



# Huntsville, AL

## FBA Annual Meeting and Convention

### September 18-20, 2008

Huntsville, the site of the 2008 FBA Annual Meeting and Convention, has something to offer everyone, from shopping and dining to historical and educational venues. The Federal Bar Association highlights two of Huntsville's greatest attractions with receptions at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. This section will focus on the 2008 home for the FBA's networking receptions, annual business meetings, and continuing legal education (CLE) programs. See you in Rocket City!

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# 2008 Schedule at-a-Glance

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## Wednesday, September 17

3-5 p.m. . . . . Registration Desk Open

## Thursday, September 18

7 a.m.-5 p.m. . . . . Registration Desk Open

8 a.m.-5 p.m. . . . . Exhibits Open

8:30-9:45 a.m. . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Opening Plenary—The Long Journey of a Country Lawyer: 1949-2008*

8:45 a.m.-noon . . . . . **Government Acquisition Track:** *Procurement Forecast for Missile Defense Agencies; Legal Issues Concerning Space Travel to the Moon and Mars; Buy America Trade Agreement and The Berry Amendment*

9:45-10:45 a.m. . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Professionalism and Bench/Bar Relations*

10:45-11 a.m. . . . . Break

11 a.m.-noon . . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Class Action Litigation and Recent Developments in Federal Contracting Litigation*

12:15-1:45 p.m. . . . . *Foundation of the FBA Fellows Luncheon*

2-4 p.m. . . . . *Foundation of the FBA Board Meeting*

2-5:30 p.m. . . . . **Government Acquisition Track:** *Overview of the NASA Acquisition Integrity Program; What's New in Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Understanding Contingent Worker Issues*

2-3 p.m. . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Everything Old is New Again: A Brief Analysis of Trends in Wage-Hour Law and Restrictive Covenants*

3-3:15 p.m. . . . . Break

3:15-4:15 p.m. . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Appellate Practice in the Electronic Age*

4:30-5:30 p.m. . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Civil False Claims Act (FCA)*

6:30-10:30 p.m. . . . . *Reception and Casino Night at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens*

## Friday, September 19

7 a.m.-5 p.m. . . . . Registration Desk Open

8 a.m.-5 p.m. . . . . Exhibits Open

8-11:45 a.m. . . . . **Government Acquisition Track:** *An Overview of Congressional Earmarks New FAR Requirement to Establish Ethics and Compliance Program for Contractor Companies; Patents and Copyrights Panel*

8:30-10 a.m. . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Civil Rights and the Supreme Court*

10-10:15 a.m. . . . . Break

10:15-11:45 a.m. . . . . **Civil/Criminal Track:** *Current Trends in Prison Conditions, Indigent Defense, and Criminal Justice Policy; Bankruptcy—Recent Developments in Commercial Cases*

Noon-2 p.m. . . . . *Younger Federal Lawyers Awards Luncheon*

2-5 p.m. . . . . **Government Acquisition Track:** *Procurement Fraud Prosecution Update; Legal Issues that Arise in Foreign Military Sales; The Impact of Small Business Size Protests on the Federal Procurement Process*

2-4 p.m. . . . . *Vice Presidents of the Circuits Training*

2-4:30 p.m. . . . . *Younger Lawyers Division Board Meeting*

6-9 p.m. . . . . *Reception at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center*

## Saturday, September 20

7 a.m.-5 p.m. . . . . Registration Desk Open

8:30-9:15 a.m. . . . . *Vice Presidents of the Circuits Meeting*

8:30-11 a.m. . . . . *Sections and Divisions Meeting*

9:30-11 a.m. . . . . *Chapter Education Program Presented by the Vice Presidents of the Circuits*

11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. . . . . *FBA Awards Luncheon*

2-5 p.m. . . . . *National Council Meeting*

6:30-10:30 p.m. . . . . *Reception and Presidential Installation Banquet*

10:30 p.m. . . . . *Post-Banquet Entertainment*

# In and About Huntsville: A Top Adventure Town

By **Richard J.R. Raleigh Jr. and Lisa Davis Young**

## **Huntsville's reputation as a "top adventure town" was bolstered by one of the nation's leading adventure and travel magazines.**

Last September, *National Geographic Adventure* selected Huntsville as its Alabama representative for "50 Best Places to Live and Play." The magazine had spent several months tracking and comparing data to determine the cities in each state it considered to be the most ideal place to reside for adventurous living.

The magazine, which listed Huntsville's population as 166,313 with a median home price of \$97,300, said of Huntsville: "High tech with a southern twang, Huntsville is a major base for NASA and the U.S. Army. Pedal 11 miles of single track in Wade Mountain Preserve or trek to the top of 1,100-foot Devil's Race Track for views into Tennessee." In choosing Huntsville as a top adventure town, the editors of the magazine looked at whether Huntsville offers a certain mix of terrain, activities, and opportunities. "We were looking for places where residents could live the adventure dream daily," said Ethan Fried of the National Geographic Society.

Huntsville does offer a great variety of opportunities for adventure. The Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama has preserved more than 3,400 acres of open space in Madison County; these include more than 600 acres on Monte Sano Mountain. The Wade Mountain Preserve offers nearly 800 acres of hiking and mountain biking paths and trails for horseback riding. Huntsville residents enjoy more than 18 miles of existing greenways and trails for recreation.

One thing can be said for Huntsville's recent rating as a "best place to live and play." According to Fried, the rating indicates that "Huntsville is not your run-of-the-mill-town. It's some place you can go and live, not just to go to work each day, but to have adventure right outside your back door."<sup>1</sup>

## **Getting Around**

Different areas of Huntsville offer a variety of exciting opportunities. The downtown area is the heart of Huntsville, where most of the businesses and city government buildings are located. Downtown, you will also find the Von Braun Center; the Huntsville Museum of Art; the EarlyWorks Children's Museum; Alabama Constitution Village (the site of the ratification of the Alabama state constitution in 1819), where you can find buildings dating back to 1810; and the Embassy Suites. Restaurants in the downtown area are varied and include The Chophouse, The Jazz Factory, 801 Franklin, Ruth's Chris, and Thai Garden.

The South Huntsville area offers several options for shopping, including the Parkway Place Mall, Target, Barnes & Noble, and other stores. Restaurants in this area include Surin

Thailand, Luciano's, Café Berlin, Chef's Table, Mezza Luna, and I Love Sushi. Hampton Cove, which is minutes away from downtown Huntsville, is home to the Hampton Cove golf course and facilities, part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Bridge Street Town Centre, an exciting recent addition to Huntsville, is a collection of fine dining and upscale outdoor shopping, combined with a Monaco theater and a Westin hotel and spa. The restaurants at Bridge Street include Dolce, Cantina Laredo, P.F. Chang's, Connor's Steak and Seafood, Ketchup, and Red Robin. Shopping experiences include such shops as Anthropologie, Bebe, Kate Spade, Ulta, Juicy Couture, DSW Shoes, Barnes & Noble, and (for those looking for the new iPhone 3G) an Apple Store.

## **A Bit of History**

Five districts in the Huntsville area are listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Twickenham, Old Town, New Market, Gurley, and Alabama A&M University. The first two districts are right downtown and within walking distance of hotels and restaurants in the downtown area. With homes and buildings dating back to the mid-1800s, Twickenham and Old Town are well-preserved parts of our American history; a walk or drive through these neighborhoods would be well worth your time. For more information, stop by Harrison Brothers Hardware on the Courthouse Square. Harrison Brothers is managed by the Historic Huntsville Foundation ([www.historichuntsville.org](http://www.historichuntsville.org)) and is the perfect place to pick up a souvenir or two. For more information, go to [www.harrisonbrothershardware.com](http://www.harrisonbrothershardware.com).

## **Dining**

We all have different tastes, but thankfully, Huntsville offers something to satisfy every palate, whether you want to grab a quick meal while shopping or sightseeing or want to enjoy a quiet dinner for two. Every part of Huntsville boasts an array of establishments specializing in cuisine, ranging from steak and seafood (The Chophouse, 801 Franklin, Connor's, Jazz Factory) to barbecue (Gibson's, Dreamland), Mexican (Rosie's Taqueria, Cantina Laredo), German (Café Berlin), Italian (Dolce, Luciano's), and Pan-Asian cuisine (Thai Garden, Surin of Thailand, P.F. Chang's). Just ask the locals; they will share their favorite mealtime getaways and will probably tell you what to order, too. The people of Huntsville are proud of their restaurants.

801 Franklin, (256) 519-8019, [www.801franklin.net](http://www.801franklin.net)

Café Berlin, (256) 880-9920

Cantina Laredo, (256) 327-8580, [www.cantinalaredo.com](http://www.cantinalaredo.com)

Chef's Table, (256) 880-7333, [chefstablehuntsville.com](http://chefstablehuntsville.com)

The Chophouse, (256) 704-5555, [www.washingtonsq.com](http://www.washingtonsq.com)

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Connor's Steak & Seafood, (256) 327-8425,  
[www.thechophouse.com](http://www.thechophouse.com)

Dolce, (256) 327-8385, [www.dolcegroup.com](http://www.dolcegroup.com)  
Dreamland, (256) 539-7427, [www.dreamlandbbq.com](http://www.dreamlandbbq.com)  
Gibson's Bar-B-Q, (256) 881-4851, [www.gibsonshsv.com](http://www.gibsonshsv.com)  
I Love Sushi, (256) 885-1818, [ilovesushihuntsville.com](http://ilovesushihuntsville.com)  
The Jazz Factory, (256) 539-1919, [www.thejazzfactory.com](http://www.thejazzfactory.com)  
Ketchup, (256) 327-8390, [www.dolcegroup.com](http://www.dolcegroup.com)  
Luciano, (256) 885-0505, [www.lucianohsv.com](http://www.lucianohsv.com)  
Mezza Luna, (256) 650-2514, [mezzalunahuntsville.com](http://mezzalunahuntsville.com)  
P.F. Chang's, (256) 327-8320, [www.pfchangs.com](http://www.pfchangs.com)  
Red Robin, (256) 327-8530, [www.redrobin.com](http://www.redrobin.com)  
Rosie's Mexican Cantina, (256) 922-1001  
Ruth's Chris, (256) 539-3930, [www.ruthschris.com](http://www.ruthschris.com)  
Surin of Thailand, (256) 213-9866, [www.surinofthailand.com](http://www.surinofthailand.com)  
Thai Garden, (256) 534-0122

### Shopping

Whether you want to buy clothing, jewelry, art, or sports memorabilia, Huntsville has a place to find it. Huntsville's major shopping centers—Bridge Street Town Centre, Madison Square Mall, and Parkway Place—include national chain stores as well as local boutiques. The historic downtown and Five Points areas also offer a variety of shopping experiences and are wonderful areas where visitors can wander around the streets and drop into the stores.

- Bridge Street Town Centre, [bridgestreethuntsville.com](http://bridgestreethuntsville.com)
- Madison Square Mall, [madisonsquaremall.com](http://madisonsquaremall.com)
- Parkway Place, [www.parkwayplacemall.com](http://www.parkwayplacemall.com)

### Other Points of Interest

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Hampton Cove  
(256) 551-1818, [www.rtgolf.com](http://www.rtgolf.com)  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
(256) 535-4350, [www.hsvmuseum.org](http://www.hsvmuseum.org)  
Alabama Constitution Village  
(256) 564-8100, [www.earlyworks.com](http://www.earlyworks.com)  
EarlyWorks Museum Complex  
(256) 564-8100, [www.earlyworks.com](http://www.earlyworks.com)  
Von Braun Center  
(256) 533-1953, [www.vonbrauncenter.com](http://www.vonbrauncenter.com)

For more information on events, shopping, restaurants, weather, and much more in and around Huntsville, please visit [www.huntsville.org](http://www.huntsville.org) or [www.ci.huntsville.al.us](http://www.ci.huntsville.al.us). **TFL**

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### Endnotes

<sup>1</sup>Dan Koeppel, *The 50 Best Places to Live and Play*, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVENTURE (Sept. 2007); and HUNTSVILLE TIMES (June 29, 2008).

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