

COMPLETE AND RETURN
THE FOLLOWING TO MAKE
YOUR RESERVATION.
PLEASE MAIL NO LATER
THAN SEPTEMBER 1!

YES, I plan to attend the "Gather at the
River" Retreat and Get-Away in Alton
over the Sept. 18-19 weekend.

Name_____

Congregation_____

Conference_____

Will be attending:

1. All day Saturday and Sunday morning,

including Saturday meals_____

2. Saturday only, including meals_____

3. Saturday programs and lunch only,

Not attending Sat. dinner _____

(If you are making a reservation for more
participants than yourself, please write
their information on a separate piece of
paper if you do not have extra copies of
this brochure and enclose it with this
return form and payment for all.)

Information for making room
reservations on back of this brochure.
There are other lodging options in Alton,
as listed in the Alton Visitor's Guide, or at
www.visitalton.com

Registration Cost:

Complete (includes all
programming, Saturday lunch and
dinner): \$35

Program and Sat. lunch only: \$25

Make checks payable to C/SIS
Women of the ELCA.

SEND REGISTRATIONS NO
LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1!!

Send to: Cindi Eidson

PO Box 711, Jonesboro, IL 62952

(contact: 618-697-0446

eidson1960@msn.com)

Group rate at Comfort Inn,
Alton. \$89 + tax per night, double
occupancy

Sept. 17 and/or 18

618-465-9999

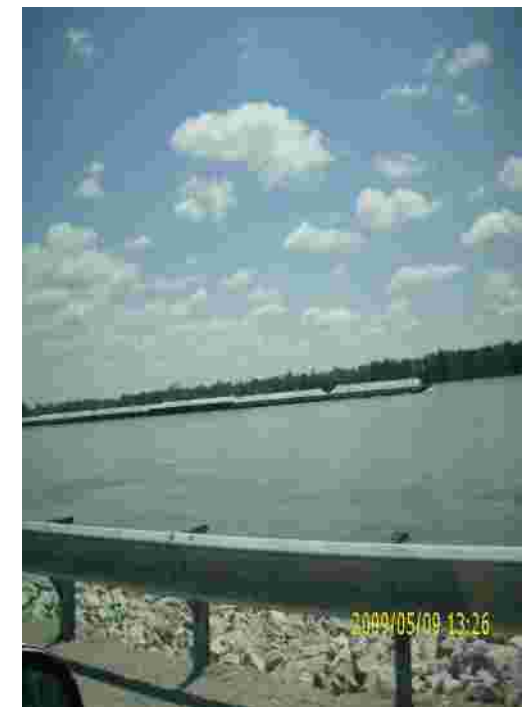
Specify "Women of the ELCA"

Group rate cannot be guaranteed
after Aug. 17, so reserve early!!

"GATHER AT
THE RIVER"

C/SIS LATE SUMMER
RETREAT AND GET-AWAY

Alton, Illinois
Sept 18-19, 2010



SPEND A WEEKEND
RELAXING, LEARNING
AND REFLECTING!

Enjoy the beauty of the Mississippi River walking on its banks, driving along the bluffs of River Road.

Learn about the workings of the river---barges, locks and dams, conservation and ecology.

Appreciate the nature and wildlife along the river, including various waterfowl and predators such as the bald eagle.

Reflect on the wonders and complexity, strength and fragility of God's creation of which we are stewards.

Worship on the banks of the river.

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Saturday 9:00-9:30.
registration, coffee and doughnuts, National Great Rivers Museum, Alton

9:30-10:30 Welcome, opening meeting, program and devotion.

10:30-noon, touring the museum (lock and dam tour, film, exhibits)

Noon-1 p.m. Picnic lunch

1-3 p.m. Touring Riverland Migratory Bird Sanctuary, riverfront area near Alton.

3-5:30. FREE TIME! Rest up, walk a bike trail, explore local antique shops, drive along River Road to Grafton.

5:30 Return to museum

6:00 Catered Italian dinner

7:00 Program presented by Treehouse Wildlife Shelter

Outdoor Sunday Worship!
10 a.m.

In the pavilion adjacent to the Great Rivers Museum

Following worship, the planned programming concludes, but participants are invited to spend the afternoon exploring other local sites, or enjoying lunch in a local restaurant in Alton or along the river in Grafton.

The enclosed Alton Visitors' Guide is full of ideas for making the most of your time in Alton before heading home.

If you're planning to arrive early on Friday, you may want to spend some of your time checking out the many historical sites in and around Alton or walking along the docks of the Alton Marina.