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Kentucky Apprenticeship Conference Returns to General Butler State Park Sept. 30–Oct. 2

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 24, 2015) – The Kentucky Apprenticeship Conference will be held at General Butler State Park in Carrollton Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Leaders from business, education, government and labor backgrounds will attend the conference, which the Kentucky Labor Cabinet sponsors.

“Apprenticeship is a powerful tool for improving lives,” said Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts. “Small businesses and large companies all agree there is a skills gap across the globe, and they need the right workers for the right jobs. Here in Kentucky, it’s our goal to have a highly-skilled workforce that attracts companies from all over the world.”

In addition to Secretary Roberts, other high profile speakers include Rep. Larry Clark from Louisville; Ken Sheridan, chair of Kentucky’s Apprenticeship and Training Council; Patrick Reardon, director of Ohio Apprenticeship; Ron Crouch, director of Research and Statistics of the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training; Mike Riley of the Kentucky Career Centers; and Torsten Langguth, plant manager of Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems.

The conference will include several seminars on key topics related to apprenticeship issues, such as apprenticeships in the future job market, the role of tax credits for registered apprenticeships, initiatives in healthcare and best practices in high-tech manufacturing.

“It's an exciting time in the apprenticeship world, not only in Kentucky, but all across the nation,” said Mike Donta, Kentucky’s supervisor of Apprenticeship. “There is a renewed interest in investing in our future workforce.”

“Forward thinking leaders of companies see apprenticeship as a necessary investment, not just a cost,” said Angie College, co-chairperson of the Kentucky Apprenticeship Conference Steering Committee. “Apprenticeship can be utilized in so many career areas, and more and more companies are taking advantage of this pathway to success.”

There are more than 150 registered apprenticeship programs already in Kentucky. For a list of those programs, click [here](#). Registered apprenticeship offers access to 1,000 career areas, including the following top occupations throughout the U.S.:

- Carpenter
- Chef
- Child care development specialist
- Construction craft laborer
- Dental assistant
- Electrician
- Law enforcement agent
- Over-the-road truck driver

To register for the conference, click [here](#). For more on registered apprenticeship, visit www.labor.ky.gov.

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