



TALARIS CONFERENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES ONE-STOP SHOPPING FOR CORPORATE RETREATS AND TRAINING

Seattle Conference Center announces new retreat packages and training programs offered in partnership with American Outback Adventures & Events

SEATTLE (January 03, 2011) – Talaris Conference Center announces a new series of corporate team building, retreat and training packages available at the Seattle conference center, in partnership with industry leading provider of professional corporate training, events, and group activities, American Outback Adventures & Events. With 31 guestrooms and more than 5,000 square feet of meeting space set on 18 park-like acres, Talaris Conference Center provides ideal atmosphere for companies seeking a unique, full-service, team building experience.

“The partnership between Talaris Conference Center and American Outback Adventures & Events is exciting and makes perfect sense,” said Alan Stephens, General Manager of Talaris Conference Center. “American Outback provides the highly trained facilitators, equipment, and creative activities for our clients, while we supply the intimate meeting spaces, high quality cuisine and comfortable accommodations we are known for as a full-service retreat.”

Talaris Conference Center will offer four popular American Outback Retreat Packages, including **The Outback BBQ Challenge**, modeled after the popular Iron Chef™ television series where teams prepare four-course barbeque meals in a competitive setting; **Corporate Castaways**, a series of unique challenges testing strategy, communication, and other essential business components; **CI: The Crime Investigators**, where team members use powers of detection and deduction while working together to navigate through a series of crime scenes; and **The Better Business Challenge**, a take on the hit television series, The Apprentice™, which asks teams to produce a line of high quality children’s bicycles including construction and customization, and creating an ad campaign for promotion.

In addition to the four retreat packages, Talaris Conference Center will offer **Corporate Explorer Training**, a division of American Outback comprised of custom educational programs delivered with energy in a lively and fun way to boost employee morale, retention and job satisfaction.

Designed for small events of five to groups of up to 150, Talaris Conference Center provides an ideal location for seminars, workshops, training events, retreats, and board meetings. With 31 guestrooms equipped with all the necessities including wireless high-speed Internet access and flat-panel televisions, three main conference rooms, two intimate meeting spaces for smaller gatherings, a

dining room, and multiple breakout areas, the conference center is a convenient, affordable destination for a range of corporate or personal events in metropolitan Seattle.

Rates vary based on event specifics. For more information or to book, contact Talaris Conference Center at info@talariscc.com or 206.268.7000.

Talaris Conference Center

Talaris Conference Center, a retreat, event and meeting destination that combines a distinctively Northwest environment with metropolitan technology and amenities, is located on 18 acres in a natural, park-like setting near the University of Washington in Seattle. Talaris is just four blocks from University Village and within walking distance of neighborhood restaurants, cafes and jogging trails. With 31 guestrooms, three large conference rooms, two intimate meeting spaces, multiple breakout areas and the Pacific Dining Room, this wooded oasis is an ideal destination for intimate training workshops, meetings, retreats and other events for up to 150 people. Talaris Conference Center is managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information call 206-268-7000 or visit www.talarisconferencecenter.com.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio of premier properties, including boutique hotels, award-winning resorts, event venues and conference centers, offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 80 hospitality development projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

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