

Chateau On The Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center In Branson Captures 2 Prestigious Awards

BRANSON, MO (September 2008) – **Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center** in Branson, Missouri, has captured two more awards from the meetings industry, *Meetings & Conventions* magazine’s highly coveted “**Gold Key Award**” for 2008, and *Association Meetings* magazine’s prestigious “**Inner Circle Award**” for 2008. Plaques commemorating the awards will be presented to Stephen Marshall, vice president and general manager of the AAA Four-Diamond resort, which stands on a beautiful Ozark mountaintop overlooking scenic Table Rock Lake. The 301-room resort boasts the largest convention center in Southwest Missouri, with 43,500 square feet of flexible meeting space, and the ability to host groups from 10 to 3,000.

“Consistently receiving these honors recognizes that Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center is an outstanding choice for meetings, incentive groups and conventions,” said Marshall. “Not only does the resort have a beautiful mountaintop and lakefront setting, exceptional on-site offerings, and a great location near all of the diverse entertainment options of Branson, but we are consistently recognized for providing exceptional service too.”

The “**Gold Key Award**” is presented annually to the finest meeting properties in the world, as nominated and selected by the readers of *Meetings & Conventions* magazine. Votes are based on the overall professionalism and quality of the property, and on such criteria as staff attitude, quality of meeting rooms, quality of guest services, food and beverage service, proficiency of handling reservations, availability of technical/support equipment, and range of recreational facilities. Winners will be showcased in the magazine’s November 2008 issue.

Association Meetings magazine’s “**2008 Inner Circle Award**” was presented to only 40 hotels and resorts. Properties were selected by the magazine’s readers for their high level of service, flexible function space, quality of food and beverage, and good value on room rates. Winners were profiled in the magazine’s August 2008 issue.

Ranked by Expedia as one of the top 50 hotels in the world for value and quality, Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center offers something to please virtually anyone.

Boasting an impressive 10-story sky-lit atrium that features meandering streams brimming with colorful Koi fish, the resort provides breathtaking vistas of the lake, lush gardens, and surrounding mountains. Its 301 spacious guest rooms and suites feature cherry wood beds, down comforters, tiled stone baths, dual-line telephones with data port, WiFi access (at a nominal fee), iron and ironing board, coffee maker, in-room movies and music (at a nominal fee), and in-room safes.

Recreational options at the resort include the impressive 14,000-square-foot Spa Chateau. The full-service European-style spa, which opened in 2006, features 10 luxurious treatment rooms; customized body treatments; a soothing Infinity Tub that is filled from the ceiling; a decadent Roman Bath situated beneath a waterfall overlooking Table Rock Lake; a lake-view Movement Therapy Studio for Yoga; and a unique Barber Spa.

The resort's Chateau on the Lake Marina, open most of the year, offers more water sports activities than any other resort in the Midwest. Offerings at the full-service marina include an array of watercraft rentals, which includes ski boats, fishing boats, waverunners, catamarans, paddle boats, sea kayaks, and canoes. Parasailing, guided fishing excursions, scuba diving, and snorkeling are among the many other available options. With 850 miles of pristine shoreline and 80 miles of crystal blue water, Table Rock Lake is a perfect water playground for groups.

Additional recreational offerings at Chateau on the Lake include a 24-hour fitness center, two lighted tennis courts, a year-round indoor pool, an outdoor (seasonal) pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, nature and biking trails, the 54-seat Sassafras Movie Theater, Crawdaddies Kids Club, and full-service concierge. Golf at six area courses, which includes two of Missouri's finest, also is available to groups and guests.

The resort's dining options include the award-winning Chateau Grille, which features a stunning view of Table Rock Lake and is known for its elegant presentation and exceptional cuisine. Casual fare options include: the 9th Street Italian Deli, serving bistro-style sandwiches, hand-made pizza, and "to go" box lunches; the Atrium Café & Wine Bar, located in the lobby beside an indoor waterfall and stream; and The Sweet Shoppe, offering hand-dipped ice cream, baked goods, candies, and specialty coffees.

Described as the "Entertainment Capital of America," Branson features a wealth of offerings that appeal to groups, which includes more than 100 live shows per day and a variety of impressive attractions. Among the newest offerings is the acclaimed Titanic: The World's Largest Interactive Titanic Museum & Exhibition. The new \$420-million Branson Landing in historic downtown features festivals, musical events, a variety of new waterfront dining options, and more than 400,000 sq. ft. of national brand-name shops, galleries and specialty gift shops. Other Branson offerings include Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater Complex, and Celebration City, an all-in-one nighttime park.

Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center is owned and managed by Springfield, Missouri-based John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts. For more information on the resort, call **1-888-333-LAKE (5253)** or (417) 334-1161, or visit www.ChateauOnTheLake.com.

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NOTE: **High-resolution photos** of the resort are available by contacting Karen Lamonica.