

## VENUE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

I reserved 30 rooms for Wednesday and Thursday nights at the lovely [Tanque Verde Ranch](#), located on the east side of Tucson, AZ. The ranch offers exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities as well as a relaxed atmosphere. The all-inclusive room rates are:

- Wednesday, February 24, 2010 - \$200 plus 18% service charge and 8.1% state tax (or \$252.20)
- Thursday, February 25, 2010 - \$200 plus 18% service charge and 8.1% state tax (or \$252.20)

If you come early or stay an extra day (and we certainly encourage you to do so!), the room rate will be \$225 plus 18% service charge and 8.1% state tax (or \$283.73).

### **Important notes about the rate:**

- 1) Ranch registration is by fax only. The registration form is [here](#), and the Ranch's fax number is 520-721-9426. Note that when you reserve your room, a one night room rate deposit of \$252.20 is required. Rooms in our block not reserved by January 24, 2010 will be released to the general public, so please make your reservations before then. If you cancel your visit within 30 days of the meetings, you will forfeit your deposit if the Ranch cannot find another party to fill your room.
- 2) The all-inclusive room entitles you to three delicious meals per day. So if you arrive late Wednesday afternoon and depart late Friday afternoon (as I expect most of you will), you can enjoy dinner at the Ranch Wednesday night, three meals Thursday, and breakfast and lunch Friday. To simplify reimbursement, the ranch will decompose your all-inclusive room rate into room and food components.
- 3) On the meeting days, the all-inclusive rate does not include all ranch activities. In particular, horseback riding and the breakfast ride are not included. If you stay Tuesday or Friday night, you will pay a slightly higher room rate (\$283.73 versus \$252.20) that entitles you to all ranch activities.
- 4) The rate assumes single occupancy. If you bring your spouse, friend, or child older than three, you will be charged an additional \$225 plus service charge and state tax (\$283.73). Your guest will be able to enjoy all ranch activities during the meetings.
- 5) The costs of our meeting room and coffee breaks are embedded in the all-inclusive room rates. At past W2133 meetings, these expenses were covered separately through registration fees. This alternative accounting is problematic because it inflates our room and food bills that are typically subject to stingy per diem restrictions (they certainly are at NC State). I have discussed this issue with the Ranch, and we agreed to use some of our registration fees (probably \$50 per day) to "subsidize" each attendee's all-inclusive rate. To avoid confusion, the subsidy will not show up on your final bill.
- 6) The Ranch provides ground transportation to and from Tucson International Airport at a one-way charge of \$35. You can schedule this shuttle service when you reserve your room. If you are flying into Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, you will have to rent a car or arrange ground transportation through the [Tucson Phoenix Express](#). It's about a two-hour drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor to the Ranch.