – the walls can't talk but your tour guide will.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – Mardi Gras World and Lunch

Mardi Gras World (also known as Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World, MGW) is a popular attraction in New Orleans. Guests tour the working warehouse where floats are made for Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans. Mardi Gras World is located on the Mississippi. In 1947, Blaine Kern, Sr. founded Blaine Kern Artists. Kern came from a family of float builders, but began creating floats after 1940, when a surgeon and Krewe captain who had seen a mural by Kern hired him to create floats for the Krewe of Alla. Kern's business expanded from there. Kern, who traveled to Europe to learn float building techniques, has gained an international reputation in float building, with floats beyond New Orleans for Las Vegas, NV, Mobile, AL, Galveston, TX, Montreal, Canada, and the Universal Studios Mardi Gras parade. In 1984, Mardi Gras World was created as a tourist attraction to show visitors a behind-the-scenes look at float building.

API will host a reception on Monday, November 14th, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Your attendance to the reception is included in your program registration fee. **For unregistered spouse/guests, there is a \$25.00 fee. Please stop at the API Registration Desk by 4:00 pm on Monday, November 14th to register a spouse/guest for the reception and have a badge made. PLEASE NOTE THAT ATTENDEES TO THE RECEPTION MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.**

Business casual attire will be appropriate for this event. **Badges are required for all events. Please be sure to WEAR or BRING your badges with you.**