



## 2018 Annual Conference: Last Minute Details

### Planning for Your Trip – Weather, Water, and Attire

The weather in and around Anaheim during the conference is expected to be in the low to mid 80's (mid-to-high 20's °C) during the day, and in the low 60's (around 15 °C) during the evening. For the Monday and Friday tours, it is anticipated to be cooler in and around San Diego, with highs in the low-to-mid 70's, and in the high 80s for the Monday tours North and East of Los Angeles (Descanso Gardens, The Huntington, Rancho Santa Ana).

If you are planning on attending a tour, you will be outdoors for long periods of time. Please take proper precautions to plan for a great tour experience, such as wearing the proper attire (including walking shoes) and drinking plenty of water. You will receive a complimentary reusable water bottle (sponsored by Nature Connects/Reiman Gardens) to use throughout the 2018 Conference.

Business casual attire is suitable for the conference sessions at the hotel. Keep in mind that the hotel meeting rooms can sometimes be chilly. For outdoor events, plan to wear comfortable casual clothing, appropriate walking shoes, and the following to protect yourself from the elements: **sunglasses, sunscreen, raincoat/umbrella, and/or hat.**

### Registration Desk – A Friendly, Helpful Face

The Registration/Information Desk is not only the place where you can pick up your registration packets, water bottle, and name badge, it is the place to get directions, itineraries, and program information. You can also purchase available tickets for optional tours, workshops, and in-conference tours/dinners that are not yet sold out. The Registration/Information Desk will be located in the Center Lounge on the Lower Level of the Disneyland Hotel Convention Center.

*We are there to greet you at the following times:*

Sunday, June 3, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 4, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 7, 6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, June 8, 6:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## 2018 Conference Mobile App

The 2018 Conference has once again gone mobile with an app sponsored by Blackbaud! Enhance your experience by planning your day with a full schedule of events, access various maps, local tips, exhibitor/sponsor listings, and so much more. Download the app by accessing your phone's app store and **searching "2018 Annual Conference SoCal"**.

## Social Q&A

The conference will be using the Social Q&A platform to facilitate questions for presenters. You will be able to submit questions and "up vote" questions that you want to have asked.

**Bookmark: [publicgardens.socialqa.com](http://publicgardens.socialqa.com)** on your preferred web browser and look for prompts on the screens when you can use Social Q&A.

## Getting To/From the Conference – Transportation

Convenient transportation from local airports to and from the Disneyland Resort is available.

There are several airport destinations located throughout the greater Los Angeles area, all of which are just a short ride away:

John Wayne Airport, Orange County (SNA) – 14 miles

Long Beach Airport (LGB) – 21 miles

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) – 34 miles

For rates and availability, be sure to check out each available transportation option to and from the Disneyland Resort:

Disneyland® Resort Express: (800) 828-6699

Karmel Shuttle: (888) 995-7433

Alamo Car Rental (located at Downtown Disney® District): (888) 826-6893

Yellow Cab: (800) 535-2211

Best Transportation: (714) 375-9128

## Special Tour and Event Instructions

Buses for all tours and evening events will depart promptly from outside of the Fantasy Tower at the Disneyland Hotel. Groups will assemble in the hallway outside of the registration area before bus loading.

If you are planning to join your chosen tour mid-route, you **must notify the Tour Leader before the tour is scheduled to depart**. You will be responsible for your transportation to the point you plan to join the tour.

If you are planning to **leave** the tour before the end of the tour, you **must notify the Tour Leader** or you will be considered "missing", and will not only delay the tour for other participants, but we may also contact authorities to help locate you.

## Parking

Overnight parking for guests staying at the Disneyland Resort is \$15 per night per car or valet parking at \$28 per night per car, both options include in/out privileges.

Those who plan to drive to, but not stay at, the Disneyland Resort, will need to identify themselves using American Public Gardens on his/her way out of the parking lot to receive the discounted price.

## Presentation Drop-Off

Conference Presenters: Please upload your session presentation in the North Lounge (right by registration)! We have provided flash drives and laptops for your use. We appreciate your contribution to our 2018 Annual Conference!

## First Time Attendee Orientation

**Tuesday June, 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Disneyland South Lounge**

If you have never attended an Annual Conference before, there are lots of new things to discover! Learn all about the Annual Conference and get to know other new attendees just like you through this brief orientation and meet-and-greet session.

## Exhibits Hall Hours and Events

Join us for festivities taking place in the Exhibits Hall (**Disneyland South Exhibits Hall**)! There will be a phone charging station in the Exhibits Hall where you can charge your creative nature.

Please take some time to visit the Exhibits Hall – these vendors help to keep the cost of our Conference down.

### Tuesday, June 5

Exhibits Hall Open:  
8:30 AM-12:00 PM  
2:00 PM-5:00 PM

9:00-9:30 AM Coffee Break Sponsored by Newfields: A Place for Nature and the Arts  
3:15-4:00 PM Coffee Break Sponsored by American Public Gardens Association Board of Directors

### Wednesday, June 5

Exhibits Hall Open:  
8:30 AM- 12:00 PM  
3:00 PM- 7:00 PM

10:15-10:45 AM Coffee Break Sponsored by Kittleman  
5:00-7:00 PM Exhibits Hall Poster Reception

## Morning Food Options - Start your day off right!

Check out our offerings for your early breakfast needs. If you are in a session concurrent with the listed breakfast opportunities *breakfast will be served at your session room.*

### Monday 6/4

You are responsible for your own breakfast.

### Tuesday 6/5

7:00-8:00 AM Open Breakfast - **Disneyland Center Ballroom**

8:00-9:00 AM Family Breakfast - **Western**

7:45-9:15 AM Council of Communities Breakfast – **Mark Twain**

- Community Chairs and Vice-Chairs Only

7:45-9:15 AM Society of Fellows Networking Breakfast – **Sleeping Beauty Pavilion**

- Longwood Fellows Program and Alumni Only (pre-registration required)

### Wednesday 6/6

6:45-7:45 AM – Continental breakfast will be provided in the **Disneyland Center Ballroom.**

### Thursday 6/7

6:45-7:45 AM – Continental breakfast will be provided in the **Disneyland Center Ballroom.**

### Friday 6/8

6:45-7:45 AM – Continental breakfast will be provided in the **Disneyland Center Ballroom.**

## If you have any other questions...

Feel free to contact the Association team on or before Friday, June 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET by calling 610-708-3010 or via email at [info@publicgardens.org](mailto:info@publicgardens.org).