



# LoneStarCon 3

August 29 — September 2, 2013

## Progress Report 5

### From the Chairman

Here we are, down to the final days before the launch of LoneStarCon 3! This web page contains links to all kinds of valuable information about the convention including directions to the hotel and information about registration. There's information about what to do, what to see, where to eat. Please take time to read this information, it will help you make your time in Texas more productive and fun. We look forward to seeing you in just a couple of weeks!

Randall Shepherd - Chairman

LoneStarCon 3, the 71st World Science Fiction Convention

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### About PR5

This Progress Report includes a series of links intended to help you make the most of the information on this website, and of your time in San Antonio. For a full index to the website, use the main menu at the left of every page, or the alphabetical [At A Glance](#) page.

*For this PDF version, we have included copies of some of the linked pages to make the document more self-contained and easier to print or read offline. This includes the convention highlights and overall schedule, and travel guidance. This material can found on page 9 onwards.*

A number of other documents are also available in PDF format. You may find it helpful to download these for reading offline (for instance while flying to Texas) or for orientation.

- [Pocket Program](#)
- [Dining Guide](#)
- [Local Navigation - Map](#)
- [Local Navigation - Visual](#)
- [Local Information Pack](#)

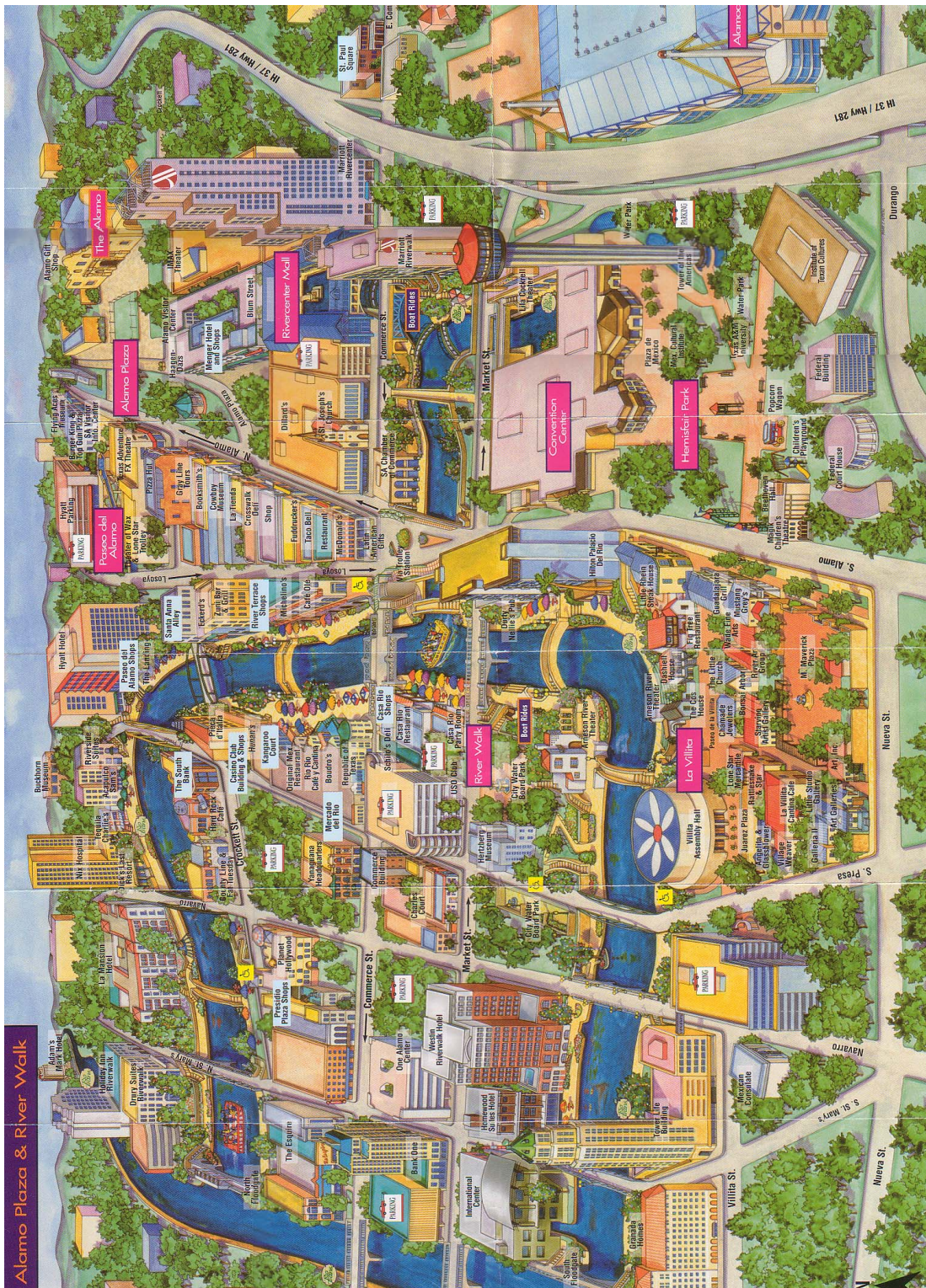
## Travel and Accommodation

First things first: you need to get to the convention! Advice for getting to San Antonio is on our [Getting Here](#) page; more details on local transport can be found on our [Getting Around](#) page. This includes [local parking suggestions](#).

Our main [hotels](#) are the Marriott Rivercenter and Marriott Riverwalk. Our overflow hotel is the [Hilton Palacio Del Rio](#). All of the hotels are within a block of the convention center.

For orientation of the local area we recommend this [excellent map](#) on MakkaMappa.com. Art as well as information!







## While You're Here

While a Worldcon can easily occupy every waking hour, we know that members often like to see a bit of the host city. We have provided an [introduction to San Antonio](#) for orientation, and a list of [major attractions](#), but for detailed information we recommend you use some of the excellent official websites.

- [www.VisitSanAntonio.com](http://www.VisitSanAntonio.com) is the official tourism site for the city. It has three main sections:
  - [Browse and Book](#) gives quick access to reviews and reservations for attractions, shops, and restaurants.
  - [Trip Ideas](#) provides thematically organized access to the same information.
  - [Explore San Antonio](#) contains extensive material on history, tourism and leisure.
- [www.theSanAntonioRiverWalk.com](http://www.theSanAntonioRiverWalk.com) is the official site of the San Antonio River Walk. It includes a history of the area, information on dining, events, and attractions, and much more.
- [www.SanAntonio.gov](http://www.SanAntonio.gov) is the official site of the City of San Antonio. It includes a range of information for visitors, including details of museums and galleries, public parks, art and cultural events.
- [www.SAHearts.com](http://www.SAHearts.com) is a city-sponsored guide to arts and cultural events in San Antonio. It includes visual arts, theatre, dance, music, culinary, and other events.

The River Walk area itself is full of shops and restaurants and will provide a great atmosphere for a stroll or a longer break from the convention. We've provided a guide to [dining on the River Walk](#) listing over 30 restaurants that you may want to try. Tex-Mex is of course the local speciality but you'll also find Old World, New World, Barbeque, Italian, Seafood, and some AAA Four Diamond fine dining choices.

If you'd like some morning exercise - to keep yourself fresh and to see some of the River Walk area - consider joining [Stroll with the Stars](#), starting at 9 a.m. each day just outside the Marriott Riverwalk.

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## Worldcon Orientation

The first thing to do on arrival (after checking into your hotel, of course), is to register and collect your badge, which gives you access to the convention. The registration desk is located in the West Registration area of the convention center. Make sure you ALWAYS carry your badge - security will not let you in to convention areas without it - and be careful not to lose it. Registration hours are listed on the main [schedule](#) page along with the opening hours for all of the main convention areas and activities.

## Registration Hours

Our registration hours are as follows.

- Wednesday, August 28 - 9 a.m to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, August 29 - 9 a.m to 7 p.m.
- Friday, August 30 - 9 a.m to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 31 - 9 a.m to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, September 1 - 9 a.m to 7 p.m.
- Monday, September 2 - 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

We recommend that all members read our [Code of Conduct](#) before setting off for LoneStarCon 3. All attendees are expected to be aware of and follow this Code for the entire duration of the event. The Code includes our policies on personal interaction and harassment, public parties, weapons, and privacy, photography and electronic recording.

We are currently working on maps to help you navigate around the convention site. These will be available through the website from around August 15, as well as being in your Pocket Program.

*Is this your first Worldcon? If so, we recommend you read this [introductory article](#) before continuing.*

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## Services to Members

We provide a number of services to help members get the most from the convention... and to help you to help us.

- If you have special needs, please check out our [Accessibility Services](#) page. Sally Woerhle, Bill Thomasson and their team are ready to help you with any issues you may have. Please note that the deadline for reserving a scooter is **Tuesday, August 20, 2013**.
- If you are bringing younger children, you may want to consider using our [professional childcare service](#), which is once again being run by Kiddiecorp this year. (This is additional to the Rangernauts fan-run children's program.) We encourage you to pre-register for this service as capacity is limited. Childcare costs \$12 per hour but the first six hours are free for those with paid child memberships.
- And if you'd like to help put on "the Greatest Show on Earth" (or at least in fandom), please sign up as a [volunteer](#) - we will need as many hands as possible on the day to share the load!

You will find our Information Desk, Volunteers Desk, and Accessibility Services Desk all located in the West Registration area, near to convention registration.

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## LoneStarCon 3 on the Move

We are currently finalizing our mobile applications - yes, plural, this year you will have two to choose from! One will be a mobile site (no software download needed), while the other will be a more fully-featured application which can save your personal schedule. The apps will run on a wide variety of Android, iOS, and other devices. This year's apps will also be available for direct download rather than needing to go through Google Play and the iTunes store - this will make it much easier for us to deal with any issues that arise during the convention.

We expect that our mobile applications will be available for members to use by **Friday, August 23**, at the latest.

## Schedule, Program, and Events

LoneStarCon 3 has an exciting and diverse range of programming, topped off with some spectacular events and exhibits. The full convention program will be published around August 15, but in the meantime, a great place to start is the [schedule](#) page which includes a list of highlights.

- For those arriving early, we still have space for our guided tour to the [Robert E. Howard House and Museum](#). This event is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 28**, with a cost to LoneStarCon 3 members of \$50 to cover the coach trip to and from Cross Plains.
- Major events are planned for each night of the convention. Opening Night (Thursday) will feature [Music Night](#), while Friday night has [Art Night](#) including the presentation of the [Chesley Awards](#). On Saturday you can attend the [Masquerade](#) and, of course, Sunday sees the presentation of the [Hugo Awards](#).
- Thursday night will also see a [Ghost Walk](#) of San Antonio, starting outside the Alamo at 8:30 p.m. Guides in period costume will be performing in true storytelling format.
- The middle nights of the convention will have featured [dance events](#). On Friday at 8 p.m., you can Join the Browncoats as we recreate the famous "Shindig" ball in our Firefly Shindig Contradance. On Saturday at 8 p.m. you can step into a real Tex-Mex Conjunto dancehall experience with the music of [Los Paisanos de Chalito Johnson](#), one of the first families of the progressive San Antonio Conjunto sound. And on Sunday at 11 p.m., after the Hugo Awards, [Scott Bradlee](#) and his Postmodern Jukebox ensemble will transform the pop-chart hits of today into the anachronistic party favorites of a yesteryear that never was, in our Steampunk-themed late night club dance.
- Our musical highlights are not limited to Music Night, although concerts from Seanan McGuire, Leslie Fish, Captains of the Chess Team, and the Diamond Star Project are certainly a great way to start the convention! As we have committed to from the time we started bidding, we will have [music at the heart of the convention](#), with concerts and performances every day. Look out especially for [Sundown: Whispers of Ragnarok](#), a performance by the acapella group Sassafrass. Gods and myths of the Viking era will come to life in this set of songs which narrate the history of the cosmos according to Viking legend, from the creation of the world to Ragnarok. Sassafrass will be performing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 31.

- The [LoneStarCon 3 Independent Film Festival](#) is brought to you by Nat Saenz, who also ran the Renovation and Chicon 7 Film Festivals. These events are growing in popularity every year and this year we have a full program of over 100 independent and fan films.
  - Look out for our Guests of Honor, Special Guests, and Toastmaster who will be appearing regularly throughout the convention. Their featured items include:
    - [Darrell K. Sweet Memorial Slide Show](#), Friday, 1:00 p.m.
    - Special Guest Interview: [Joe R. Lansdale](#), Friday, 5:00 p.m.
    - Joe R. Lansdale Martial Arts Demo, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
    - Guest of Honor Interview: [Ellen Datlow](#), Saturday, 3:00 p.m.
    - Guest of Honor Interview: [James Gunn](#), Sunday, 12 Noon
    - Guest of Honor Interview: [Norman Spinrad](#), Sunday, 4:00 p.m.
  - We will also be featuring the [world premiere of the documentary "Lakeside,"](#) about author Jay Lake's battle with cancer, as well as a special exhibit based on Jay Lake's genome. The film's director, Donnie Reynolds, and Jay Lake will both be at the convention to introduce us to the film on Friday, August 30, at 9 a.m., with a repeat showing on Monday, September 2, at 1 p.m.
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## Rangernauts - Our Children's Program

We will once again be offering fan-run children's programming for 6-12 year olds - and their parents - as an alternative to the professional childcare service offered by Kiddiecorp. [Rangernauts](#) will run for the full weekend and feature crafts, games, toys, mini-projects, books, comics, and a bit of space for children to enjoy. We want to create a room where there is always something to do, where science and engineering meet fiction, film, books, comics, and the fantastic, and where kids will enjoy themselves and have fun!

Rangernauts is not a child-minding service: it is Worldcon programming for kids. There will be a sign-in facility for children who are LoneStarCon 3 members, with children able to be signed in for a maximum of four hours at a time (everyone needs a break!)

These activities allow kids to have their own convention time. We will have a ribbon system in place for parents, children who can come and go, and children who must be with a parent. Younger children are welcome in the continual company of their parents. We will have a seating area so parents can have a moment of peace while watching the chaos.

The [Rangernauts](#) web page includes a more detailed description of the program that is planned for each day. The Rangernauts activities are coming from the same team that delivered "Dragongirls, Cowboys and Pirates" at Renovation in 2011, and ChiKidz at Chicon 7 last year - with great reviews both times (not least from the kids!)



## Exhibits

Exhibits covers a number of activities which will be hosted in and around Exhibit Hall A which is located at street level in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

- [The Dealers' Room](#)
- [The Art Show](#)
- [Fan Tables](#)
- [Fixed Exhibits](#)
- [Worldcon Photo Booth](#)
- Special Exhibit - [Star Trek Bridge](#)
- Special Exhibit - [The John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer](#)
- Special Exhibit - [Six Guns, Sorcery, and Serpents: the Many Worlds of Robert E. Howard](#)
- Special Exhibit - [Featuring the Genome of Jay Lake, by Illumina](#)
- Special Exhibit - [The Texas-Israeli War of 1999](#)
- Special Exhibit - [TSR Dungeons and Dragons Artwork](#)
- Special Exhibit - [SF Music](#)
- Special Exhibit - [Dr Who 50th Anniversary](#).

## Theme Days in the Exhibit Hall

"Exhibits" can sound like something you just stand in front of and look at. But don't get the wrong idea! Of course, there are plenty of static displays, but the Exhibit Hall is much more than that. There will be activities and events running every day, with opportunities to get engaged and take part.

A key part of our vision will be Theme Days. Each day will highlight a particular aspect of our exhibits and have some special surprise activities. Our daily themes will be a Taste of Texas; Space Cowboy; Biohazard; Steampunk; and British SF. Full information on the Theme Days and a preview of some of the special attractions can be found on the [Theme Days](#) page.



## WSFS Site Selection

The [Site Selection process](#) is nearing its end with two bidders competing to host the 2014 NASFiC and three bidders competing for the right to host the 2015 Worldcon.

- All postal ballots must be received by the Site Selection Administrator by **Sunday, August 18, 2013**. After this date, ballots must be submitted at the convention - although you can ask another attendee to hand carry your ballot if you are not attending in person yourself.
- Site Selection at the convention will be open from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, August 30, and Saturday August 31. The winners will be announced at the Sunday morning WSFS Business Meeting.
- Full information on all Site Selection bidders, including their filings, FAQs, and Fannish Inquisition videos from Westercon 66, can be found on the main [Site Selection](#) page. You can also click on the logos below to directly visit the bidders' websites.

### 2014 NASFiC Bidders



[Detroit in 2014](#)



[Phoenix in 2014](#)

### 2015 Worldcon Bidders



[Helsinki in 2015](#)



[Orlando in 2015](#)



[Spokane in 2015](#)

## Convention Schedule and Highlights

This is a copy of the material at <http://www.lonestarcon3.org/schedule/>, as of August 24, 2013.

### Highlights

We are pleased to present a list of just some of the highlights that you should look out for at LoneStarCon 3.

All items are in the [Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center](#) unless otherwise stated. (This includes Ballroom A and Exhibit A.)

### Before the Con

*Convention-arranged visits for those arriving early.*

- [A trip to the Robert E. Howard House and Museum](#), Wednesday, August 28, 8:00 a.m.

### Thursday, August 29

- Exhibits Hall Theme Day: [A Taste of Texas](#), Exhibit A (all day)
- [Stroll with the Stars](#), 9:00 a.m., Marriott Riverwalk
- ASFA Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- Opening Ceremony: 5:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Music Night: Seanan McGuire and Dead Sexy](#), 6:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Music Night: Special Guest Concert: Leslie Fish](#), 7:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Music Night: Captains of the Chess Team](#), 8:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Ghost Walking Tour](#) of San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., meet in front of the Alamo
- [Music Night: Diamond Star Project](#), 9:00 p.m., Ballroom A

### Friday, August 30

- Exhibits Hall Theme Day: [Space Cowboy](#), Exhibit A (all day)
- [Stroll with the Stars](#), 9:00 a.m., Marriott Riverwalk
- Premiere: [Lakeside : A Year with Jay Lake](#), 9:00 a.m. (2 hours)
- 74th Anniversary Worldcon Baseball Match: Fans vs Pros Whiffle Ball, 12 Noon, Ballroom A - Open Area
- [Darrell K. Sweet Memorial Slide Show](#), 1:00 p.m.
- Round Robin Concert: Marc Bernstein and Joe "Fax Paladin" Abbott, 1:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Filk Concert: Dr. Mary Crowell, 2:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Concert: Steven Brust, 3:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Concert: Bland Lemon Denton & the Lemonaides, 4:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Special Guest Interview: [Joe R. Lansdale](#), 5:00 p.m.

- Celtic / Country Concert: The Bedlam Boys, 5:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Concert: John Purcell, 6:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Art Night - Talks and Demonstrations](#), 6:00 p.m., Artist Alley
- [Art Night - Artist Reception](#), 8:00 p.m., Art Show
- [Firefly Shindig / Contradance](#), 8:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Art Night - Chesley Awards](#), 9:00 p.m., 103B

### Saturday, August 31

- Exhibits Hall Theme Day: [Biohazard](#), Exhibit A (all day)
- [Stroll with the Stars](#), 9:00 a.m., Marriott Riverwalk
- Martial Arts Demo, [Joe R. Lansdale](#), 9:00 a.m., Ballroom A - Open Area
- SFWA Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- Concert: [Bed and Breakfast](#), 1:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Sassafrass Presents [Sundown: Whispers of Ragnarock](#), 2:00 p.m., Ballroom A (2 hours)
- Guest of Honor Interview: [Ellen Datlow](#), 3:00 p.m.
- Round Robin Concert: Kat and Sean McConnell, 4:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Round Robin Concert: Kathleen Sloan and Blind Lemming Chiffon, 5:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Concert: Toyboat, 6:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Conjunto Dance](#), 8:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Masquerade](#), 8:00 p.m. (doors open from 7:30 p.m.), Marriott Rivercenter Grand Salon

### Sunday, September 1

- Exhibits Hall Theme Day: [Steampunk](#), Exhibit A (all day)
- [Stroll with the Stars](#), 9:00 a.m., Marriott Riverwalk
- Guest of Honor Interview: [James Gunn](#), 12 Noon
- Round Robin Filk Concert: Dr. Jordinkare and Margaret Middleton, 1:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Concert: Scott Snyder, 2:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Art Auction](#), 2:30 p.m., Room 103B
- Special Guest Concert: [Leslie Fish](#), 3:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Guest of Honor Speech: [Norman Spinrad](#), 4:00 p.m.
- Filk Concert: Tim Griffin, Amy McNally, Brooke Abbey, 4:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Round Robin Concert: Roberta Rogow, Bari and Katt Greenberg, 5:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- Concert: Ghost of a Rose, 6:00 p.m., Ballroom A
- [Hugo Award Ceremony](#) 8:00 p.m. (doors open from 7:30 p.m.), Marriott Rivercenter Grand Salon
- [Steampunk Late Night Dance](#), 11:00 p.m., Ballroom A (3 hours)

### Monday, September 2

- Exhibits Hall Theme Day: [British SF](#), Exhibit A (all day)
- [Stroll with the Stars](#), 9:00 a.m., Marriott Riverwalk
- [Teaching Science Fiction Workshop](#), 9:00 a.m. (5 hours)
- Film: [Lakeside : A Year with Jay Lake](#), 1:00 p.m. (2 hours)
- Closing Ceremony: 3:00 p.m., Ballroom A

## Convention Hours

The table below shows the hours for the major convention functions, day by day. Again, all locations are in the [Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center](#) unless otherwise stated.

### Thursday, August 29, 2013

Item	Location	Open	Close
Con Suite open	Marriott Rivercenter - Conf. 18 & 19	8 a.m.	2 a.m.
Registration open	West Registration	9 a.m.	7 p.m.
<a href="#">Info, Accessibility, and Volunteer Desks</a> open	West Registration	9 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Exhibit Hall open</a>	Exhibit A	12 Noon	10 p.m.
<a href="#">Art Show</a> open	Exhibit A	12 Noon	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Dealers' Room</a> open	Exhibit A	12 Noon	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Site Selection</a> open	Gallery	12 Noon	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Press Office</a> open	Gallery	12 Noon	5 p.m.
<a href="#">Childcare</a>	Marriott Riverwalk	1 p.m.	6 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies	Ballroom A	5 p.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Music Night</a>	Ballroom A	6 p.m.	10 p.m.

### Friday, August 30, 2013

Item	Location	Open	Close
Con Suite open	Marriott Rivercenter - Conf. 18 & 19	8 a.m.	2 a.m.
Registration open	West Registration	9 a.m.	7 p.m.
<a href="#">Info, Accessibility, and Volunteer Desks</a> open	West Registration	9 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Exhibit Hall open</a>	Exhibit A	9 a.m.	10 p.m.
<a href="#">Childcare</a>	Marriott Riverwalk	9.30 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Art Show</a> open	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	10 p.m.
<a href="#">Dealers' Room</a> open	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Site Selection</a> open	Gallery	10 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Press Office</a> open	Gallery	10 a.m.	5 p.m.
<a href="#">Art Night</a>	Exhibit A	6 p.m.	10 p.m.



**Saturday, August 31, 2013**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Con Suite open	Marriott Rivercenter - Conf. 18 & 19	8 a.m.	2 a.m.
Registration open	West Registration	9 a.m.	7 p.m.
<a href="#">Info, Accessibility, and Volunteer Desks</a> open	West Registration	9 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Exhibit Hall open</a>	Exhibit A	9 a.m.	9 p.m.
<a href="#">Childcare</a>	Marriott Riverwalk	9:30 a.m.	12 Midnight
<a href="#">Art Show</a> open	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Dealers' Room</a> open	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Site Selection</a> open	Gallery	10 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Press Office</a> open	Gallery	10 a.m.	5 p.m.
<a href="#">Masquerade</a>	Marriott Rivercenter - Grand Salon	8 p.m.	12 a.m.

**Sunday, September 1, 2013**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Con Suite open	Marriott Rivercenter - Conf. 18 & 19	8 a.m.	2 a.m.
Registration open	West Registration	9 a.m.	7 p.m.
<a href="#">Info, Accessibility, and Volunteer Desks</a> open	West Registration	9 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Exhibit Hall open</a>	Exhibit A	9 a.m.	9 p.m.
<a href="#">Childcare</a>	Marriott Riverwalk	9:30 a.m.	12 Midnight
<a href="#">Dealers' Room</a> open	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Art Show</a> open	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	12 Noon
<a href="#">Press Office</a> open	Gallery	10 a.m.	5 p.m.
<a href="#">Art Auction</a>	TBD	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
<a href="#">Hugo Ceremony</a>	Marriott Rivercenter - Grand Salon	8 p.m.	10 p.m.

**Monday, September 2, 2013**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Con Suite open	Marriott Rivercenter - Conf. 18 & 19	8 a.m.	12 Midnight
Registration open	West Registration	9 a.m.	1 p.m.
<a href="#">Info, Accessibility, and Volunteer Desks</a> open	West Registration	9 a.m.	3 p.m.

**Monday, September 2, 2013 (continued)**

Item	Item	Item	Item
<a href="#">Exhibit Hall open</a>	Exhibit A	9 a.m.	4 p.m.
<a href="#">Childcare</a>	Marriott Riverwalk	9:30 a.m.	6 p.m.
<a href="#">Art Show</a> buyer pick-up	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
<a href="#">Dealers' Room</a> open	Exhibit A	10 a.m.	3 p.m.
<a href="#">Press Office</a> open	Gallery	10 a.m.	12 Noon
Closing Ceremonies	Ballroom A	3 p.m.	4 p.m.

**Travel - Getting Here**

This is a copy of the material at <http://www.lonestarcon3.org/san-antonio/getting-here.shtml>, as of August 24, 2013.

This page contains information about getting to San Antonio. Separate pages are available for [getting around the downtown area](#) and [parking in San Antonio](#).

**San Antonio Airport Information**

There are over [100 flights daily to San Antonio](#) and the airport is about eight miles from downtown San Antonio or a 15-minute taxi ride.

You can find [San Antonio International Airport](#) flight information, transit services provided, flight time and mileage on their website, or call (210) 207-3411 for more information.

**How To Get To/From the Airport**

- **Taxis and Car Services:** As with most airports, taxis can be found just outside the terminals near baggage claim. Typical fare to the convention center or either Marriott hotel is \$25-30.

[Towne Car San Antonio](#) is a car service with a reasonable local reputation. They use Lincolns, which offers more comfort for larger fans, and the fares follow standard San Antonio taxicab rates.

- **Public Transport:** The cheap option is VIA Metropolitan Transit bus #5, \$1.20 / passenger to downtown (about 30 minutes) and \$0.15 per transfer slip, leaving from the VIA stop halfway between Terminals A & B, and running from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., every 30 or 60 minutes depending on the time of day. Once in downtown, you can either transfer to VIA's streetcar service (usually the Red Line #301 Circulator) or walk ~1-2 blocks to the Riverwalk area.

- **Airport Shuttle Reservations:** [GO Airport Shuttle](#) is the airport's authorized shared-ride shuttle service. The local San Antonio franchise for GO Airport Shuttle is operated by [City Tours, Inc.](#), and is the successor to the old San Antonio Trans Airport Express.

Shuttles depart from 7 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. daily to downtown hotels every 15 minutes. Passengers may purchase tickets at the airport's baggage claim area or [make a reservation online](#) for a small additional discount. Ticket rates are currently \$19.25 (including fuel surcharge) for a single trip and \$36.50 for a round trip ticket.

- **Complimentary Shuttle:** Some hotels have [complimentary shuttle service](#) for their guests. However this is primarily for hotels in the airport area and does not include any of the [three hotels](#) being used by the convention.

*Convention commentary: convention staff have had good experiences with the GO Shuttle but it is relatively expensive. For a single person the \$19.25 fare is better value than a taxi, but for two or more people sharing, a taxi (typical fare \$30 including tip) will be cheaper. The larger mini-vans can take up to six people.*

## San Antonio Driving Information

### Major Highways Leading to San Antonio

- Interstate 10 - To El Paso, Houston
- Interstate 35 - To Laredo, Austin, Dallas
- Interstate 37 - To Corpus Christi
- Interstate 410 - Also called Loop 410
- U.S. Highway 87
- U.S. Highway 90
- U.S. Highway 281
- Texas 151 - To Westover Hills and Sea World

### Drive Time to San Antonio

From Texas Cities:	From U.S. Cities (hours)
Austin: 80 miles	Atlanta: 17
Brownsville: 278 miles	Boston: 30
Dallas: 273 miles	Chicago: 20
El Paso: 551 miles	Denver: 15
Fort Worth: 267 miles	Kansas City: 18
Houston: 197 miles	Las Vegas: 22
	Los Angeles: 23
	Miami: 29
	Minneapolis: 21

	Nashville: 15 New Orleans: 9 New York: 30 Orlando: 26 Portland: 35 San Diego: 22 San Francisco: 28 Seattle: 36 St. Louis: 16 Washington, D.C.: 27
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## Driving Directions

Driving directions to the convention center from various locations are as follows. Naturally you may need to modify these depending on where you plan to park, but these should be a good starting point.

- Driving from the Airport:** Take Highway 281 South to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit. Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and turn right on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard to Alamo Street. Turn right on Alamo to Market Street. At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the convention center. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right. The convention center parking lot is on the left past Bowie Street.
- Driving South from Dallas/Austin:** Travel IH-35 South to San Antonio. IH-35 South intersects with IH-37 South to Corpus Christi. Take IH 37 South to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit. Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and turn right on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard to Alamo Street. Turn right on Alamo to Market Street. At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the Convention Center. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right. The convention center parking lot is on the left past Bowie Street.
- Driving West from Houston:** Travel IH 10 West to San Antonio. IH 10 West intersects with IH 37 North toward Johnson City. Take IH 37 North to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit. Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and turn left on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard under the interstate to Alamo Street. Turn right on Alamo to Market Street. At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the Convention Center. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right. The convention center parking lot is on the left past Bowie Street.



- **Driving North from Corpus Christi:** Travel IH 37 North toward San Antonio to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit. Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and turn left on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard under the interstate to Alamo Street. Turn right on Alamo to Market Street. At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the Convention Center. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right. The convention center parking lot is on the left past Bowie Street.
- **Driving East from El Paso:** Travel IH 10 East toward San Antonio. IH 10 East intersects with IH 35 South toward Laredo. Take IH 35 South to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit. Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard, keep right for three-quarters of a circle and proceed under the interstate past six traffic signals to Alamo Street. Turn left on Alamo Street to Market Street. At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the Convention Center. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right. The convention center parking lot is on the left past Bowie Street.

### Cheaper to Drive or Fly?

Should you drive or fly? [Use the calculator](#)

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## Megabus Information

[Megabus](#) bookings are available in Texas from 45 days before your travel date. The earlier you book, the cheaper the fare you will get. Megabus has a hub in Houston and might be a good option for people travelling within the state of Texas trying to get to San Antonio.

The Megabus stop for all arrivals and departures in San Antonio is located in the Broadway Parking Lot on the south corner of 4th St and Broadway St, approximately 0.7 miles North of the main convention site.

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## San Antonio Rail Information

### Amtrak Texas Eagle

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

[Amtrak](#)

[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

224 Hoefgen  
San Antonio, TX 78205

210-223-3226  
Fax: 210-527-9945  
Individuals: 1-800-872-7245  
Group Reservations: 1-800-872-1477

The San Antonio Amtrak station is located on the eastern portion of Downtown San Antonio, right next to the AlamoDome. It's about half a mile from the Marriott Riverwalk and Marriott Rivercenter.

#### **To get to the Marriott Rivercenter from the Amtrak Station by car**

- Head West on Hoefgen Avenue toward Gonzales Street (Alamodome will be behind you)
- Take the left onto E. Commerce Street (You will have just passed Sunset Station on your right)
- Drive straight ahead on Commerce Street. You will pass under the highway 281 overpass. Keep going straight.
- After about a fifth of a mile, you will see a Denny's on your right. That Denny's is at the intersection of Commerce and Bowie.
- You want to take a right onto Bowie Street. Immediately after taking the right onto Bowie, get into the left hand turn lane. Then take the first left you can, and you are at the Marriott Rivercenter.

#### **To get to the Marriott Rivercenter from the Amtrak Station by foot**

- Follow the same instructions as by car. It is easily walkable if the weather is good. It's roughly half a mile, no major inclines or declines. Be careful about the highway underpass, since there are a lot of people rushing off of or onto the highway. Not recommended if you have a lot of luggage.

**To get to the Marriott Rivercenter from the Amtrak Station by bus**

- Bus fare is \$1.20. Exact change or passes only.
- Head West on Hoefgen Avenue toward Gonzales Street (Alamodome will be behind you)
- Take the left onto E. Commerce Street (You will have just passed Sunset Station on your right)
- Walk about 150 yards to the bus stop (94549)
- Take the 24, 25, or 28 bus to the Commerce/Bowie intersection
- Then walk north on Bowie Street to the Marriott Rivercenter.

*(Note: if the bus is headed downtown, it's a relatively easy ride. However, don't take the buses in front of the Alamodome, since they are usually not headed where you want to go in this case)*

**To get to Marriott Riverwalk from the Amtrak Station by car**

- Head West on Hoefgen Avenue toward Gonzales Street (Alamodome will be behind you)
- Take the left onto E. Commerce Street (You will have just passed Sunset Station on your right)
- Drive straight ahead on Commerce Street. You will pass under the highway 281 overpass. Keep going straight.
- After about a third of a mile, get into the left hand lane.
- You want to turn left toward Losoya Street. There is a modern art sculpture in the street where you will be turning. You will be making the left hand turn around it.
- The next light is Market Street. Make a left onto E. Market. Drive for about a third of a mile down Market. The Marriott Riverwalk will be on your right.

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- Take the left onto E. Commerce Street (You will have just passed Sunset Station on your right)
- Walk straight ahead on Commerce Street. You will pass under the highway 281 overpass. Keep going straight.
- After about a fifth of a mile, you will see a Denny's on your right. That Denny's is at the intersection of Commerce and Bowie.
- Go south on Bowie Street toward E. Market Street
- Cross E. Market Street, then turn right and walk ahead
- The Marriott Riverwalk is on your left.

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- Take the 24, 25, or 28 bus to the Commerce/Bowie intersection
- Then go south on Bowie Street toward E. Market Street. (you will be crossing Bowie)
- Cross E. Market Street, then turn right and walk ahead
- The Marriott Riverwalk is on your left.

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## Parking in San Antonio

This is a copy of the material at <http://www.lonestarcon3.org/san-antonio/parking.shtml>, as of August 24, 2013.

San Antonio's urban core is very compact and you can walk to dozens of restaurants, top sights both on street and along the River Walk. If you stay in a downtown hotel, parking can be arranged through your hotel. The charge for parking at the convention's [Marriott hotels](#) is \$25 per day however, and members are likely to find better deals available at other locations in the area.

There are very good official web pages with comprehensive information about parking in San Antonio. These include maps as well as lists of parking providers with phone numbers. Two particularly useful pages are:

- [Parking page](#) on [DowntownSanAntonio.org](#).
- [Directions and parking page](#) on the official site of the [Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center](#).

The DowntownSanAntonio.org site includes a [parking map for the whole area](#) in PDF format.

### LoneStarCon 3 Recommends

The best deal for most LoneStarCon 3 attendees is likely to be the City of San Antonio Marina Garage at 850 E. Commerce (\$10/day).

Another option is LAZ parking, which has plenty of space available on weekends (but not on weekdays). LAZ lots are available for long-term parking and range from \$15-\$25/day. Lots with 24 hours access can be found at the following locations:

- 304 S Flores
- 217 W Travis
- 112 E Pecan
- 213 E Travis
- 114 Strumberg
- 323 S Main
- 411 S Presa



For large vehicles, Central Parking at 328 E Crockett has six slots capable of handling a 30' bus. This costs \$50/day - call (210) 223-5401 x11.

## **Convention Center Recommends**

The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center website recommends the following parking options near to the convention site.

### **Grand Hyatt Parking Garage (210) 451-6464**

Bowie & Market Streets

Flat rate: \$9 for 10 hours, then overnight rate of \$27 applies

Closest parking to Convention Center and Lila Cockrell Theatre

### **City of San Antonio Marina Garage (210) 207-8266**

Bowie & Commerce Streets

Daily flat rate: \$9

Event flat rate: \$10

Across street from main entrance to Convention Center and Lila Cockrell Theatre

*As noted above, this is probably the best deal for convention attendees. There is 24/7 access, you can park overnight, and you pay using an automated system with the ticket you get when you enter. Please note however that there are no in and out privileges.*

### **Riverbend Garage (877) 717-0004**

Alamo & Market Streets

Daily flat rate: \$12

Event flat rate: \$15

Overnight rate: \$15

### **Tower of the Americas Parking (210) 223-3101**

Bowie Street (between Market St. & Cesar Chavez Blvd.)

Daily flat rate: \$8

Event flat rate: \$11

Adjacent to Ballroom C

*Note that Tower of the Americas does not allow overnight parking.*