



James - Younger Gang Journal

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James-Younger Gang Conference, Sept. 29-30-OCT. 1, 2005: Archer House, Northfield, MN.

Jack Koblas has planned a very **busy and interesting** itinerary for our week-end at Northfield Minnesota - Sept. 29 Oct. 1. He's been working closely with (NHS) Northfield Historical Society, who is pleased that we are coming, and have agreed to host much of the meeting Jack has detailed a tentative itinerary for the events, but since it is admittedly tentative - we'll save the hour-by-hour break-down till the next issue of the Journal.

There is so much going on that we will begin a little earlier than in the past. Let's arrive at the Archer House at 10:00 am on Thursday Sept. 29, then we'll check-in, do registration, and then meet with other members.

We'll hear James-Younger Poetry and some Wandering Minstrels: Lonesome Ron & Carol Gappa. Thursday evening there will be a Cocktail Reception and light buffet held at Archer House and the silent auction will begin.

On Friday evening there are plans for a "Meet your neighbors Steak Fry" on Division Street - again provided by - NHS, and a "Street Dance" featuring the Cole Younger Band. There will be a Showmobile stage with other musical talent,, and (potentially) a 'beer tent' arranged by NHS.

We'll be taking bus tours that include Stillwater, Prison, Washington Co. Historical Society, Arnie Lillo's Jesse James Theme Park, Amond's Apple orchard, and St. Olaf Grand Hall. We'll have a guided tour of the museum and bank on Downtown Division St., (arranged/hosted by NHS)

Shopping and sightseeing will be encouraged with Northfield retailer coupon sheets (being arranged by NHS) and a walking tour of Downtown and Division St. Led by Chip DeMann.

We'll be witness to a live Northfield Bank Raid re-enactment and at another time the Centralia Massacre staged by Cowboy Honor.

Vendors will be with us all three days.

Throughout the weekend we will hear from speakers: Mark Fagerwick, Executive Director, NHS, "Younger's in Stillwater Prison" by Donna Rose & Jack Koblas. "Faithful Unto Death" Del Begalka will speak on his great-grandfather Col. Vought, 'A Younger Captor.' Robert Barr Smith - "The Last Hurrah of the James-Younger Gang," Ted Yeatman - "Frank and Jesse James - The Story Behind The Legend" Dr. Cathy Jackson 'How Newspapers Promoted the Legend.'

On Saturday night at the Awards banquet, we will have our business meeting - elect new officers - the silent auction will come to an end - and there will be a 'live auction' & SURPRISES!!!!

Reserve a room for Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 at the Archer House. Do it now!

Call General Manager, Lori Hatfield at 507-645-5661. The Archer House has set aside 36 rooms, to be available for our use. They are discounted 25%. The sooner you call, the better the availability of a nicer or less expensive room. But to take advantage of this offer we must book them soon!

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