



A unique opportunity
for A.A. members to
share their experience,
strength and hope.

From the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME
FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES ENCOURAGED

What to **EXPECT**

First Timer Orientation

We especially welcome you if this will be your first Regional Forum. Before the Forum starts, there will be an orientation session which will include an informational handout.

Sharing Sessions/Ask-It Basket

What have you been wondering about? Come up to the mike, maybe others have been wondering too. Share your thoughts and ask your questions. If you don't want to come to the mike, you can write out your comment or question and drop it into the "Ask-It" Basket.

Presentations

You will hear presentations covering topics such as, A.A. Around the World, Self-Support and Carrying the Message. Each presentation features hand-outs and time for questions and answers. It's a great way to get to know members of the General Service Board, as well as Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and A.A. Grapevine.

A.A. Grapevine / La Viña

Meet the Staff from A.A. Grapevine and La Viña, "our meetings in print," and learn how the magazines carry experience, strength and hope to A.A. members in a vast number of settings. You can learn how to contribute stories and participate as a Grapevine/La Viña representative.

Workshops

The workshop topics come from recommendations made by Forum attendees the last time we were in your Region. Workshops may cover practical "how-to" topics as well as themes related to unity, recovery and service. At the end of the Forum we will ask you for ideas for the next Forum in your Region.

REGIONAL HOSTS

2017

Northeast Region
West Central Region
Southwest Region
East Central Region

2018

Western Canada Region
Eastern Canada Region
Pacific Region
Southeast Region

Our primary PURPOSE

First Time Forum Attendees

Those of you attending your first A.A. Regional Forum, are especially welcome! Come and meet other A.A. members and learn about the rich variety of service opportunities that our Fellowship offers.

Whether you are new to service or have been sober and active in A.A. service for years, the Regional Forum experience is a wonderful way to learn and share about our worldwide, life-saving Fellowship.

More than a Presentation

Presentations cover topics such as: A.A. Around the World, Who are Our Trustees and What Do They Do? Your General Service Office: How It Helps My Group Carry the A.A. Message? Self-Support, and much more. Most presentations feature hand-outs and time for questions and answers.

Workshops, we need your voice

Regional Forums provide a great opportunity for members to exchange group, district, area and regional experience. You will find that Area Delegates and committee members also come to listen and share their experience.

Spiritual Principles, Practical Experience

Communication—one alcoholic talking to another—is the vital link for all of us in A.A. Regional Forums create another important link in that chain. Whether it is a one-on-one chat during a coffee break, asking a question at the microphone during a Sharing Session, or just absorbing information, each member's attendance at these Forums helps to further our primary purpose—staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

A.A.'s Legacy of Service by Bill W.
The A. A. Service Manual, p. 51

FORUMS OFFER..

A meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic. Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board, and Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and A.A. Grapevine.

HOTEL

RESERVATIONS: Group discount codes for the hotels are online at aa.org, under "Regional and Local Forums" and on each Forum's registration form.

Upcoming Forums

2017

June 2-4	Northeast	DoubleTree by Hilton Mars, PA
September 8-10	West Central	Holiday Inn City Centre Sioux Fall, SD
October 20-22	Southwest	San Antonio Marriott Northwest San Antonio, TX
November 17-19	East Central	Wyndham Springfield City Centre Springfield, IL

2018

June 8-10	Western Canada	Ramada Plaza Regina, Saskatchewan
July 20-22	Eastern Canada	Hotel Le Victorin Victoriaville, Quebec
September 7-9	Pacific	DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose San Jose, California
November 16-18	Southeast	Washington Dulles Airport Marriott Sterling, VA

Since 1975

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A. A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

2017 West Central Regional Forum REGISTRATION FORM

PRE-REGISTRATION ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: WWW.AA.ORG

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter?
 Is this your first Regional Forum?

Information provided is "Confidential" and will only be used for this Regional Forum.

Mail to G.S.O to Arrive by: **September 4, 2017**
 General Service Office, P.O. Box 459,
 Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
 Att: Regional Forums

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
 2017 West Central Regional Forum
September 8 - 10, 2017



Holiday Inn
 City Centre
 100 W. 8th Street
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104
 Phone: (605) 330-0454
 Rate cutoff date: August 8, 2017

Arrival Date _____
 Departure Date _____
 Number of Nights _____
 Room Type _____
 Guests per room _____

Room Rates: Single/Double: \$119 (plus tax)

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____
 Credit Card # _____
 Exp. Date _____

For discount rate mail to Hotel to Arrive before: **August 8, 2017**
 Holiday Inn City Centre, 100 W. 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104
 Att: Melany Pravecsek

For special room rate use **Group Code: GAA**

2017 WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL FORUM

HOLIDAY INN

City Centre
 100 W. 8th Street
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104
 (605) 330-0454

Group Code: **GAA**

September 8 - 10, 2017

Friday: 6:30pm - 9:30pm Saturday: 9am - 9pm Sunday: 9am - 12pm

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Can be made by:
 PHONE: (605) 339-2000

Group Rate cutoff date: ONLINE: www.aa.org (Click on: "For A.A. Members")

FOR SPECIAL ROOM RATE: use GROUP CODE:

Tentative SCHEDULE of Events

FRIDAY

2pm-TILL CLOSING
 6:30-6:45pm Registration
 7pm-8:30pm First Timer Orientation
 8:30-8:45pm Opening Session: Board Presentations
 8:45-9:30pm Break
 Video PSA: General Sharing Session

SATURDAY (Continued)

2-2:30pm General Sharing Session
 2:30-2:45pm Break
 2:45-4:15pm G.S.O. Presentations
 4:15-5pm General Sharing Session
 5-7pm Dinner
 7-7:55pm Workshops
 7:55-8:05pm Break
 8:05-9pm Workshops

SATURDAY

9am-TILL CLOSING
 9-9:45am Registration
 9:45-10am Delegate Presentations
 10-11:15am Break
 11:20-12noon Full Forum Workshop
 12-1:30pm Grapevine Presentations
 1:30-2pm Lunch
 Trustee-at-Large Presentation

SUNDAY

9am-10:30am Registration
 9-9:45am First Timer Sharing Session
 9:45-10:30am Ask-it Basket/General Sharing Session
 10:30-10:45am Break
 10:45-11:30am Past Trustees' Sharing
 11:30-12noon Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION Information

There is no charge to attend Regional Forums. Please pre-register to support GSO with event preparation. You can always register onsite. To pre-register online, go to www.aa.org, click on "For A.A. Members." All who register will receive a Final Forum Report.