

**PNTS ENews – “National Scenic Trails Workshop Upcoming”  
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**Save the Date!**

**National Scenic Trails Workshop  
October 19-22, 2010  
Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center, Reisterstown, MD**

Plan to join fellow National Scenic Trail organization staff, volunteers, and Federal agency partners for an engaging participatory workshop in mid-October.

The workshop will be **round-table format** to allow opportunities for participants to share experiences and knowledge, and to ask questions and learn about selected topics. The focus will be on an exchange of information, as opposed to more formal presentations. The basic workshop format will consist of **discussion times for selected topics** for an allotted amount of time.

This workshop will be **highly interactive and participatory**; as a result, **registration will be capped** to allow for maximum participation from those attending. More details on the attendance guidelines to come.

Information sharing from organizations and individuals is crucial to this workshop's success. To ensure maximum participation from all the National Scenic Trails organizations, travel scholarships are being offered through funding provided by our Federal agency partners. At least **Twenty-five (25) \$200 scholarships will be available** to the trail organizations to help cover the travel costs of their participants. There will be a call to the organizations for applications in June with scholarships to be announced in August. Scholarships will be fulfilled on a reimbursement basis after the workshop. Workshop participants will need to pay for their lodging and meals at the Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center.

For scheduling your travel for the workshop, **plan to arrive at BWI airport before 4 pm on Tuesday, October 19th and to depart from BWI after 3 pm on Friday, October 22.**

**Special Note:** The **US Forest Service** is sponsoring a **one-day training on October 19th**, prior to the workshop, entitled "**Leading Effective Meetings.**" Each scenic trail partner organization will be asked to nominate up to three attendees, who are attending the workshop, to attend this special training. The subsequent NST workshop will provide "hands-on" opportunities for training attendees to practice the skills learned by observing and practicing leading meetings. For scheduling your travel, prospective attendees need to plan to arrive at BWI airport **before 4 pm on Monday, October 18th**. This training will be paid for by the USFS; participants will need to pay for their lodging. More details on this training to come.

**It promises to be a great week so mark your calendars and plan to see us there!**

Watch for more information and details about the workshop topics and schedule in the next several months.