



26th Annual International Conference on Technology and Persons with Disabilities, March 14-19, 2011
Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place, San Diego, CA
Conference Website: www.csunconference.org

Welcome to San Diego, CSUN 2011 Attendees!,

Accessible San Diego is pleased to provide updated Insider's information with the CSUN attendees in mind so you will have a great accessible time in San Diego. Please feel free to contact Accessible San Diego, as well as other local resources listed such as Transportation, Tour Providers, , and Attractions..

Again, welcome to San Diego! We hope that you have a chance to explore the city during your stay, and share this info with friends when you go home so others can plan a fun accessible trip to San Diego. Last but not least, we appreciate your feedback. Please share with us if you know of fun accessible places in San Diego area.

Sincerely,

Wes Johnson, President

Accessible San Diego

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Hotels

CSUN Conference hotel: Manchester Grand Hyatt

One Market Place, San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: (619) 232-1234

Website: manchestergrand.hyatt.com

Twitter: twitter.com/manchgrandhyatt

Manchester Grand Hyatt is a beautiful accessible 2-tower hotel. All conference sessions and exhibit will take place in this hotel. Blind and low vision attendees are recommended to take advantage of the Orientation Sessions offered by the Conference and the Center for the Blind. For schedule, visit www.csunconference.org.

Hotels near the Conference venue:

The news is, the Conference hotel is already sold out! Here are some other options.

- Embassy Suites San Diego Bay (Across from the Hyatt)
Phone: ☹️(619) 239-2400
- Marriott Hotel & Marina (Next to the Hyatt)
Phone: (619) 234-1500
- Hilton San Diego Bayfront (Across from the Convention Center)
Phone: (619) 564-3333
- Holiday Inn on the Bay 1355 North Harbor Dr.
Phone: (619) 232-3861
- Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown (1 trolley ride)
Phone: (619) 446-3000
- Porto Vista Hotel (Little Italy) shuttle to 1 mile radius
Phone: (619) 544-0164
- 500 West (1 trolley ride or walk to the Hyatt)
Phone: (619) 234-5252

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Transportation

1. **Shuttle and Taxi** – Whether you arrive at San Diego Airport, Amtrak station, or Greyhound station, there is a shuttle to take you to the Manchester Grand Hyatt or to the hotel of your choice.

Cloud 9 SuperShuttle 1-800-974-8885

www.cloud9shuttle.com

SOL Transportation (866) 765-3177

www.soltransportation.com

Yellow Cab of San Diego: 444-4444

Online Taxi Reservation: www.1800cabride.com

2. **Paretransit – MTS Access –**

Certification: 1-877-232-7433, www.adaride.com

Reservation: 1-888-517-9627

3. **Public Transportation** – Orange Line trolley stops in front of the Manchester Grand Hyatt, which takes you to Gaslamp Quarter and the Horton Plaza. Contact San Diego MTS for the complete bus and trolley routes and services.

San Diego MTS (Public transit) –

Phone: 511 or 619-233-3004

Website: www.sdmts.com

Facebook: facebook.com/sdmts

Twitter: twitter.com/sdmts

- All buses and trolleys are wheelchair accessible.
- Service dog welcome!
- NO DISCOUNT for attendants.
- Ask the driver to call out your stop when you board a bus.
- If you are blind or visually impaired, stand on the pad with bumps located towards the front of the trolley station.

- When the trolley stops, press the button located near or on the door.
- There is a ticket vending machine at every trolley station, which may require sighted assistance.
- If you are taking public transportation often, we recommend a Day Pass or 3-day Pass, which gives you unlimited use of both bus and trolley. Day Passes can be purchased from the bus driver or at the Transit Store on the corner of First Avenue and Broadway.

For Guide/Service Dog Users

These groomers provide discount to service dogs.

Bring a proof that your dog is a service dog.

- **City Dog** (Downtown San Diego, near Park & Market trolley station)
Phone: 619-269-0201
Website: www.citydogsd.com
- **Dirty Dog Pet Wash and Boutique** (North Park)
Phone: 619-640-0227
Website: www.dirtydogsandiego.com
- **Yuko's Dog Grooming** (North Park)
Phone: 619-280-6040

*Check if Yuko is accepting a new customer.

Free Dog Food Delivery: www.petworth.com

Contact for San Diego area:

Wayne Gilbert 858-757-3663

Email: wayne.gilbert@petworth.com

Things to do in San Diego

Attractions near Manchester Grand Hyatt

- **Seaport Village and Embarcadero Park**—Adjacent to Manchester Grand Hyatt, enjoy the 3-mile waterfront walk through Seaport Village and Embarcadero Park. You will find plenty of outdoor fun, shopping & dining

Website: www.seaportvillage.com

By popular demands from last year's CSUN attendees, we have arranged volunteers on Thursday 3/17 and Wednesday 3/18 to show you around the Seaport Village, courtesy of the Port of San Diego! Come to Accessible San Diego booth across from the Conference Registration during the Exhibit Hall hours and sign up.

- **USS Midway Museum, 910 North Harbor Dr. San Diego, CA 92101 (Bus #992)**

Phone: 619-544-9600, Website: www.midway.org

2-for-1 for guests with disabilities and their companion

USS Midway Museum is a floating aircraft carrier museum. Elevators available throughout the ship; audio tours and flight simulator available – try the new Family Audio Tour, which promises to be fun and educational for everyone.

*Ask if you can see the replica of the Midway!

- **Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Dr. San Diego, CA 92101 (Bus #992, #923)**

Phone: 619-686-8700

Website: www.hornblower.com/hce/home/sd

2-for-1 for guests with disabilities and their companion (Harbor cruise only)

San Diego harbor cruise, dinner cruises and events

Shopping, Dining & Nightlife

- Gaslamp Quarter – One-stop trolley ride or short walk from the Hyatt, Gaslamp Quarter offers tons of shops, restaurants and clubs along the 5th Avenue.
- Horton Plaza –
324 Horton Plaza (Downtown San Diego)
San Diego, CA 92101, <http://westfield.com/hortonplaza/>
Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00am-9:00pm
Sat 10:00pm-8:00pm, Sun 11:00pm-7:00pm
- Fashion Valley Mall
7007 Friars Rd. San Diego, CA 92108
www.shopfashionvalleymall.com
Hours: Mon-Sat 10:00am-9:00pm,
Sun 11:00pm 7:00pm

Other Attractions –

Extending your CSUN Conference to a vacation? Check out these attractions.

- **San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Dr. San Diego, CA 92101 (Bus #7)**
Phone: 619-231-1515,
Website: www.sandiegozoo.org
2-for-1 for guests with disabilities and their companion
San Diego Zoo is diligently working on some different things to assist with the blind and low vision guests. At this time, with advance notice, Tour Guide Service is available for blind guests who may need some guidance because they are alone or with another person who is blind or low vision. We can provide a person to walk around with them (guide) to describe exhibits, animals, plants, etc.
We have had a number of tour guides who have been through an Audio Description training program which is

allowing us to provide a tour in a little bit of a different fashion if we know someone needs that service. *To arrange this service with **at least 1 week advance notice**, please call **Linda at extension 4526**.

- **SeaWorld, 500 Sea World Dr. San Diego, CA 92109 (Bus #8/9)**
Phone: 1-800 25-SHAMU (1-800 257-4268)
Website: www.seaworld.com/sandiego
2-for-1 for guests with disabilities and their companion
Enjoy Shamu, sea lion, and new dolphin shows! They are fun even without being able to see everything! If you're brave enough, place yourself in the "wet zone" at your own risk! There is an area where you can pet stingrays and starfish.
- **Old Town Trolley Tours / Seal Tour**
Phone: 619-298-8687,
Website: www.trolleytours.com/san-diego/
2-for-1 for guests with disabilities and their companion
See the best of San Diego! Knowledgeable guide will describe major sites of San Diego and Coronado. For pick-up locations and ticket info, call or visit website.
- **Balboa Park, 1549 El Prado - Houses of Hospitality (Visitor Center) (Bus #7)**
Info Line: (619) 239-0512,
Website: www.balboapark.org
Balboa Park is a large park in the middle of downtown/Hillcrest. There are many museums and gardens with hands-on exhibits. You can also enjoy the whole park on free Balboa Park Trolley. For more info, call or walk in and talk to friendly Visitor Center staff. Here are some suggestions for you!
 - San Diego History Center 619-232-6203 –

- Old Grove costume exhibit, “Dressing the Part” till April 15, 2011; visitors have opportunity to try on some of the costumes on stage!
- Ruben H Fleet Science Center 619-238-1233 – Many hands-on exhibits to feel and experiment.
- Botanical Building and outdoor gardens throughout the park