



We Look Forward to Seeing You in Orlando!

The leadership and staff of America's Newspapers and the News/Media Alliance look forward to seeing you at the 2025 News Industry Mega-Conference in Orlando, April 14-16. Here is information to help you plan your trip.

JW MARRIOTT ORLANDO BONNET CREEK RESORT & SPA

The Mega-Conference will be held at the JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa. The address is 14900 Chelonia Parkway, Orlando, FL 32821. The hotel's telephone number is 407-919-6300.

The check-in time at the JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa is 4 p.m. and the check-out time is 11 a.m.

Discounted hotel rooms in our block are sold out. But, full-rate rooms may be available. For information on reserving a hotel room, [click here](#).

The conference registration desk, meetings and Town Square are located on Level 1 of the Conference Center in the Griffin ballrooms and foyer.

GETTING THERE

The hotel is 21 miles from the Orlando International Airport. The hotel does not provide shuttle service.

Taxi service is available from the airport and Uber is always an option.

Valet parking at the Marriott is \$54. Self-parking normally is \$38, but Mega-Conference attendees will receive a 50% discount – charged automatically to their room, if staying at the hotel.

Click here to get [door-to-door driving directions](#).

GREAT PROGRAM, TOWN SQUARE AND A NETWORK OF COLLEAGUES

The conference registration desk opens at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 14. The desk will close at 6:30 p.m.

Please wear your conference badge at all times.

Badges are required to enter the Town Square, receptions, breakfast, lunch and meetings.

The Town Square will open at 5:30 p.m. on Monday with our Welcome Reception, sponsored by Kodak. The reception runs until 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner on your own. A Tuesday evening reception will be sponsored by Gannett, also in the Town Square, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Additional Town Square hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16.

Refreshments will be available in the Town Square at breakfast, lunch and during the breaks. Coffee is available until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and through lunch on Wednesday.

Family Owners and Key Executives of Independently-Owned Newspapers: Don't leave early!

We hope you will join us for the **Family & Independent Owners Regional Roundtable**, an exclusive opportunity to connect and collaborate with other newspaper families facing similar challenges and opportunities. This half-day session will take place after lunch on Wednesday, April 16, followed by a Family Owners dinner. The cost is included with your Mega-Conference registration, **but a separate registration is required**. Register here:

<https://member.newspapers.org/family-owners.html>

Mega-Conference Sessions: The program begins at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, and concludes after lunch on Wednesday, April 16.

- [Here is the complete conference program.](#)
- [Here is a list of companies sending attendees to the Mega-Conference.](#)
- A full attendee list will be available – starting Sunday, April 13 – on our Mega-Conference app to attendees who **LOGIN on the app**. However, you can download the rest of the app now. Just scan the QR code to download the app to your phone.
- [Here is a list of sponsors and exhibitors.](#)



VISIT OUR SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

The Solutions Partners who are exhibiting at the Mega-Conference are prepared to share a wealth of knowledge about what is working at local media companies all over the U.S. Please make it your mission to visit with them. The right solution or suggestion can pay for your trip to Orlando many times over – and often, the experts behind the exhibit tables, at cocktail rounds or at Solutions Roundtable discussions are your best source of information!

WEATHER AND ATTIRE

Daytime highs are expected to be in the mid-80s and evening lows around 60 degrees. [You can check here for an update as you pack.](#) Dress is business casual. Ties are not necessary. It may be chilly in the conference rooms; consider bringing a light sweater or jacket. This attire also is suitable at almost any restaurant you may choose for dinner and for the Mega-Conference functions.

WELCOME RECEPTION

The welcome reception on Monday evening, April 14, will be held in the Town Square (Griffin A, B & C) from 5:30–6:30 pm. Our reception sponsor is Kodak.

In addition, be sure to visit these premium sponsors in the Town Square:

- AdCellerant, with a Coffee Café throughout the conference
- BLOX Digital, with a Whiskey Bar during receptions
- Legacy, with a Bake Shoppe throughout the conference
- Make It Free, with a Wine Bar during receptions
- Pudpig, with a Beer Pub during receptions

Check our conference app during the Mega-Conference for details about the specialty drinks and additional treats that are planned throughout the conference in the Town Square.

BREAKFAST ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Breakfast will be available in the Town Square on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The Lenfest Institute for Journalism is the sponsor of the Tuesday breakfast. Wednesday's breakfast is sponsored by Advantage Newspaper Consultants.

LUNCH ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

A buffet lunch will be held in the Town Square on both days.

- Tuesday's lunch is sponsored by Software Consulting Services.
- Wednesday's lunch is sponsored by Brainworks.

SOLUTIONS ROUNDTABLES

Ten Solutions Partners will host roundtable discussions as part of the conference program on Tuesday morning from 10:30 – 11:45. Details about the roundtables will be posted on the Mega-Conference website soon. This session is only open to newspaper executives and the table hosts:

AdMessenger

JobCase

The Associated Press

King Features

CitySpark

Lineup

Flipp

Make It Free

Indigo Trigger

Smartico

VIEW FULL PROGRAM DETAILS

More information about the conference sessions and speakers can be found [HERE](#).

DINING

Find information about restaurants at the hotel, as well as nearby locations, [HERE](#). The restaurants at the adjacent Hilton and Waldorf are about a 10- to 15-minute walk, but there are many other restaurants about a 10- to 15-minute drive away, including dozens at Disney Springs.

THINGS TO DO

Learn about local attractions [HERE](#).

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND CONFERENCE PHOTOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Tweet using the hashtag: #2025MegaConf

Safe travels! We look forward to seeing you soon in Orlando!

