

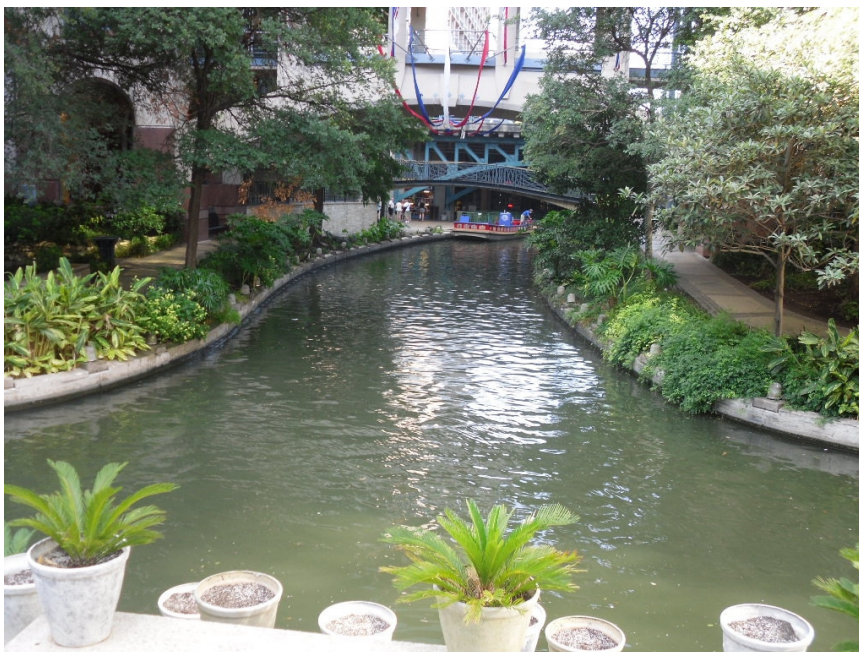


## Welcome to the National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Academic Advising

Academic Advising:  
Deep in the Heart of Student Success

September 30-October 3, 2009  
SAN ANTONIO

*Welcome to San Antonio, Texas – home to two of America's most famous attractions – the Alamo and the Paseo del Rio (River Walk). Those of us who comprise the University of Texas at San Antonio's hospitality committee hope that your attendance at the 2009 NACADA conference is rewarding both personally and professionally. Please call upon us to assist you in ensuring that your visit to the conference and San Antonio is worry-free and enjoyable.*



**Weather:** *September/October*

- Located just over 700 feet above sea level and 140 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, San Antonio's climate conditions range from a daily average minimum of 40° in January to a daily average maximum of 96° in August. During September and October, temperatures typically range between 59° and 90°. Although San Antonio is a very sunny location, the chance of rain increases during the months of May and September. For updated weather reports, call 830-609-2029.

**Airport Transportation**

San Antonio International Airport is located 8 miles from downtown.

Shuttle transportation, provided by SATTRANS, the city's official airport shuttle, is available between the airport and downtown daily from 7:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m. For information on fees and schedules, please call 210-281-9900 or visit [www.saairportshuttle.com](http://www.saairportshuttle.com). Tickets are sold at the baggage claim areas in Terminals I and II.

Taxis in San Antonio are metered. Although the major taxi company in the city is Yellow Cab, according to their website (<http://www.yellowcabsa.com>), "All taxis charge \$2.00 for the first one sixth of a mile and \$2.15 for each mile thereafter (plus gas surcharge, if applicable). The minimum downtown fare is \$5.00, and the minimum airport departure fare is \$11.50." The fare from the San Antonio International Airport to the Grand Hyatt San Antonio is approximately \$22.00-\$24.00.

**Car Rental**

Conference participants are strongly encouraged to arrange car rental choices before departure for San Antonio.

Advantage Rent A Car	1-800-777-5500
Alamo Rent A Car	1-877-222-9075
Avis Rent A Car System	1-800-331-1084
Budget Rent A Car	1-800-527-0700
Enterprise Rent A Car	1-800-261-7331
Hertz Corporation	1-800-654-3131
National Car Rental System, Inc.	1-877-222-9058
Thrifty Car Rental	1-800-847-4389

**Grand Hyatt San Antonio**

- **Accessibility:** According to the hotel's website, "The staff at Grand Hyatt San Antonio is sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities and is in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act." Should guests have questions or need additional information, please contact a staff member without hesitation.
- **ATM Machine:** ATMs are available in the hotel lobby and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; the service fee is \$2.00.
- **Business Services:** The Hyatt's Business Center is located on the third level and offers computers with high-speed internet access, as well as printers, copiers, and fax.
- **Concierge/Guest Services (Bell Desk):** The Concierge and Bell Desk staff is located on the Lobby level adjacent to the Registration desk. They assist hotel guests with arranging activities around the area, transportation, dining options, and babysitting services. Within the hotel, the Concierge can be reached by dialing 51, Guest Request at 56, and the Bell Desk at 52.

- **Health Club:** The hotel fitness center is open 24 hours and features weight equipment, exercise bicycles, treadmills, and free weights. Located on the fifth level, a lap pool is also available; it is open daily from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- **Lost and Found:** “*Non-valuable items:* When an item is found in a guestroom or elsewhere in the hotel, it is turned into the Housekeeping Department and kept there for 30 days. After 30 days, if the item is unclaimed, it is returned to the finder. *Valuable items:* According to Texas law, any item that is found in the hotel that is of value must be turned into the Security Department and kept there for 90 days. After 90 days, if the item is unclaimed, it is returned to the finder. Guests are responsible for all returned shipping charges. *Inquiries can be made regarding lost and found items 24 hours a day.* For more information, call the Grand Hyatt San Antonio at (210) 224-1234 and ask for the Lost and Found Department. (Grand Hyatt San Antonio A-Z Guide for Convention, Meeting and Special Event Planning, April 2009)
- **Bars and Lounges:**

*Bar Rojo*, located on the street level is, according to the Grand Hyatt Guide, a “casual yet upscale lounge.” Hours: 3:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

*Terrace Bar* offers a tranquil atmosphere on the river level. Mixed drinks, beverages such as mojitos and margaritas, as well as appetizers are available. Hours: 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
- **Parking:** The Hyatt offers both self and valet parking in an underground garage; oversized vehicles, toppers, and/or trailers are not permitted. Rates include in/out privileges.

<u>Daily self park</u>		<u>Valet</u>	
0 - 1 hr.	\$ 5	0 - 1 hr.	\$ 10
1 - 2	8	1 - 2	15
2 - 3	11	2 - 6	20
3 - 6	15	6 - 24	33
6 - 10	20		
10- 24	23		

**PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- **Wi-Fi:** Available in public areas
- **Restaurants:**

*Achiote River Café*, located on the River Walk, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner which, according to the Grand Hyatt’s Convention Guide, features food with the “rich culinary heritage of Mexico, South and Central America, and the Caribbean.” Hours: 6:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

*Perks Coffee & More* offers a wide array of beverages, as well as sandwiches, snacks, and pastries. Hours: 24 hours

# Out and About in San Antonio

## ATM Machines

ATM Express.....211 Alamo Plaza  
ATM America.....111 W. Crockett Street  
Rivercenter Mall.....several locations at all levels including outside Hooters and Starbucks

## Restaurants

### On the River Walk

Boudro's	421 E. Commerce	210-224-8484
*Cafe Olé	527 River Walk	210-223-2939
*Casa Rio	430 E Commerce	210-225-6718
*County Line Bar-B-Q	111 W. Crockett # 104	210-229-1941
Dick's Last Resort	406 Navarro	210-224-0026
*Hard Rock Cafe	111 W. Crockett St	210-224-0743
*Landry's Seafood House	817 N. Presa St.	210-229-1010
Lone Star Cafe	237 Loyosa	210-223-9374
Michelino's	521 River Walk	210-223-2939
Original Mexican Restaurant	102 W. Crockett # 800	210-224-9951
*Paesanos	111 W. Crockett #100	210-227-2782
Rainforest Cafe	110 E. Crockett	210-227-6300
Rio Rio Cantina	421 E. Commerce	210-226-8462
Saltgrass Steak House	502 River Walk	210-222-9092
Schilo's	424 E. Commerce	210-223-6692
Texas Land & Cattle	201 N. St. Marys	210-222-2263
Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub	234 River Walk	210-229-9299
Zuni Grill	223 Losoya	210-227-0864

### \*Dinner group sign ups with members of the San Antonio hospitality committee

### In Rivercenter mall food court area or nearby

Bourbon Street Cajun Grill	Little Tokyo
Chili's	Luciano's
Cinnabon	McDonald's
Cool Yogurt	Orange Julius
Dairy Queen	Pizza Hut
Fuddruckers	Side Wok Cafe
Gourmet Kabob House	Sbarro's Italian Eatery
Hooters	Tony Roma's Rib

### In the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

El Puente	Lobby Bridge
Pour Favor	Ground Level; next to UPS Store

Other restaurants of interest

The Fig Tree Restaurant	515 Villita	210-224-1976
La Margarita Restaurant & Oyster Bar	120 Produce Row	210-227-7140
Little Rhein Steak House	231 S. Alamo	210-225-2111
Mi Tierra Café y Panadería	218 Produce Row	210-225-1262
Rosario's	910 S. Alamo Street	210-223-1806
Ruth's Chris Steak House	1170 E. Commerce Street	210-227-8847
Tower of the Americas	600 Hemisfair Park	210-223-3101

**Bars and Lounges**

Coyote Ugly San Antonio	409 E. Commerce Street	210-465-8459
Howl at the Moon	111 W. Crockett Street #201	210-212-4770
Jim Cullum's Landing	601 S. St. Mary's Street	210-223-7266
°MadDogs British Pub	123 Losoya Street, Suite 19	210-222-0220
O'Brien's	121 Alamo Plaza	210-220-1076

°Will have specials for NACADA participants

**Churches**

First Baptist Church	515 McCullough	210-226-0363
First Presbyterian Church	404 N. Alamo	210-226-0215
Grace Lutheran Church	604 Ave. East at McCullough	210-226-9131
Little Church of La Villita	508 Villita Street	210-226-3593
San Fernando Cathedral	115 Main Plaza	210-227-1297
Seventh Day Adventist Church	2526 Goliad Rd	210-333-9206
St. Mary's Catholic Church	202 N. St. Mary's	210-226-8391
St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Downtown)	623 E. Commerce	210-226-0126

**Drugstores**

CVS ( <i>on the River Walk</i> )	211 Losoya Street	210-224-9293
Rivercenter Drug Store ( <i>does not fill prescriptions</i> )	849 E. Commerce Street	210-299-1383
Walgreens	300 E. Houston Street	210-424-3462

**Florist**

The Last Straw Florist	15015 San Pedro Ave.	800-800-2040
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**Gas Stations**

There are no gas stations downtown; however, several gas stations as well as an HEB Grocery Store are available for drivers who travel I-37 south and exit Southcross (about 1 mile).

**Liquor Stores**

A Taste of Texas Wine	201 E. Commerce Street ( <i>Suite 4</i> )	210-223-8996
Riverwalk Wines & Spirits	414 E. Commerce Street	210-224-2012

**Medical Facilities**

*Alamo City Medical Group's River Walk Medical Clinic (URGENT CARE—OPEN 24 HOURS)...210-272-1741*

Baptist Health System	615 Soledad Street	210-297-9700
Christus Santa Rosa Health Care	333 N. Santa Rosa	210-704-2011
Nix Health Care System	414 Navarro Street	210-271-1800

## Rivercenter Mall

AMC and IMAX theaters.....upper level  
Visitor Booths.....one near IMAX and one outside Hooters

## Sightseeing

Visitors to San Antonio who would like to sample regional fare at one of the scores of downtown restaurants, meander along the River Walk, or peruse the tempting artifacts at El Mercado-Market Square should do so on foot or by VIA trolley for longer distances. A very inexpensive way to get around, the trolleys, hiked up on rubber tires, zip around four routes which stop at all major attractions. Colorful, fun, and unique, the yellow, purple, red, and blue line trolleys offer affordable tickets to conference participants anxious for new experiences and a taste of good ol' Texas hospitality.

*Please note that tickets are NOT available for purchase at the Grand Hyatt, however, the **Yellow Route** drops off and picks up passengers at both the Grand Hyatt and Convention Center. This route also covers the Tower of the Americas, the Institute of Texan Cultures, Rivercenter Mall, San Fernando Cathedral, Market Square, the Alamodome, Sunset Station, and the UTSA downtown campus (stops at both Frio and Durango Streets).*

The other popular line is the **Red Route**. It does not stop at the Grant Hyatt but hits spots such as the Alamo, Market Square, LaVillita, Alamo Plaza, and Rivercenter Mall.

VIA Trolleys are located at 112 Soledad Street, but riders may hop on at any stop; a one way ticket is \$1.10 and transfers are available for \$0.15. For additional information, please call (210) 227-2020 or access the website <http://www.viainfo.net>

<http://www.visitsanantonio.com/index.aspx>

<http://www.sairportshuttle.com/> or (210) 281-9900 (San Antonio and Hill Country tours)

<http://www.riverwalkguide.com/>

<http://www.lavillita.com/>

<http://www.buckhornmuseum.com/>

<http://www.thealamo.org/history.html>

<http://www.aztecontheriver.com/>

<http://www.mcnayart.org/>

<http://www.wittmuseum.org/>

<http://www.samuseum.org/main/>

<http://www.sabot.org/>

<http://sanantonio.ripleys.com/>

<http://www.south.town.net/index.html>

## Texas (and San Antonio) Trivia

Texas is known as the Lone Star State.

The Alamo is located in San Antonio. It is where Texas defenders fell, after a nearly two-week stand, on March 6, 1836, to Mexican General Santa Anna. Among those who died were David Crockett, Jim Bowie, and William B. Travis.

The Alamo is considered the cradle of Texas liberty and is the state's most popular historical site.

The armadillo is the official small mammal of the state; the Texas longhorn is the state's official large mammal.

Texas includes 267,339 square miles and is second only to Alaska as the largest state in the United States. It encompasses so much area that it would be possible to fit inside of Texas 220 states of Rhode Island; all of the New England states and Ohio; or New York, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.

The world's first rodeo was held in Pecos on July 4, 1883.

Texas' state motto is "Friendship."

Shaquille O'Neal played high school basketball in San Antonio.

Texas was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845.

The Heisman Trophy is named for John William Heisman, the first full-time coach and athletic director at Rice University in Houston.

Texas' state bird is the mockingbird.

Texas has more wildflowers than any other state; the Bluebonnet is Texas' state flower.

The King Ranch in Texas is bigger than the state of Rhode Island.

Eighty-five percent of the public libraries in Texas were founded by women's clubs.

There were more than 70 World War II prisoner-of-war camps in Texas, more than any other state.

The first word spoken from the moon on July 20, 1969, was "Houston."

The Tyler Municipal Rose Garden is the world's largest rose garden. It contains 38,000 rose bushes representing 500 varieties of roses set in a 22-acre garden.

Spindletop, near Beaumont in East Texas, was Texas' first oil gusher in 1901. It signaled the beginning of the state's oil boom.

There are more than 70,000 miles of highways in Texas.

The years from A.D. 500 to A.D. 1500 are called the Late Prehistoric Period. Agricultural Indians domesticated some of our principal crops, including cotton, corn, beans, squash, tomatoes, and potatoes. Burial and temple mounds of these early farmers can be found in the piney woods of East Texas.

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