

Welcome to Gainesville and the 2006 National Conference on Child Health Psychology

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to the Tenth National Conference on Child Health Psychology. We hope you will find the conference to be an informative one and your stay in Gainesville enjoyable. To increase the likelihood of both there are several aspects of the conference that are worthy of note.

First, on Thursday and Friday, paper sessions will begin at 8:30 A.M. (9:00 on Saturday). Each morning's paper session will be preceded by an informal discussion hour (from 7:30 -8:30). This year's discussion hour topics include Board Certification in Clinical Child and Pediatric Psychology, Career Paths in Pediatric Psychology, and Issues of Cultural Diversity in Pediatric Psychology Research. To enhance your ability to concentrate at this early hour, a continental breakfast will be available for those attending discussion hours as well as for others prior to the beginning of the morning paper sessions. In addition, a complementary lunch will be provided for all registrants during the conference poster sessions, which are scheduled during the noon hours on Thursday (April 20) and Friday (April 21).

To complement the more content oriented aspects of the conference, as in past years, we have scheduled several social activities, which we hope will add to your enjoyment and facilitate interaction among participants. These include a pre-conference reception (accompanied by a Poster Session and Registration) on Wednesday April 19th (7:00 – 10:00 PM) at the University of Florida Hilton and Conference Center (Convention Hotel). There will also be a Reception at the Florida Museum of Natural History and the UF Butterfly Rainforest on Thursday evening (April 20) from 6:00 until 9:00 PM as well as our "Experience Rural Florida" social at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs Florida on Friday afternoon (April 21) after the end of the afternoon paper session. Transportation will be provided by bus to and from High Springs, with the first busses leaving from the Hilton at approximately 4:30. Note that there will only be about a half-hour break between the ending of the afternoon session and the time the busses leave, so dress casual for the Friday paper sessions. Also, note that one of the busses will be designated to deliver those staying at hotels other than the Hilton to their hotels after the social, if they desire.

For those wishing to obtain psychology continuing education credit for attendance at each of the five paper sessions and the Frontiers in Pediatric Psychology address, a continuing education table has been set up for your convenience. To receive CE credit for a particular session, it will be necessary to sign an attendance sheet for that session and pick up a session evaluation form as you enter. Immediately following the session, return the completed evaluation to the CE table to obtain a CE certificate for that session.

Again, we hope each of you will find the conference and your stay in Gainesville to be informative and enjoyable. If, during the conference, you have any additional questions that are not answered here or in the program simply ask any member of the Conference Program Committee. These individuals can be identified by the small alligator (this is Florida you know!) attached to their conference name tags.

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