

2011 Southwest Regional Forum

**With our U.S./Canada General Service Board
Of Alcoholics Anonymous**

October 7, 8, and 9, 2011

7pm to 10pm Friday

9am to 9:45pm Saturday

9am to noon on Sunday

Hilton Wichita Airport

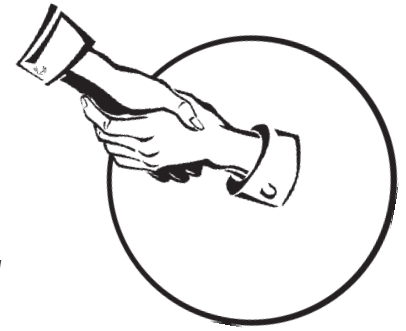
Executive Conference Center

2098 Airport Road

Wichita, KS 67209-1941

General Information: (316) 945-5272

There is no Registration Fee



**FIRST TIME FORUM
ATTENDEES-WELCOME!**

We Are Coming Together To Share Experience On Several Topics:

- ❖ Why should I care about A.A. beyond my home group?
- ❖ A.A. History-Boring or incredible spiritual journey?
- ❖ How does support of G.S.O. help A.A.s worldwide?
- ❖ Does your home group use the A.A. Grapevine or La Viña as a Twelfth Step tool?
- ❖ The upside down triangle-how are the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards accountable to the Fellowship?
- ❖ How do I have a voice in A.A.?
- ❖ What do the Traditions and Concepts have to do with my home group?

Purpose of this Forum

This Forum is put on by the A.A. General Service Board and is "open" to A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A. Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of the late Chairman of the General Service Board of Trustees, Dr. Jack Norris.

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 Staff and the A.A. Grapevine. 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.

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the Southwest Region to share their experience, strength and hope.

Registration Information:

- ❖ Registration is free.
- ❖ You can register online at www.aa.org. Go to "Services for Members" and click on "Regional Forums" link.
- ❖ You do not have to register to attend, but, please register early to help us plan for setup.
- ❖ You are on your own for meals.
- ❖ All who register will receive a final report of all discussions at the Forum.
- ❖ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except sending the final report!

Hotel Information:

Hilton Wichita Airport
Executive Conference Center
2098 Airport Road
Wichita, KS 67209-1941
General Information: (316) 945-5272
Fax: (316) 945-7620
Reservations by phone: (316) 945-5272
Please mention:
2011 Southwest Regional Forum
by 9/21/11 to receive special room rate:
single/quad. \$94.00 plus tax
Link to Hotel Reservation Online:
www.aa.org



Hosted by the 11 areas of the Southwest Region

Arkansas
Colorado
Kansas
Eastern Missouri

Western Missouri
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Northeast Texas

Northwest Texas
Southeast Texas
Southwest Texas

Schedule of Events

Friday

2:00–till closing	Registration
6:30–7:00 p.m.	Forum First Timer Orientation
7:00–8:30 p.m.	Welcoming and introductory remarks by Board and Staff
8:30–8:45 p.m.	Break
8:45–9:15 p.m.	Video
9:15–10:00 p.m.	General Sharing/Questions for Board and Staff

Saturday

9:00 a.m.–till closing	Registration
9:00–10:00 a.m.	A.A. Grapevine/LaViña Presentations
10:00–10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15–10:45 a.m.	General Sharing/Ask-It Basket
10:45–12:00 p.m.	Delegates' Presentations
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Lunch

Saturday (continued)

1:30–2:30 p.m.	A.A.W.S. and Finance Presentations
2:30–3:30 p.m.	General Sharing Session
3:30–3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45–4:00 p.m.	Presentation
4:00–5:00 p.m.	General Sharing Session/Ask-It Basket
5:00–7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00–8:15 p.m.	Workshops
8:15–8:30 p.m.	Break
8:30–9:45 p.m.	Workshops

Sunday

9:00–10:30 a.m.	General Sharing Session/Ask-It Basket
10:30–10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45–11:30 a.m.	Past Trustees' Talks
11:30–12:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

Please cut here and send registration form to
Regional Forums, General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163.



2011 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FORM*

Pre-Registration Encouraged!

Please, PRINT Clearly.

Register online at www.aa.org!

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number _____

- Do you need an American Sign Language Interpreter? Yes___ No___
- Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter? Yes___ No___
- Have you ever attended a Regional Forum previously? Yes___ No___
- Do you want to receive the Final Forum Report electronically? Yes___ No___

If yes, please provide your e-mail address:

Mail to G.S.O. to arrive
by October 3, 2011:
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General Service Office
P.O. Box 459
New York, N.Y. 10163

*Information collected is confidential and will only be used for communication about this Regional Forum.

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Hotel Reservation Information—

Southwest Regional Forum

October 7-9, 2011

Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center

316-945-5272, FAX: 316-945-7620

Mail to hotel to arrive by
September 21, 2011:
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Executive Conference Center
2098 Airport Road
Wichita, KS 67209-1941
316-945-5272
Attention: Reservations

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Please state number of nights _____ Arrival Time: _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Single/Quad. Rate: \$94.00 plus tax

Please indicate number of guests in room _____ Please specify room type _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Deposit Included _____ Credit Card Name _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Email _____

Regional Forums

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

REGIONAL FORUMS Originally, at the invitation of a region, four Regional Forums were held each year. Since the U.S./Canada service structure is composed of eight regions, a Regional Forum was held in alternate years in each region on a rotating basis. In October 2006, the General Service Board approved the concept of an Additional Regional Forum to be held upon request in each region every eight years also on a rotating basis, bringing the possible number of Regional Forums held each year to five.

The location and agenda for Regional Forums are decided jointly by the Regional Trustee, Area Delegates and G.S.O. The responsibility for initiating contact with the hotel is assumed by a local A.A. Host Contact working with the Forums Coordinator and Regional Trustee. The Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. distributes registration forms to groups and service workers throughout the region and, working with the Host Contact and Regional Trustee, coordinates the details of the Forum.

There is no registration fee for Regional Forums or Additional Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum.

As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)

