



Press Release

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- **Note:** Dana Abendschein is available for interviews Feb. 13-14.

Show Me Clowns for Jesus National Conference Feb. 12-15 in Springfield

Springfield, Mo.-The annual Show Me Clowns for Jesus National Conference is Feb 12-15 along with two shows for the public Feb 13-14 in Springfield.

The shows are at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center. Shows times are Friday and Saturday night from 7-9 p.m. The shows are free and open to the public.

There will be 30 faculty trainers coming from all over the United States. The conference will include clown ministry training for beginners to advanced. No experience or advanced training required.

On Feb 13, the clowns in training and instructors will visit five public elementary schools in their Ready Set Go Program. The program goal is to entertain the kids in the school and teach the clown trainees how to use their skills. Each program will consist of one hour on many different topics including drug abstinence, fire safety, safety in the home and self-esteem.

The clowns in training and instructors will also be visiting three nursing homes and Cox and St. John's hospitals to spread cheer to the people who are there.

Registration for the conference is at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb 13.

The mission of Show Me Clowns for Jesus is to cultivate learning opportunities to develop and refine Christian clowning skills; encourage high ethical, professional and Christian clown standards and promote clowning as a ministry to bring joy and the love of Jesus to others.

Next years event will be the 25th anniversary of the Conference. The big event next year will be the Show Me a Smile Day, which will be Feb 13, 2010.

For more information and to register for the conference, call 314-822-5315 or visit www.showmeclownsforjesus.org.