

## **AAA Western Regional Meeting – Social & Entertainment Activities**

The following social and entertainment activities are arranged into two groupings: (1) for attendees (and families); and (2) for families.

The first group includes those activities with available hours Thursday and Friday extending *after* the respective daily conference schedules conclude. The second group includes those activities that do *not* offer evening hours on weekdays and thus, attendees would not be able to attend on Thursday or Friday while the conference is in session (however family members joining attendees could). Many of the activities in this group offer *weekend* hours for those attendees remaining in Seattle through the weekend. Activities marked with an asterisk (\*) *require* advance registration (some require advance notice, so you are encouraged to make arrangements ASAP if interested).

In addition, note that the Seattle Sounders (MLS soccer) host San Jose (Earthquakes) at 7pm on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> for those interest in spending the extra night in Seattle. The Sounders have led all of MLS in average attendance since their inception and last year drew more than 44,000 fans per game (ranking them ahead of Chelsea FC and Liverpool FC of the English Premier League).

***\*reservations required (please visit the corresponding website for details)***

### **For attendees (and families):**

**\*Spooked in Seattle Walking (6pm & 8:15pm start times) and Haunted Pub Tours (8:30pm start time Fridays only | website: <http://spookedinseattle.com/>):** Tours meet in and around Pioneer Square (near the stadiums in south downtown Seattle). Ticket prices vary: Walking Tour – \$17 (adults) & \$13 (children 12 and under); Pub Tour – \$30 (21+ only; ticket price includes one drink). Tours run approximately 90 minutes, rain or shine.

### **Bainbridge Island Ferry and Dinner**

Bainbridge Island is an island west of Seattle that is entirely surrounded by salt water and known for its outstanding natural beauty and rustic character. Take a Bainbridge Island Ferry that offers a spectacular view of Seattle's skyline across Elliott Bay from Seattle Ferry Terminal (7-minute walk from Hyatt Hotel). From Seattle Ferry Terminal, Ferry starts at 5:30 am and runs every 45 to 60 minutes until 1:35 am. From Bainbridge Island terminal, Ferry starts at 4:45 am and runs every 45 to 60 minutes and the last ferry back to Seattle is at 12:55 am. The round trip ticket per passenger is \$8.10. The ferry can take cars. The ticket price for taking your car on the ferry is \$11.25 (<14') or \$14.25 (>14'). You can purchase ferry ticket online at

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/wave2go/>.

On the Island, take a walk down the scenic waterfront trail that starts from the waterfront park close to the ferry terminal. The 2 mile long scenic western loop offers parks, restaurants and historical sites. The 1.5 mile eastern route takes hikers alongside the beach and the woods. You can walk up the [Winslow Way](#) to downtown Winslow known for its cozy, cute little shops and. You can visit [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#). Enjoy coffee and pastries at [Blackbird Bakery](#) (open 6 am to

6 pm) or [Pegasus Coffee House](#) (open till 7 pm). Recommended restaurants are [Café Nola](#) (lunch 11am - 3pm, dinner 5pm – 9 pm) that serves European Style food, which is known for making use of local produce, the [Harbour Public House](#) (open 11 am to midnight) which is well-known for their hamburgers and fish and chips and the [Hitchcock Restaurant](#) (open 5 pm – 10 pm) whose chef Brendan McGill was selected as a semifinalist for the James Beard Awards in the category Best Chef Northwest in 2014 and [Streamliner](#) (Tues – Thurs 5 – 9 pm, Fri and Sat 5 – 9:30 pm) with Italian inspired menu highlighting seasonal ingredients and recipes. If you still have room for dessert, pay a visit to [Bon Bon Confections](#) (open 10am-6pm Mon-Sat) to taste fabulous chocolates or [Mora Iced Creamery](#) (Sun – Thur 11:30am to 8:30pm. Fri and Sat 11:30am to 9pm) to indulge in extraordinary ice cream!

**“Meet the Leadership” Dinner at Blueacre Seafood Restaurant (1700 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA – 2 minute walk from Hyatt at Olive 8)**

Meet the Executive Board members and learn their leadership roles for WAAA over dinner.

Alan Styles - Council Representative

David DeBoskey - President (and Council Representative)

Sara Kern - Program Chair and President-elect

Angela Woodland - Paper Chair

Robin Clement - CTLA Chair

Yonca Ertimur - DFSI coordinator

Consider volunteering to join the board (or a committee) for the year 2017 (no strings attached).

**The Starbucks Reserve Roastery and Tasting Room (1124 Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98101 |**

**hours: daily 6:30am-11pm | website: <http://roastery.starbucks.com>):** This interactive Roastery and Tasting Room is dedicated to roasting, coffee education and increasing availability of the company’s small-lot Reserve® coffees; literally every Reserve® coffee bean sold to customers will be roasted in this facility. This unprecedented experience will allow customers to engage with Starbucks passion for coffee through moments of education and discovery devoted to beverage innovation and excellence.

**Seattle Great Wheel (1124 Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98101 | hours: Th – 11am-10pm; Fri –**

**11am-midnight; Sat – 10am-midnight | cost: adults (12+): \$13, children (4-11): \$8.50 |**

**website: <http://seattlegreatwheel.com/>):** The Seattle Great Wheel at Pier 57 is the largest observation wheel on the west coast, standing at 175 feet tall and extending nearly 40 feet beyond the end of the pier over Elliott Bay. Ride times vary (10-20mins) depending on crowd size and gondola loading; all rides include three full revolutions. Tickets can be purchased in-person or online.

**For families (e.g., no evening hours available weekdays):**

**\*Pike Place Market Tours (several options):**

1. **Tour of Pike Place Market:** 2 hour Food & Cultural walking tour

<http://www.savorseattletours.com/tours/pikeplacemarket/>

**Tour Times:** 9:30am, 10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm, and 3:30pm

**Tour Costs:** Mon-Thurs: \$41.99, Fri-Sun: \$43.99 per person.

**Tour Highlights:** A behind-the-scenes adventure to experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of this historic 100+ year old landmark. 16+ bites and sips – including crab cakes, chowder, and cheese, insider's look at 7 Market vendors, and entertaining stories of the Market's rich history and culture.

2. **Early Access VIP Tour of Pike Place Market** – 2 hour walking tour.

<http://www.savorseattletours.com/tours/vippikeplacemarket/>

**Tour Time:** 8:30am and 9:00am

**Tour Costs:** Tues-Thurs: \$51.99, Fri-Sun: \$53.99 per person.

**Tour Highlights:** 6+ bites and sips – including chocolate, maple bacon doughnuts, and Chinese flatbread, insider's look at 8 Market vendors, President Obama and First Lady's favorite chocolates, entertaining stories of the Market's rich history and culture.

3. **Gourmet Seattle Tour** – 3-hour Food & Cultural walking tour.

<http://www.savorseattletours.com/tours/gourmetseattle/>

**Tour Times:** 1:30pm, 2:00pm, and 2:30pm

**Tour Costs:** Tues-Thurs: \$71.99, Fri-Sun: \$73.99 per person.

**Tour Highlights:** 18+ tastings, including four wine and cocktail pairings, cuisine from Iron Chef and James Beard award winner, personal attention from chefs, owners, and artisans.

4. **Chocolate Indulgence Tour** – 2 hour walking tour.

<http://www.savorseattletours.com/tours/chocolate/>

**Tour Times:** 11:00am and 11:30am.

**Tour Costs:** Mon-Thurs: \$51.99, Fri-Sun: \$53.99 per person.

**Tour Highlights:** 16+ decadent chocolate tastings, Seattle's rich chocolate history and why it is home to 50+ chocolatiers, President Obama and First Lady's favorite chocolates, cookie named "best dessert" by Seattle Magazine, and famed Seattle chef Tom Douglas's coconut cream pie.

**\*Bill Spiedel's Underground Tour (Tour begins inside Doc Maynard's Public House in Pioneer Square | hours: tours begin on the half hour between 9am and 7pm | cost: adults 18+: \$19, students 13-17 or with valid college ID: \$16, children 7-12 years old: \$9, children under 7: free):** This approximately 75-minute walking tour Pioneer Square (including three separate subterranean areas) will share a colorful and humorous history of Seattle's pioneers. Adult (21+) versions are available some evenings with advance registration.

**Experience Music Project ("EMP") Museum (325 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98109 | hours: daily 10am-5pm | cost (online purchase prices): adults \$22, youth (5-17) \$16 | website: <http://empmuseum.org/>):** EMP is a leading-edge nonprofit museum dedicated to the ideas and risk-taking that fuel contemporary pop culture. The museum was founded by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen in 2000 and features exhibits covering a wide array of pop culture: music, science fiction, and video games. Tickets can be purchased in-person or online (cheapest option).

**Museum of Flight (9404 E Marginal Way S, Seattle, WA, 98108 | hours: daily 10am-5pm | cost: adults \$20, youth (5-17) \$12 | website: <https://www.museumofflight.org/>):** Largest private air and space museum in the world attracting more than 400,000 visitors annually. Located at the King County International Airport ("Boeing Field") about 7.5 miles south of downtown Seattle.

**Seattle Aquarium (1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59 at the Waterfront | hours: daily 9:30am-5pm | cost: adults (13+) \$22.95, youth (4-12) \$15.95) | <http://www.seattleaquarium.org>)**

The Seattle Aquarium is the ninth largest aquarium in the U.S. by attendance and among the top five paid visitor attractions in the Puget Sound region. The Aquarium's animal collection is housed within six major exhibits: Window on Washington Waters, Life on the Edge, Pacific Coral Reef, Birds & Shores, the Underwater Dome and Marine Mammals.

**Seattle Art Museum (1300 First Ave, Seattle, WA 98101 | <http://seattleartmuseum.org/visit/seattle-art-museum>)**

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Seattle Art Museum features African, American, Ancient American, Australian Aboriginal, Decorative Arts and Design, European, Islamic, Modern and Contemporary, Native American, Oceanic, and Northwest collections.

Hours: Wednesday, Friday-Sunday 10 am – 5 pm, Thursday 10 am – 9 pm.

**Tickets:** Adults \$19.95, Seniors (62+) \$17.95, Students and Teens (13-19) \$12.95.

**Chihuly Garden and Glass (<http://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/visit/plan-your-visit>)**

305 Harrison Street Seattle, WA 98109, next to the Space Needle.

An Exhibition Hall, a Garden installation and a Glasshouse by Northwest artist, Dale Chihuly.

Ranked #1 in things to do in Seattle by TripAdvisor.

**Hours:** Sunday — Thursday 10am — 7pm, Friday & Saturday, 10am — 8pm

**Ticket Price:** Regular (Ages 13-64) \$22, Senior (ages 65+) \$19, Youth (Ages 5-12) \$14.

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