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We invite your attendance at the [Eighth International Conference on Juvenile Hormones, JH 8 \(or JH VIII\)](#), to be held June 20-25, 2004, at the [North Tahoe Conference Center](#), King's Beach, California. This is a beautiful site with a delightful summer mountain atmosphere, and a host of interesting side trips in close proximity.

Mark Twain began his literary career during the civil war writing for the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise. He visited nearby Tahoe (on foot), and this is some of what he had to say about it in *Roughing It* (1870): "Three months of camp life on Lake Tahoe would restore an Egyptian mummy to his pristine vigor, and give him an appetite like an alligator. I do not mean the oldest and driest mummies, of course, but the fresher ones. The air up there in the clouds is very pure and fine, bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it be? It is the same the angels breathe."

See <http://www.zoo.utoronto.ca/JH8> for additional details of the conference and a longer Twain account. This website will be updated regularly and will be the principal means of communication with participants.

Please note that flights to Reno/Tahoe airport do NOT require a Saturday night stay to qualify for lowest excursion airfares. King's Beach is a short 45 minute drive from Reno airport.

Originally this conference was slated to be held in Yucatan, Mexico. In fact, a very successful small meeting (30 participants) was held there in February 2001, but the lessons learned were 1) it was too small for JH 8, and 2) there is no substitute for a local organizer on the ground to arrange essentials such as projection equipment and local transportation. For this reason, we have decided to move the meeting to a more manageable site. We have negotiated a plan with the North Tahoe Conference Center which will allow registration fees of \$375, with a discounted rate for students.

Our primary housing will be condos at [Brockway Springs Resort](#), a modest walk from the conference site. All rooms have a view of the lake, a porch with propane-fired barbecue, a fully-equipped kitchen and laundry, TV, and attractive bedrooms- one to four per unit. We have negotiated rates of \$98 a night for a one bedroom unit. People willing to share the larger two, three or four bedroom units can achieve substantial savings (for example, a two-bedroom unit would cost \$53 per person per night, with two people sharing, a three bedroom unit would cost \$42 per person with three people sharing, and for students, a four bedroom for \$198 which could hold more than 8 - depends on how thrifty they are).

Secondary housing will be at the [Biltmore Hotel/Casino](#) at Crystal Bay, NV, a short distance away, at very reasonable rates. There are also numerous small motels in the area, many within easy walking distance of the Conference Center, and information on these may be found throughout the JH 8 website.

We look forward to your participation in JH 8 and hope to see you in King's Beach/Lake Tahoe next June.

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