



We Look Forward to Seeing You in Chicago

The leadership and staff of America's Newspapers look forward to seeing you at the [Senior Leadership Conference](#) in Chicago, Oct. 8-10. Here is information to help you plan your trip.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference will be held at The Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago: 909 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The hotel's telephone number is 800-228-9290.

The check-in time at The Westin is 4 p.m. and the check-out time is noon.

Conference sessions will be held on Level Two of the hotel. You'll find our conference registration desk in Superior East. Badges can be picked up there beginning at noon on Sunday. General Sessions will be held in the Great Lakes Grand Ballroom.

GETTING THERE

The hotel is located 18 miles from O'Hare Airport and 13.8 miles from Chicago Midway. Information about obtaining a car rental, taxi or other transportation from the airport can be found here:

From O'Hare Airport: <https://www.flychicago.com/ohare/tofrom/taxi/pages/default.aspx>

From Midway: <https://www.flychicago.com/midway/tofrom/pages/default.aspx>

[Rapid transit train service](#) also is available from Chicago's two major airports, but each would include at least a seven-block walk to the hotel after exiting the train service.

- O'Hare Airport: Take Blue Line to the Washington Street stop. Walk across the street to State Street to catch the Red Line (Howard) two stops to the Chicago stop. Walk three blocks east to Michigan Ave., four blocks north to the hotel.
- Midway: Take Orange Line to Roosevelt. Transfer to Red Line, and take it to the Chicago stop. Walk three blocks east to Michigan Ave., four blocks north to the hotel.
- Metra: There is no Metra stop near the hotel and Metra ends at Ogilvie Station. Walk north to Green Line train at Clinton and Lake. Take Green line east to Lake/Cook and transfer to Red Line. Take it two stops to the Chicago stop. Walk three blocks east to Michigan Ave., four blocks north to the hotel.

PARKING: Off-site parking is available near the hotel at: 875 N. Michigan. The hotel's valet service is \$79 per day.

PROGRAM

The Senior Leadership Conference opens Sunday, Oct. 8, with a reception at 5:30 p.m. The program begins Monday, Oct. 9, at 9 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10. [The complete program can be found here](#). Among the program sessions on Monday are six fast-paced Solution Showcases that will highlight solutions that are positively impacting newspaper organizations – success stories with real results!

WELCOME RECEPTION

The Welcome Reception for registered attendees begins at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, and concludes at 6:30 pm. Wear your badge. You must be registered for the convention to attend. Thank you to [Kodak](#): our Sunday evening reception sponsor!

The reception on Monday evening, also from 5:30-6:30 p.m., is sponsored by [RevContent](#).

Both receptions will be held in the Michigan Ballroom.

**Please wear your conference badge at all times.
Badges are required to enter the receptions, breakfasts, lunch and meetings.**

AWARDS

The Frank W. Mayborn Leadership Award, Inland Distinguished Service Award and Carmage Walls Commentary Prizes will be presented during the Monday lunch. Participants from the Executive Development Class of 2023 also will be recognized at lunch.

In addition, America's Newspapers will elect officers and directors for 2023-24 during the Monday lunch. Monday's lunch is sponsored by [Jobcase \(Recruitology\)](#).

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Our conference sponsors have a wealth of knowledge about what is working in newspapers all over the U.S. Please make a point to visit with them during the conference and thank them for their support of our industry. The right solution or suggestion can pay for your trip to Chicago many times over – and their support of our conference pays for expenses that otherwise would have to be included in higher registration fees.

Please join us in thanking our sponsors!



Additional general conference sponsors include: [AdPerfect](#), [AMG Parade \(The Arena Group\)](#), [The Associated Press](#), [AMR - A Marketing Resource](#), [AffinityX](#), [BlueConic](#), [Business Payment Solutions](#), [Column](#), [Creative Circle Media Solutions](#), [EKCS](#), [Frequence](#), [ICANON Newzware](#), [Legal Notice Service](#), [OwnLocal](#), [Publication Printers](#), [PugPig](#), [SceneThink](#), [TakeAds](#) and [Way, Ray, Shelton & Co., P.C.](#)

BREAKFAST ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Breakfast will be available for all registered attendees from 8-9 a.m. on both Monday and Tuesday in the Great Lakes Foyer. Our breakfast sponsor on Monday is [Seyfarth Shaw](#). On Tuesday, breakfast is sponsored by [FT Strategies](#).

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

Coffee will be available throughout the conference, compliments of [BellCornerstone](#). Morning and afternoon breaks on Monday and Tuesday are sponsored by [Coda Ventures](#); [Cribb, Cope & Potts](#); and [DataJoe](#).

INTERNET ACCESS (sponsored by Mather Economics)

Conference attendees have free internet access in our meeting rooms, compliments of [Mather Economics](#).

DINING AND THINGS TO DO

Pick your experience – fine dining, great music, world-class museums, theater and dance. Chicago has it all. Here are some lists to guide you:

- [Here are a few suggested restaurants within walking distance of the hotel](#). Reservations are highly recommended.
- Time Out's [74 Best Things to Do in Chicago](#)
- Fodor's [23 Ultimate Things to Do in Chicago](#)

WEATHER AND ATTIRE

Fall temperatures have arrived in Chicago. Forecasts call for daytime highs in the upper 60s and nighttime lows near 50 degrees. Check before you pack! Access a 10-day forecast at [The Weather Channel](#).

Dress is “business casual.” Ties are not necessary. This attire also is suitable at almost any restaurant you may choose for dinner. Hotel meeting rooms are often chilly. You may wish to bring a jacket or light sweater for the conference sessions.

NEED HELP?

The America's Newspapers staff can help you with hotel, program and registration questions before and during your trip. Please contact us:

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Safe travels! See you in Chicago.

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