



Dear Friends of TAPS,

I am delighted to announce the 21th annual Triangle Area Pipe Smokers Expo on April 7th 2018 in the Holshouser Building at the North Carolinas State Fairgrounds. Again, as we did last year, we are also offering two festivities on April 6th, the day before the show. We hope you will join us for one or both.

1.) PIPE MAKING WORKSHOP

Friday April 6

9 am - 4 pm

Fee: \$135

Start off your visit to TAPS by making your own pipe at our pipe making workshop hosted by Liberty Arts Sculpture Studio (918 Pearl Street, Durham, NC), and sponsored by Vermont Freehand. Taught by local artisan pipe makers David S. Huber, of DSH Pipes, and John Inge, the workshop will focus on the process of pipe making from start to finish. Experience working hands on with common tools of the trade including a professional grade sand blasting system. You will receive instruction and guidance from David and John every step of the way. At the end of the workshop you will leave with a pipe of your own creation! During lunch, tour the fabrication facility at Liberty Arts and meet the artists that make up this vibrant Durham community. Or, check out some of the great tooling available from Vermont Freehand.

Fee includes pipe kit, breakfast, and lunch.

- 2.) Also on Friday the 6th there will be a sponsored tobacco social from 5:30 to 9:30 PM at the Ramada Inn across Blue Ridge Road from the Fairgrounds. As anyone who was there last year can tell you, it was a wonderful time of meeting friends, old and new. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvre, wine, and beer. Please join us.
- 3.) Raleigh has become a tourist destination for almost 1/2 million visitors a year. While Raleigh cannot compete with the Las Vegas' "strip" or the New Orleans' French Quarter, it has a remarkable number of museums and fine restaurants as well as unique attractions all within 10 minutes of the Fairgrounds. These include an arts district, hand-carved basswood carousel, and a world-class art museum campus which is dog and bicycle friendly. Most are serviced by a free circular bus route which runs until the wee hours. **Bring the family!**

As always, we ask that you each consider contributing a prize for our raffles and door prizes. These promotions keep customers coming in the door and provide new business for all. We always acknowledge your business and hope that the publicity helps.

Of course, some things will not change: moderate prices at nearby hotels, old pipe friends, and Raleigh in the spring. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Steve Schmidt

Expo Vendor Coordinator

steve@gocsouth.com

252-567-5472



TAPS 2018 Pipe and Tobacco Expo Registration Form

Number of Exhibitor Tables _____ @ \$100 per table. (\$120 after 3/31/16)
(NOTE: Due to increased demand we are no longer able to offer fractional tables.)

Number of Tickets for the Pipe Making Workshop _____ @ \$135.00 per ticket

*Name: _____

Company: _____

*Address: _____

*City, State, Zip: _____

*Phone: _____

Email: _____

†Do you require electrical outlet? _____ (Limited availability.)

†Number of people you will be bringing: _____

*Required due to Fairground and insurance regulations.

†Required so we can better plan items, such as food, we have to pre-order.

Payment must accompany registration. **Note the additional fee for late registration.** Checks should be made payable to TAPS and sent with this registration form to:

Steve Schmidt
Attn: TAPS
10725 Staghound Tr.
Zebulon, NC 27597

Email steve@gocsouth.com if you have any questions.

TAPS reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibition submission and will assume no liability for loss, damage, or injury while on the premises of the Pipes and Tobacco Expo. Exhibitors will indemnify and hold harmless TAPS, its officers and members for loss or injury during the Exposition.

Signature: _____ Date: _____