

## **Lions Offer A Full Slate of Activities at State Convention**

Lions will find a lot to do at the State Convention, set for April 19-22 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. It will begin with a Council of Governors meeting on Thursday evening, followed by a busy day on Friday. Incoming District officers will have training sessions in the morning, while other Lions will be playing in a Golf Tournament, beginning at 8:00. Golfers will play in a two-person scramble, with fun as the major goal. You don't have to be named Tiger for this tournament.

An unforgettable guided tour for Lions of the historic Missouri State Penitentiary has been scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00. Older than Alcatraz, it was built in 1836, and closed in 2004. You will visit the oldest housing unit (1868), hear tales about inmates, and tour the underground, dungeon cells. Then on to the gas chamber and other areas of the prison.

We'll have a short opening convention session of the convention Friday evening, followed by a hospitality evening. Each of the seven districts will host a hospitality booth, all in one large room, offering food and beverages, setting the stage for a great social event. We'll have music and fun.

Saturday will begin with a convention session, where we will be inspired and informed, followed by sessions of training and informing about aspects of Lionism. We'll gather together for a Lion's Luncheon, and delegates will vote on issues before the Convention. The Host Committee is working on additional activities for the afternoon. Opportunity for a social period will be available for all delegates, and Past District Governors also will hold a social meeting. A banquet honoring our District Governors will follow.

Sunday will feature a worship service and necrology, recognizing those Lions we have lost during the year, followed by a short closing session of the Convention.

Throughout the weekend, the Convention Committee will operate a store, offering shirts, hats, etc., Missouri Lions Pin Traders will have a room where you can see their displays of Lions pins, and display tables in the lobby will offer information on Lions-related activities, such as the Eye Research Foundation.

This Convention offers a great opportunity for Lions to have a great time, learn about Lionism, and head home with new inspiration. Registration forms are available from district convention chairs, on the internet at [Missourilions.com](http://Missourilions.com), the Lions State office or from [thebonnots@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebonnots@embarqmail.com).