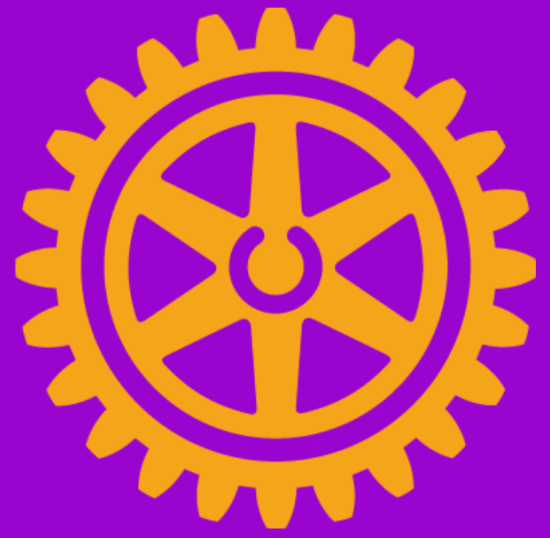


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ZONE INSTITUTE FAQ

Location of Hotel and Institute:

Marriot Riverwalk San Antonio 889 Market St.
San Antonio, TX 78205

(There is another Marriott River Center nearby so please make sure you go to Marriott Riverwalk.)

Parking Options at the Hotel:

The hotel provides Valet Parking Only on property. The price for overnight valet is \$55.00 plus tax. 2-6 hrs is \$38.00 plus tax, 0-2 hrs is \$24.00 plus tax. There is a parking lot directly next door across from the Grand Hyatt & Convention Center that you can park for up to \$15 dollars a day with no in and out privileges.

Updated Airport Transportation Information:

Zone Ambassadors in Rotary gear will be in the baggage claim to welcome you to the Lone Star State and guide you to the bus.

The Zone Institute will provide shuttle service from the San Antonio Airport to the Marriott Riverwalk at following times on Wednesday, Sept. 4th:

10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM.

The shuttle will run from the hotel to the airport on Sunday, Sept 8th at the following times:

9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:30 PM

Registration Desk:

Registration is located just off the elevators on the ballroom level and will be open starting early Wednesday afternoon, so don't forget to pick up your packet when you arrive.

How to use the Elevators in the Hotel:

The hotel has new modern elevators that can be confusing to use at first. Here are some instructions on how to go up or down in the hotel.

1. Scan your key outside the elevator bay and enter the floor you want to go to. Then the kiosk will notify you which elevator will be yours to use.
2. When you enter the elevator there will be no floor buttons. The elevator will automatically take you to the floor you entered on the outside kiosk.
3. Once you are on the guest floors you do not need to use your key to scan for the elevator. You only need to scan the key on the non-guest floors to get up to your room.

Weather Expectations:

It is going to be Hot and Humid. Temperatures will be highs in the 90's and lows in the 70's. Click this link for up-to-date weather forecasts closer to the Institute <https://news4sanantonio.com/weather>

There is only one season here. If you hear a Texan refer to "the season," they're not talking about winter, spring, summer, or fall. They're talking about football. If they refer to a season of the year, they'll specify winter, spring, summer, or fall.

What to bring with you to your learning space:

We recommend you bring a notebook, pens, and a laptop. Bring a sweater in case you get cold in the room. No group wifi will be available. You can use your personal hotspot, etc. If you are a Marriott member, you will be provided will free internet access in your room.

Russell Hampton will be on site for purchases of Rotary Merchandise:

Check out their website to pick your favorites and hopefully, they have it in the Institute store <https://www.bestclubsupplies.com/>

What to Wear during the Institute:

2024 Zone Institute in San Antonio promises to give you a good time! While we do anticipate the Texas heat (no we are not talking about spicy food), the hotel and meeting rooms are cool and occasionally chilly.

Please dress in comfortable layers. The dress is Rotary business casual.

Friday evening dinner is Denim & Diamonds - Texas chic. What does that mean? Jeans and nice shirt, boots, cowboy hats, and a little bling. You can use party jewelry instead of your Tiffany's Diamonds.

Our Saturday evening dinner business/semi-formal. This event includes the formal introduction of our DGE class.

There will be plenty of time for casual/laid-back, don't sweat to death, clothing. So don't forget to pack some shorts or lightweight clothing to wear during our downtime.

Restaurants and Bars available at our Hotel and the sister Hotel:

As a guest of the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, you have choices in food and bar. Click the link to see the hotel options and hours of operation

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/satdt-san-antonio-marriott-riverwalk/dining/>

You also have access to the sister hotel property Marriot San Antonio River Center which is within walking distance from our hotel. Click the link to see their food and bar options. <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/satrc-san-antonio-marriott-rivercenter-on-the-river-walk/dining/>

We have been told that the Tributary in the Marriott River Center Hotel has an award-winning burger.

Restaurants and Bars on the Riverwalk:

Click the link below to explore the restaurants and bars on the Riverwalk. Paesanos' Shrimp Paesano is a San Antonio local favorite, and the Esquire Bar is a local go to spot with craft cocktails and tasty bites. It has the longest wooden bar top in Texas.

<https://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/restaurants-and-nightlife/dining/>

Tips on enjoying the Riverwalk:

Click the link for Tips and Information about the San Antonio Riverwalk <https://sariverwalk.com/insider-tips-for-exploring-the-san-antonio-riverwalk-like-a-local/>

Texas BBQ and Tex-Mex ordering tips:

If you get a chance to eat some Texas BBQ here are some tips on how to order like a Texas BBQ connoisseur. You want to order lean or moist/fatty brisket, beef sausage, and beef or pork, ribs dry (with no sauce on the meat). You can ask for some sauce on the side, but Texas BBQ is usually dry.

If you go to a Tex-Mex restaurant enjoy unlimited chips and salsa and order Chili Con Queso ... you won't regret it! Fajitas, Enchiladas, Crispy Tacos, Chimichangas, and Margaritas are just a few of the most popular choices at a Tex Mex Restaurant. Mi Tierra is a San Antonio Original since 1941.

For breakfast Texans love eating Breakfast Tacos. One of the best orders is Sausage, Potato, Egg and Cheddar Cheese with the tortillas put on the grill. Jim's Diner for breakfast tacos or all-around pancakes and breakfast ... and the Taco House for breakfast tacos.

Enjoy a Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy, and Green Beans with Texas Toast if you get a chance. Good Time Charlies and Tip Top are San Antonio Country Cooking staples.

Uber and Lyft are used all over San Antonio to get you to your destination.

How to speak Texan:

Y'all means You'All.
Howdy means Hello.

Bless Your Heart could be a nice comment or indicate you are in trouble--haha.

Soda is not called pop or a cola.-Soda is called "coke" even if you want a Dr. Pepper, 7up, or any other brand of coke (aka soda).

Fixing (pronounced "fixin"...the "G" is silent) doesn't mean repairing, it means preparing.