



INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA - UAW

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May 10, 2024

To: All Region 2B Retired Worker Chapter Chairpersons:

We are happy to announce it's time once again for our annual Black Lake Region 2B UAW Leadership week at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center in Onaway, Michigan.

This call letter is being mailed to the Retired Worker Chapter Chairperson only. It is the responsibility of each Chairperson to notify the remaining members of their respective Executive Boards. If you have received this letter and are no longer the Chair, please notify the Region 2B office immediately so the records can be updated accordingly.

As in previous years, retiree participation for the July 14 – 19, 2024 session will allow substitutions for the top four officers. The July session registration form **must be signed by the Local Union Retired Workers Chapter Chairperson** approving the substitute (with spouse, if applicable).

***If any attending spouse is NOT a Retired Member or Associate Member, the registration form MUST include a check for \$850.00 to cover their expenses for the week. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.***

**Please note:** Each chapter is limited to four spots only and is based on room availability at Black Lake. The Education Center can only accommodate a limited number of delegates. Therefore, delegates will be accepted on a first come, first served basis after Active members have registered.

Please complete and follow instructions on the enclosed registration form, or you can go online to [bit.ly/retireeleadership](http://bit.ly/retireeleadership). Additionally, this call letter and registration form can be found on our website at <http://region2b.uaw.org>.

Three (3) buses will transport the Retired Worker Chapter Executive Board members to Black Lake. Original departure locations and pick-up points/routes are as follows:

- Bus # 1 Indianapolis → Fort Wayne, IN → Black Lake
- Bus # 2 Cincinnati → Lima → Maumee, OH → Black Lake
- Bus # 3 Cleveland → Maumee, OH → Black Lake

***Please note, if you become ill during the Leadership Conference, you must arrange your own transportation home.***

Follow UAW guidelines to park at your departure/pick-up location. Your vehicles must be made in North America by union members with a VIN number starting with a 1, 2, 4 or 5. (This number can be found on the driver's side dashboard of the vehicle.)

A confirmation letter will be sent regarding your reservation, location pick-up, and departure time once your registration form has been received; this will be the only communication you will receive. Busses leave promptly at the stated time. Should you have to cancel please notify our office immediately in order to accommodate in cases of a wait list. **Also, Black Lake is now charging for no shows, therefore it is imperative the Region 2B office be notified if you cannot attend.**

All retirees **must** travel to the center by the buses provided unless otherwise approved by either of the Region 2B Retired Worker Representatives, Petra Jameson or Raye Ohl.

For delegates travelling to the bus pick-up location, the driver of the vehicle **only** will be paid \$0.67 cents/mile to and from your home. Everyone on the bus (delegates and spouses) will be reimbursed \$14 each way for lunch.

Attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Retirees and spouses are required to attend all morning classes and attendance is taken daily. Retirees are free to enjoy every afternoon off and bus trips to Mackinac City and a casino are planned accordingly.

**Retired Workers Chapter Chairpersons - please advise your delegates that due to the nature of Black Lake's layout and geography it is imperative all visitors have the physical capabilities to navigate staircases and above average walking distances.** If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact Ted Fleming at (419) 551-2030.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new at Black Lake. If you have questions, please contact Katie Hilding at the Region 2B Office at (419) 893-4677 or khilding@uaw.net.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Fleming" followed by a circled monogram "TF".

Ted Fleming, Chairperson  
Region 2B, UAW Retirees

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cc: David Green, Director, Region 2B, UAW  
Rick Smith, Assistant Director, Region 2B, UAW