

Shuttle and Transportation Schedule

Shuttles between the conference hotels and the Riverfront Center, which is the conference site, will be operated daily. We are using two bus companies to provide the shuttle service – First Student, which will be using 47-passenger yellow school buses, and On the Move, a company that uses 56-passenger motor coaches. All buses will have signs that say, “SEJ SHUTTLE.”

Under this schedule buses should be available approximately every 15-20 minutes. However this can change depending on traffic and other factors.

The buses will make the following stops:

Holiday Inn – Flint Gateway Center (near airport)

5353 Gateway Centre Drive

(Those attendees staying at the Residence Inn and Courtyard by Marriott will need to walk to the Holiday Inn for pick-up. If you are at the Residence Inn, exit the back of the hotel by the tennis court to have the shortest route to the Holiday Inn)

Holiday Inn Express – Flint

1150 Robert T. Longway Blvd. (near the conference site)

Riverfront Banquet Center (conference site)

1 Riverfront Plaza, Flint

Wednesday, Oct. 3

6:30am – 9:30am – Pick-ups will begin at the Holiday Inn – Gateway Center at 6:30am. 1 bus will loop between all stops until 9:30am. The bus will be a yellow school bus from First Student.

3:00pm – 11:00pm – 1 bus will begin to loop between the hotels and the conference site starting at 3:00pm. It will leave from the Holiday Inn – Gateway Center and travel the loop between locations listed above. It will be a large coach from On the Move Transportation. Two more buses will join the loop beginning at 4:00pm. They are yellow school buses from First Student. All three buses will continue making the loop until 11:00pm.

Thursday, Oct. 4

This portion is a bit complicated but very important, so read carefully.

Thursday tour participants will be picked up at their hotels. Each bus tour will depart from the Holiday Inn – Gateway Center (this is the collection site for all three airport hotels) 45 minutes prior to the tour's departure time from the Riverfront Banquet Center. The tour bus will then travel to the Holiday Inn Express. The buses will depart from that hotel 30 minutes prior to the official departure time from the Riverfront Banquet Center. This will give attendees an opportunity to purchase breakfast at the Riverfront Banquet Center before each tour leaves at its scheduled time. When the tour buses return, they will drop off beginning at whichever hotel is most convenient and then continue to loop to all the hotels.

Tours will depart at their announced times. NO tour bus will be allowed to delay departure. PLEASE be prompt, or YOU WILL BE LEFT BEHIND.

TOUR DEPARTURE TIMES

The tour buses for Thursday only are from Blue Lakes Charters.

Tour 1: Departs airport hotels 4:15am; Holiday Inn Express 4:30am; Banquet Center 5:00am

Tour 2: Departs airport hotels 5:45am; Holiday Inn Express 6:00am; Banquet Center 6:30am

Tour 3: Departs airport hotels 6:15am; Holiday Inn Express 6:30am; Banquet Center 7:00am

Tour 4: Departs airport hotels 6:45am; Holiday Inn Express 7:00am; Banquet Center 7:30am

Tour 5: Departs airport hotels 7:15am; Holiday Inn Express 7:30am; Banquet Center 8:00am

Tour 6: Departs airport hotels 7:45am; Holiday Inn Express 8:00am; Banquet Center 8:30am

Tour 7: Departs airport hotels 8:15am; Holiday Inn Express 8:30am; Banquet Center 9:00am

Tour 8: Departs airport hotels 8:45am; Holiday Inn Express 9:00am; Banquet Center 9:30am

Tour 9: Departs airport hotels 9:15am; Holiday Inn Express 9:30am; Banquet Center 10:00am

For those who are not on a tour, there will be no shuttle from the airport hotels to the downtown area on Thursday until 4:00pm. If it's important that you get to the conference site before 4:00pm please contact your hotel's front desk to use their shuttle.

4:00pm – 11:00pm – 3 buses will begin to loop between the hotels and the conference site. The first buses will leave from the Holiday Inn – Gateway Center and from the Riverfront Banquet Center simultaneously at 4:00pm, and all three buses will continue making a loop until 11pm. All 3 buses will be yellow school buses from First Student.

Friday, Oct. 5

6:30am – 9:30am: Three buses – Two from On the Move Transportation and one from First Student – will circulate between the hotels and the conference site. The first bus will leave from the Holiday Inn – Gateway Center beginning at 6:30am.

9:30am – 3pm: The bus from First Student will continue to circulate on the hotel loop.

4:00pm – 11:00pm – 3 buses will begin to loop between the hotels and the conference site. The first buses will leave from the Holiday Inn – Gateway Center and from the Riverfront Banquet Center simultaneously at 4:00pm, and all three buses will continue making a loop until 11pm. All 3 buses will be yellow school buses from First Student.

Saturday, Oct. 6

6:30am – 3:00pm: Pick-ups will begin at the Holiday Inn – Gateway Center at 6:30am. 3 buses will loop between all stops until 9:30am. All buses will be yellow school buses from First Student. One bus will continue the loop until 3:00pm.

3:00pm – 11:00pm – 3 buses will begin to loop between the hotels and the conference site, and will continue to loop until 11:00pm. All buses will be yellow school buses from First Student.

FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING ON ONE OF THE MINI-TOURS: The mini-tour buses will drop participants off at the hotels after the conclusion of the tour. If you return to your hotel, look for the First Student shuttle buses for your return to the Riverfront Banquet Center.

Sunday, Oct. 7

7:30am – 4 buses depart hotels near airport, arriving at downtown hotels at approximately 7:45am and then on to Flint Institute for the Arts. ALL 4 BUSES are yellow school buses from First Student.

12pm: 3 buses leave Flint Institute for the Arts and go to airport. 1 bus returns to area hotels. MAKE SURE your luggage is on the proper bus in the morning. The airport buses will be marked buses #1, #2 and #3. The driver will stay with the buses, so your luggage will remain secure while you are at the Sunday morning event.