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SoutheastCon 2020 is coming to Raleigh, NC in only SIX SHORT WEEKS! Are you ready??

PLEASE be mindful that early registration ends a week from Friday - February 7, 2020. At that time, Region 3 volunteer (Excom and section representatives) registration jumps from \$325 to \$425. We are having to do this as our caterer is requiring the majority of our food and beverage funds 30 days out with the meal guarantee - and 100% of your registration is for meal costs.

Also keep in mind that Region 3 will ONLY REIMBURSE \$325 - if you are late, the extra fee is out of pocket. But never fear - you still have 11 days to register at

<https://www.xcdsystem.com/SoutheastCon/attendee/index.cfm?ID=aA4jFwd>

And remind your student branches that their registration jumps from \$150 to \$200 on the same date.

ALSO - you need to make your travel plans and register for your hotel room at the Raleigh Marriott City Center at <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1570655899314&key=GRP>

Please follow Director Gostin's guidelines for what nights you will be reimbursed for.

There is no shuttle service to/from RDU airport. We encourage ride sharing when possible. For those driving, there is parking at the hotel, self-serve or valet, which is not included with the room (sorry).

For the program this year, expect a lot of activity! There are exciting competitions for the students including a PI-themed hardware contest, a return of the popular BattleCode software contest, and a Friday Hackathon - as well as Ethics, a brand-new Presentations competition, and a newly organized networking competition. Please consider being a 'networker' while you are at SoutheastCon!

The technical paper program is coming along slowly, due to our early date and a recent past history of late submission to IEEE Xplore we only received 281 paper submissions and we are still in the process of getting final reviews. We will have somewhere between 150-200 papers presented (by estimate).

We will also have some special YP activities that are still being organized.

The MOVE truck will be available for tours on Friday and Sunday. It will not be there on Saturday (see next paragraph). Note that there is Red Cross DST training on Thursday and MOVE training on Friday. Extra travel for these is not reimbursed by R3 but is a great thing to get involved with. See the MOVE report for training details.

And for companions, we will be in the middle of a wild weekend in Raleigh. Saturday will be

a St Patrick's Day parade that ends right in front of the convention center and there will be a boat show happening in the lower exhibit level of the center. I do ask that our Region 3 excom and committee NOT be parading or boat shopping during region meetings...

Financially, we are facing a challenge to be a break-even conference this year. Contract issues and low paper participation as well as low sponsorship have affected us but we are working to make this a '**good time had by all!**' Come see us in Raleigh March 13-15!

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