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Little People of America National Conference



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NEW ORLEANS

July 10th - 17th, 2026

REGISTRATION  
BOOKLET

**\*EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 1ST\***



# OPENING CELEBRATION



Saturday,  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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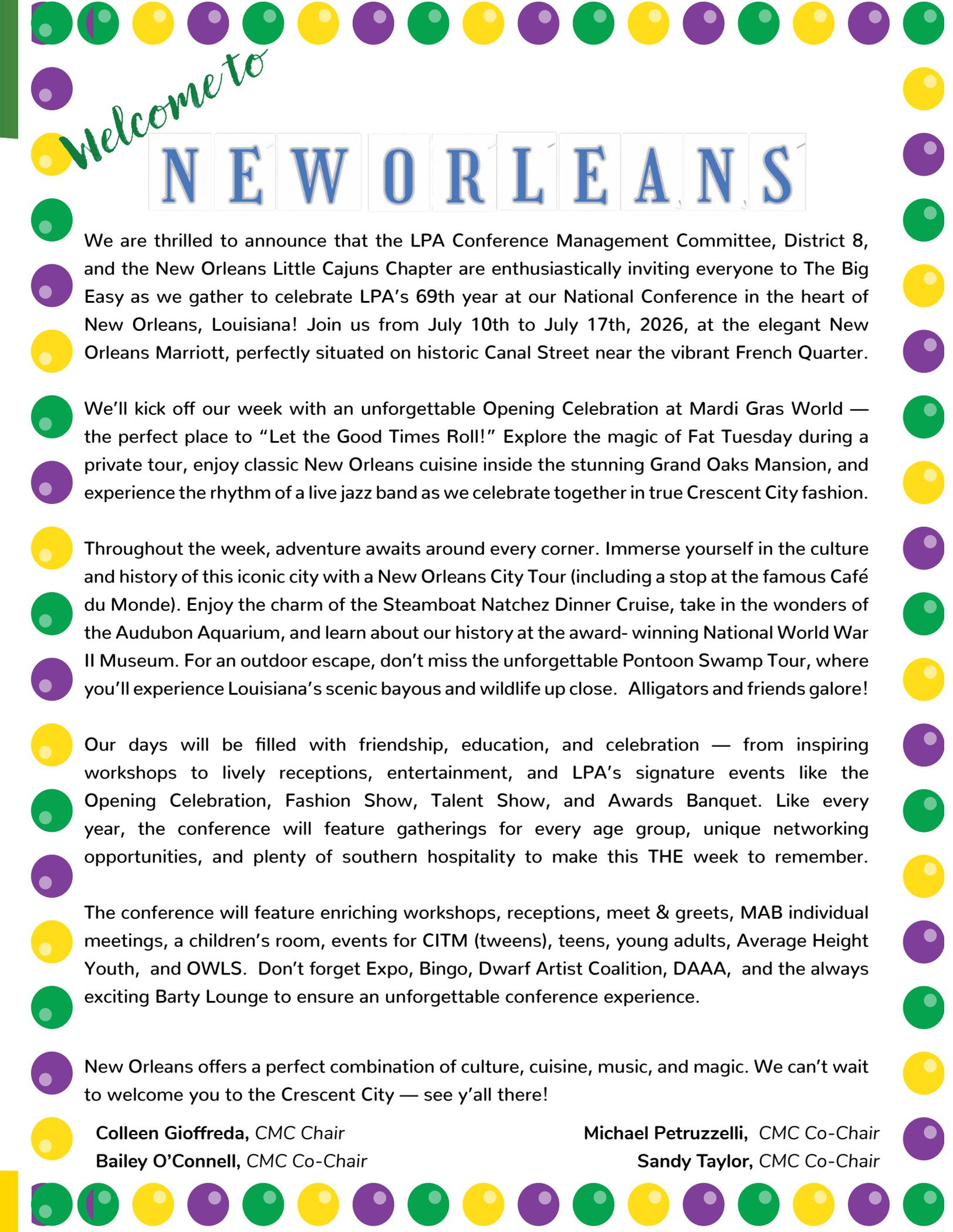
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\$70 per adult,  
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**Experience the Magic!**

- Exclusive Tour of Mardi Gras World
- New Orleans Cuisine at the elegant Grand Oaks Mansion
- Live Jazz Band

*Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!*



Welcome to

# NEW ORLEANS

We are thrilled to announce that the LPA Conference Management Committee, District 8, and the New Orleans Little Cajuns Chapter are enthusiastically inviting everyone to The Big Easy as we gather to celebrate LPA's 69th year at our National Conference in the heart of New Orleans, Louisiana! Join us from July 10th to July 17th, 2026, at the elegant New Orleans Marriott, perfectly situated on historic Canal Street near the vibrant French Quarter.

We'll kick off our week with an unforgettable Opening Celebration at Mardi Gras World — the perfect place to "Let the Good Times Roll!" Explore the magic of Fat Tuesday during a private tour, enjoy classic New Orleans cuisine inside the stunning Grand Oaks Mansion, and experience the rhythm of a live jazz band as we celebrate together in true Crescent City fashion.

Throughout the week, adventure awaits around every corner. Immerse yourself in the culture and history of this iconic city with a New Orleans City Tour (including a stop at the famous Café du Monde). Enjoy the charm of the Steamboat Natchez Dinner Cruise, take in the wonders of the Audubon Aquarium, and learn about our history at the award-winning National World War II Museum. For an outdoor escape, don't miss the unforgettable Pontoon Swamp Tour, where you'll experience Louisiana's scenic bayous and wildlife up close. Alligators and friends galore!

Our days will be filled with friendship, education, and celebration — from inspiring workshops to lively receptions, entertainment, and LPA's signature events like the Opening Celebration, Fashion Show, Talent Show, and Awards Banquet. Like every year, the conference will feature gatherings for every age group, unique networking opportunities, and plenty of southern hospitality to make this THE week to remember.

The conference will feature enriching workshops, receptions, meet & greets, MAB individual meetings, a children's room, events for CITM (tweens), teens, young adults, Average Height Youth, and OWLS. Don't forget Expo, Bingo, Dwarf Artist Coalition, DAAA, and the always exciting Barty Lounge to ensure an unforgettable conference experience.

New Orleans offers a perfect combination of culture, cuisine, music, and magic. We can't wait to welcome you to the Crescent City — see y'all there!

**Colleen Gioffreda**, CMC Chair

**Bailey O'Connell**, CMC Co-Chair

**Michael Petruzzelli**, CMC Co-Chair

**Sandy Taylor**, CMC Co-Chair



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## Hotel Information

The [New Orleans Marriott](#) is an elegant, full-service hotel ideally located on historic Canal Street, right between the lively French Quarter and the scenic Mississippi Riverfront. This iconic property places you just steps away from the city's best attractions, making it the perfect home base for exploring "The Big Easy".

The Marriott features recently refreshed guest rooms, many showcasing stunning views of the city skyline or the river. Guests can savor local flavors at the on-site restaurant and lounge, take a dip in the rooftop pool overlooking the river, or unwind at the 24-hour fitness center.

The LPA Conference room rate is **\$164 per night plus tax** (approximately 16%). You must register with LPA for the national conference before booking your hotel reservation. After completing your LPA registration online, you'll be automatically directed to the hotel's reservation portal. If you register online or by mail, you will receive an email confirmation with an access code to make your hotel reservation. **Please note: once your booking is completed, the New Orleans Marriott will charge your credit card or bank card for the first night's deposit to guarantee your reservation.**

**\*\*Special LPA note:** During the first few weeks after registration opens, specific room types or preferred night allocations may be limited. Please know that we work closely with the hotel to accommodate everyone's needs as best as possible. We appreciate your patience while we sort through requests, we truly want each attendee to have the ideal space for their stay. All ADA rooms are on hold as we work out our membership ADA needs. Please email us if you feel you need an ADA room and we will be happy to assist.

You will only be permitted to make one room reservation per family registration, due to room block restrictions. In order to make reservations for additional rooms, please contact [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com).

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### New Orleans Marriott

New Orleans, LA

555 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

**Rate: \$164 + ~ 16% tax**

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[\\*\\*Please give us a few days to process email requests - Volunteers are working hard!](#)

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**TUESDAY, JULY 14TH**

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Children: \$65

# PONTOON TOUR

Limited Tickets  
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# Transportation Information

## AIRPORT & SHUTTLE INFORMATION:

### NEW ORLEANS (MSY) AIRPORT INFORMATION

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is the closest airport to the conference hotel, located approximately 14 miles from the New Orleans Marriott. The hotel does not provide shuttle service; however, multiple convenient transportation options are available.

**Taxis:** Estimated fares range between \$36–\$45 for a one-way trip to the Marriott from the airport for up to two passengers. Taxi service is readily available outside the Baggage Claim Level. Follow the signs to the Ground Transportation Center, where taxi starters will assist you with the first available cab or connect you to a preferred taxi company.

**Uber, Lyft, and Other Rideshare Options:** Several companies offer rideshare services at MSY airport. The following companies are currently permitted to operate at the airport: Lyft, Uber, and KreweCar. Ride app services pick up passengers outside of Level 1 Baggage Claim on the middle curb.

### OTHER AIRPORT INFORMATION

Additional airport options include Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT), approximately 70 miles east of New Orleans, and Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (BTR), about 80 miles northwest of the city. Both provide regional flights and car rental options.

### AIRPORT ASSISTANCE

**TSA Cares** provides information on security procedures aimed to help passengers with disabilities, medical conditions and individuals needing additional assistance to better prepare for the security screening process.

TSA has modified procedures to ensure that your screening experience is smooth and seamless. For information, please check out their brand new comprehensive website here: [TSA Cares](#)

**TSA PreCheck** can make the airport security screening process smoother and faster. That's mainly because members can access lines that tend to be shorter and do not have to remove shoes, belts, 3-1-1 liquids, laptops, or light jackets. You will need to be enrolled in TSA Precheck to qualify.



## Transportation Information

### ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

While some Uber services are accessible, some attendees may prefer to reserve an accessible van ahead. These private services all require advance reservations.

#### Alert Transportation Services

<https://alerttransportation.com/>

Premium transportation services. Approx \$210 one way to/from airport/hotel. They only have one vehicle that has space for one wheelchair/scooter.

Phone: (504)-362-4145

#### Your Angel Transportation Services

<https://yourangeltransportation.com/>

Approximately \$75 one way to/from airport/hotel. They have two vehicles that have space for one wheelchair/scooter. (The owner may be able to obtain a third vehicle depending on bookings)

Phone: (504)-444-2833

#### We Lift Transportation Services

<https://www.weliftrideshare.com/>

Approximately \$75 one way to/from airport/hotel. They have two vehicles that have space for one wheelchair/scooter. (The owner may be able to obtain a third vehicle depending on bookings)

Phone: (504)-444-2833

### REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA)

The RTA 202 express bus from the airport is accessible and stops at Tulane & Loyola Avenues in downtown NOLA, about 1/2 mile from the Marriott Hotel. [RTA BUS](#)

### DRIVING & PARKING INFORMATION:

The New Orleans Marriott is conveniently located on Canal Street and offers valet parking only for hotel guests and conference attendees. The hotel does not provide on-site self-parking, but several public garages are available within a short walking distance for those who prefer to self-park. Valet parking is typically around \$62 per night (subject to change) and has a maximum vehicle height of 7 feet, so oversized vehicles may need to use an off-site garage. LPA conference attendees will receive a 20% reduction on their valet parking at the hotel. There is a self parking garage at Canal Place (333 Canal Street) for \$38 per day (subject to change).



## General Conference Information

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

LPA is pleased to offer online conference registration. You may access online registration on the LPA Conference website starting **April 9, 2026**.

You may complete your LPA National Conference registration in these ways: 1) online, with payment by credit card. 2) By mail, with payment by credit card or check. **The office will not be processing conference registrations over the phone.**

Please go to conference website or contact the Conference Management Committee by email if you have any questions. If you are contacting us during the first two weeks of registration, please be patient with response time; we promise we will answer as soon as we are able. The National Conference Committee is an all volunteer entity; grace and patience is so appreciated during the registration process.

Email: [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com)

Website: [lpainationalconference.org](http://lpainationalconference.org)

If you'd prefer to speak to someone over the phone, please contact the Conference Committee.

Direct Line: (443) 317-3121

### REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS:

Refunds for registration fees, minus a \$50 processing fee, will be granted for all requests received on or before **June 1, 2026**. Event fees will only be refunded prior to June 1st if LPA is able to resell the event tickets. All credit card fees are the responsibility of the registrant, and will be deducted within refunds. Refund requests must be sent in writing to the conference management committee by email at [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com). Refund requests made after June 1, 2026 will not be honored. Emergencies and illness will be considered on a case-by-case basis. There will be no on-site refunds for registration fees, events, or tours. Registrants who do not cancel prior to June 1st and do not attend are responsible for the full registration fees and activity fees. Tickets for activities may be traded, sold, or given away at the discretion of the ticket holder. LPA takes no responsibility for trading, selling, or exchange of tickets. A "Conference Notice Board" will be provided on-site, near registration, for the purpose of posting information and individual ticket exchanges or sales.

### INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES:

If you are planning to attend the 2026 Conference and need an invitation to the conference in order to process your visa, please contact the LPA national office. For Spanish speaking attendees, contact Brenda Martinez at [lpalatinos@gmail.com](mailto:lpalatinos@gmail.com). For non-Spanish speaking international attendees, contact the International Committee at [international@lpaonline.org](mailto:international@lpaonline.org).



## General Conference Information

### UNACCOMPANIED MINORS:

Unaccompanied minors (17 years and under) attending the conference without their parents or legal guardian must have an identified conference guardian. The Temporary Guardian Form must be included with their registration form or your packet will be returned to you as incomplete and unregistered. Please note: unaccompanied minors must complete their own individual LPA Registration and may not be added on as a guest to their guardian's registration.

### MEDIA AT THE 2026 LPA CONFERENCE:

The Conference Management Committee, the LPA Public Relations Director, Jennifer Crumly, and the hotel management must approve all press and media requests at the LPA National Conference by June 15, 2026. Press credentials must be worn at all times.

If any members have questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Crumly at [jennifer.crumly@lpaonline.org](mailto:jennifer.crumly@lpaonline.org). By signing the registration form you are signing a release to be shown on camera for pictures and video taken by LPA or by media at the conference. LPA reserves the right to revoke any press credentials if it is determined that it is not in LPA's best interest to continue granting access.

### LPA INFORMATION DESK:

This year, LPA will have a Information Desk (previously known as the LPA Concierge) located right outside of the registration room. LPA volunteers will be able to answer your questions about the local area, the conference schedule and activities, and any other questions you may have during the week. LPA Conference swag will also be available at the LPA Information desk - check it out!

### SALE OF GOODS AT CONFERENCE:

The selling of any items; i.e. glow sticks, pins, food, etc., other than as a registered expo vendor during expo hours at the 2026 LPA National Conference is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by the conference committee.

### CONFERENCE BADGE:

The official conference registration badge will be required at all events. Security guards and conference **volunteer** staff will be checking for conference badges at all functions. If you lose your badge, a replacement badge can be obtained for \$30. Your conference badge will function as your admission ticket to all general events, dances, and workshops, which do not require an additional fee. Events requiring an additional fee include the children's room, awards banquet, off-site trips, etc.



## General Conference Information

### GREAT ADVICE FOR ATTENDEES:

This packet is designed to tell you what is included at the LPA Conference but there are several things not included that you should take note of:

- You are responsible for your hotel room (must be 18+ to check-in) and any taxes or costs associated with it. You are also responsible for your own food.
- If you are going to have roommates, make sure you know who is paying for which expenses beforehand.
- Be sure to have money for transportation, tips, and other incidentals.
- Check with your bank before leaving home about branch ATMs in New Orleans or what fees you could incur.
- Great tools to bring with you are cell phones / walkie-talkies for all members of the family, a highlighter to mark your conference book, and a battery pack or two for charging that phone/camera.
- You will be meeting many people and making new connections – a family or individual business card is a quick way to exchange information easily.
- Like any city, New Orleans is full of culture, beauty, and lots of people. **For your safety, we encourage all attendees to remain aware of their surroundings and travel in groups, especially when exploring the city at night.**

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CHANGES:

We will attempt to process any registration changes (additions/deletions) through June 1, 2026. After June 1st, all changes must be made on-site. **All events are subject to selling out at any time.** If you need to make a change to your registration once it is submitted contact the Conference Management Committee at [nationalconferencereg.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconferencereg.lpa@gmail.com) (please allow 48 hours for a response for our conference volunteers. If emailing the first week of registration, please give the conference volunteers a week to answer emails, due to the high volume of communication that particular week.)

### ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS FOR OFF-SITE TRIPS:

It is imperative that you indicate special transportation needs when you register if you will be going on one or more off-site events or tours. Please be sure to indicate if you use a wheelchair, scooter, collapsible scooter, cane or crutches. *Please also indicate whether you are able to transfer from your wheelchair or scooter.* Providing accessible transportation for events is contingent upon you indicating your needs on the registration form. The only reason LPA asks for more information regarding accessibility needs is to ensure the correct type of transportation will be provided, and your information will not be shared otherwise.



## General Conference Information

### SCOOTER & MEDICAL SUPPLY RENTAL:

All Scooter and Medical Supply rentals are the responsibility of the attendee. These companies listed are meant to provide informational choices. All scooter rental companies supplies are first come, first serve.

#### Mobility City

<https://neworleansla.mobilitycity.com/>

Phone: (504) 474-6578

Medical supplies and scooter/wheelchair rentals.

#### Clouds of Good Rental

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

Medical supplies and scooter/wheelchair rentals

Phone: 407-545-3103

#### Mr. Wheelchair

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

Phone: (504) 834-2810

Scooter and wheelchair rentals.

#### Allstar Medical Equipment

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

Can only do CPAP and Oxygen machine rentals to the hotel.

Phone: (504) 833-3778

#### Scooters and More

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

Located in North Texas, but may travel

Phone: (817) 338-4848

Contact: Diane Gordon

Scooter and wheelchair rentals.

### LPA CONFERENCE ON FACEBOOK:

Check out our event page: [2026 National Conference Facebook Page](#)

We will post information and updates as they occur. Please contact the CMC at [nationalconferencereg.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconferencereg.lpa@gmail.com) with questions, changes or cancellations. Facebook is for informational purposes only.



## LPA Policies

### EVENTOS EN ESPAÑOL:



Este año tendremos varios talleres en Español y otras sorpresas de su agrado. Los esperamos! Si eres hispano, el siguiente ícono que encontrarás a través de este folleto, te ayudará a identificar los eventos y algunos formularios en español.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION:

LPA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, and diagnosis or disability status in its programs and activities, with respect to admission, access, treatment, benefit and/or employment. In addition, LPA does not condone any form of harassment.

### NO SMOKING:

Please respect your fellow LPA members with health conditions. The New Orleans Marriott is smoke-free. Designated smoking areas are located outside the building.

### PROHIBITED CONDUCT:

LPA members and other attendees of LPA functions may be disciplined for grievous behavior during or related to an LPA function, including the National Conference by eviction, membership probation, revocation of membership, and/or other actions deemed reasonable. Any official action by LPA does not preclude legal recourse by the hotel or outside entity. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to, illegal use of alcohol and/or drugs, destruction of hotel or private property and harassment.

### AGE VERIFICATION:

For all on-site and off-site events that require participants to be over 21 years of age, registrations will be checked against LPA records. You may be required to provide identification at any time.



## LPA's Alcohol Policy

### **ALCOHOL USE UNDER AGE 18:**

The legal drinking age in Louisiana is 21 years old. If it is determined by LPA, hotel security or police that an individual under the age of 21 is under the influence of alcohol at an LPA National Conference, then that individual may not be allowed to attend a LPA National Conference without at least one parent or their legal guardian in attendance until age 21. They will not be allowed to designate a Conference Guardian. Parents will be contacted immediately regarding the individual's alcohol consumption and resulting behavior. If parents are in attendance at the National Conference, then the underage individual shall be prohibited from attending the next National Conference. If the person has a second infraction, with or without their parents present, before they are 18 years of age, then they will not be allowed to attend LPA National Conference until they are 21.

### **ALCOHOL USE BETWEEN AGES 18 AND 21 – ZERO TOLERANCE:**

Individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 who are determined by LPA, hotel security or police to be under the influence of alcohol at an LPA National Conference event shall not be allowed to attend another LPA Conference until age 21. Individuals may be immediately removed from the current Conference site. Additionally, LPA will consult with hotel security and/or local law enforcement agencies on reporting the underage consumption of alcohol.

### **PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO MINORS:**

Little People of America, its officers and Conference Committee, will not tolerate anyone of any age providing or purchasing alcohol for minors. This includes the purchase of alcohol in bars or clubs, cash bars or providing of alcohol at individual parties in private hotel rooms. If an individual is found to be in violation: they will be reported to the hotel security and local law enforcement officials for the legal action of the host Conference site. They will be removed from the current LPA Conference and will not be allowed to attend the next two LPA Conferences. A committee consisting of not less than the following individuals: LPA Executive Officers, the current LPA Conference Chair, and their Current or past District Director and/or Chapter President will determine their attendance at National Conferences thereafter. They may also lose their membership to LPA for an undetermined length of time.

### **DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR:**

If a person of any age participates in the destruction or damage of any public or private property, disorderly conduct, verbal or physical fighting, harassment or abuse of individuals while at an LPA National Conference, that person will be subjected to disciplinary action by the local civil authorities and/or LPA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors.



# Conference Highlights

FRIDAY, JULY 10	SATURDAY, JULY 11	SUNDAY, JULY 12	MONDAY, JULY 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ New Ice Breaker - how to navigate conference</li> <li>♥ CITM - Poolside</li> <li>♥ <b>Teens: Offsite with Beignets</b></li> <li>♥ Volunteer Training</li> <li>♥ Cornhole Tournament</li> <li>♥ Dance</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ CITM – Games</li> <li>♥ Teens – Pool Day</li> <li>♥ AH Youth - Scavenger Hunt</li> <li>♥ YA - Pool Day</li> <li>♥ OWLS - Zumba</li> <li>♥ DAAA – Futsal</li> <li>♥ BOD Meetings</li> <li>♥ Icebreaker - Find Your People</li> <li>♥ Meet &amp; Greets &amp; Receptions</li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site – Opening Celebration at Mardi Gras World / Grand Oaks Mansion</b></li> <li>♥ Bingo</li> <li>♥ Dance</li> <li>♥ Barty Lounge - DAC</li> <li>♥ Open Mic Night &amp; Ragin' Cajun Karaoke</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ CITM – Pool Day</li> <li>♥ <b>Offsite: Teens - Shopping</b></li> <li>♥ AH Youth - Game Day</li> <li>♥ YA – Karaoke Warm Up</li> <li>♥ DAAA – Swimming / Volleyball</li> <li>♥ OWLS - Morning Walk</li> <li>♥ DAC -“Veronica” Screen</li> <li>♥ BOD Meetings</li> <li>♥ Parent Meetings</li> <li>♥ Children’s Room opens</li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site – NOLA City Tour</b></li> <li>♥ MAB Workshops</li> <li>♥ Receptions</li> <li>♥ Lee Kitchens Corner</li> <li>♥ LPA Platinum Expo &amp; Expo</li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site – Steamboat Cruise</b></li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site - Ghost Tour</b></li> <li>♥ Bingo</li> <li>♥ Barty Lounge - Baile Latino</li> <li>♥ Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ CITM - Painted Turtle</li> <li>♥ AH Youth – Paint &amp; Chat</li> <li>♥ <b>Teens- Off-site The Vue</b></li> <li>♥ <b>YA – Off-site Sazerac</b></li> <li>♥ DAC – Reception</li> <li>♥ DAAA –Powerlifting / Rowing</li> <li>♥ OWLS - Reception</li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site – World War II Museum</b></li> <li>♥ MAB Meetings</li> <li>♥ BioTech AH Session</li> <li>♥ Meet-Greets/Receptions</li> <li>♥ Expo</li> <li>♥ Lee Kitchens Corner</li> <li>♥ Bingo</li> <li>♥ Fashion Show</li> <li>♥ Barty Lounge – Speak-easy Night</li> <li>♥ Dance</li> </ul>
TUESDAY, JULY 14	WEDNESDAY, JULY 15	THURSDAY, JULY 16	FRIDAY, JULY 17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ CITM – Laser Tag</li> <li>♥ Teens - Pool Day</li> <li>♥ AH Youth – Workshops</li> <li>♥ YA – Laser Tag / Trivia &amp; Pizza Night</li> <li>♥ DAC – Theatre Workshop</li> <li>♥ DAAA – Badminton</li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site – Bayou Pontoon</b></li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site - OWLS The Vue and Lunch</b></li> <li>♥ Workshops, Meet &amp; Greets &amp; Receptions</li> <li>♥ BioTech Panel Session</li> <li>♥ Hlstory of LPA Dinner</li> <li>♥ Lee Kitchens Corner</li> <li>♥ Talent Show</li> <li>♥ Bingo</li> <li>♥ Expo</li> <li>♥ Barty Lounge – Little Big Band</li> <li>♥ Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ DAAA – Basketball</li> <li>♥ <b>Off-site – Audubon Aquarium</b></li> <li>♥ Medical Meetings</li> <li>♥ Workshops, Meet &amp; Greets &amp; Receptions</li> <li>♥ Mask-Making</li> <li>♥ Lee Kitchens Corner</li> <li>♥ Bingo</li> <li>♥ Children’s Banquet</li> <li>♥ LPA Awards Banquet: Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler</li> <li>♥ Barty Lounge – Karaoke</li> <li>♥ Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ <b>Teens – Off-site Museum of Illusions</b></li> <li>♥ <b>OWLS - Off-site: Sazerac House Tour</b></li> <li>♥ Jazz-A-Tazz Brunch</li> <li>♥ DAAA – Boccia</li> <li>♥ Dodgeball</li> <li>♥ Cornhole Tournament</li> <li>♥ Last Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Pack up all of those memories and all of your awesome wardrobe for one last day...</li> <li>♥ Give those special volunteers an extra “thank you” for the fantastic time.</li> <li>♥ Start counting the days until July 2027!</li> </ul> 



## Why You Should Attend This Conference

*The LPA National Conference Program of Events aims to offer something for each member, regardless of age.*

### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES



*To create connections and strengthen support between individuals, families, medical professionals, and organizations addressing the needs of the community of people with dwarfism.*



*To enhance medical knowledge for medical providers and individuals across all ages, and throughout all aspects of living with dwarfism.*



*To educate, promote, and advocate for the lives of people with dwarfism everywhere.*

### EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS:

With more than 50 workshops offered, each attendee is sure to find something important and interesting at a presentation.

### ACCESS TO MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PHYSICIANS:

Little People of America's Medical Advisory Board offers medical and diagnosis specific workshops during the week, although Sunday is the primary day for medical workshops. Medical Advisory Board doctors also conduct individual meetings with registered members for free throughout the week.

### FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:

Parent Workshops start at 8:30am Sunday through Wednesday, and covers all ages and stages from infant to young adult. No matter what your child or grandchild's age, you'll learn valuable information shared by peers and medical professionals. You'll also have a chance to connect and share stories with many other families in the hotel lobby and at different events.

### FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

We will have special programming for attendees between the ages of 18-24 years old. These events won't disappoint – from pool time, to laser tag, to karaoke... so many things to do in order to meet up with old friends and meet brand new ones.



# Schedule of Events

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DATE	TIME	FUNCTION
FRIDAY, JULY 10	3:00pm - 9:30pm	LPA Registration
	3:00pm - 4:30pm	CITM Poolside Meet and Greet
	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Offsite Teens: NOLA & Beignets
	4:00pm - 8:00pm	DAAA Check-in
	5:00pm - 8:00pm	LPA Information Desk
	5:30pm - 6:30pm	BOD Reception*
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Volunteer Training and Sign up
	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Cornhole Practice Tournament
	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Icebreaker - How to Navigate Conference
	9:00pm - 12:30am	Dance
SATURDAY, JULY 11	6:00am - 9:00am	DAAA Check-In
	8:00am - 4:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting
	8:00am - 5:30pm	LPA Registration
	8:00am - 5:00pm	DAAA Futsal
	9:00am - 10:00am	Volunteer Training and sign up
	10:00am - 12:00pm	CITM Fun Hangout & Games
	11:00am - 1:00pm	Teens: Pool Day!
	11:00am - 1:00pm	Average Height Youth: Photo Scavenger Hunt
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Icebreaker - Finding Your People
	1:00pm - 2:30pm	Zumba Class
	1:00pm - 4:30pm	LPA Information Desk
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Young Adult - Pool Day
	3:30pm - 5:00pm	Parents & Family Reception
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Recepción para Hispanos
	4:00pm - 5:30pm	MOPD Meet & Greet
	5:00pm - 5:30pm	Children's Room Open House
	5:30pm - 9:00pm	Offsite: Opening Celebration Grand Oaks Mansion
	9:00pm - 11:00pm	Bingo
	9:00pm - 11:00pm	LPA Registration
	9:00pm - 12:30am	Dance - Green Out Night!
10:00pm - 1:00am	Barty Lounge - DAC Open Mic/ Karaoke	





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DATE	TIME	FUNCTION
SUNDAY, JULY 12	7:00am - 9:00am	DAAA Check-In
	7:45am - 9:00am	Morning Walk with Carole
	8:00am- 12:00pm	Children's Room
	8:00am- 12:30pm	DAAA Swimming
	8:00am - 7:00pm	LPA Registration
	8:30am- 10:30am	Parent Meeting: Psychosocial
	10:00am - 12:00pm	Average Height Youth: Game Day
	10:30am - 3:00pm	Offsite: NOLA City Tour
	10:45am - 12:00pm	MAB Workshops: Session I
	11:00am - 3:00pm	Offsite: Teens Shops & Movie at Canal Place
	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Platinum Expo
	12:30pm - 5:00pm	DAAA Volleyball
	1:00pm - 2:15pm	MAB Workshops: Session II
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	CITM: Pool Day
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Children's Room
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Council of District Directors Meeting
	2:30pm - 3:45pm	MAB Workshops: Session III
	3:00pm - 4:00pm	DAC Social: Screening of "Veronica"
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	International Reception
	4:00pm - 5:30pm	Newcomers Reception
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	MAB Reception*
	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Grandparents Meet & Greet
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Lee Kitchens Corner: Live Entertainment
	5:00pm - 10:00pm	Offsite: Dinner Cruise on Steamboat Natchez
	6:00pm - 8:30pm	Offsite: Ghost Tour of the French Quarter
	6:00pm - 10:00pm	LPA Expo
	6:00pm - 10:00pm	DAC Visual Art Display
	8:00pm - 9:30pm	Rainbow Social
9:00pm - 11:00pm	Young Adult: Karaoke Warm-up	
9:00pm - 11:00pm	Bingo	
9:00pm - 12:30am	Dance - Blast From the Past	
10:00pm - 1:00am	Barty Lounge: Latin Dance	



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DATE	TIME	FUNCTION
MONDAY, JULY 13	7:00am - 9:00am	DAAA Check-In
	7:45am - 9:00am	Morning Walk with Carole
	8:00am- 12:00pm	Children's Room
	8:00am - 1:00pm	LPA Registration
	8:30am - 5:00pm	MAB Medical Meetings
	8:30am- 10:00am	Parent Meeting
	9:00am - 1:00pm	DAAA Rowing
	10:00am - TBD	Offsite: World War II Museum
	10:00am - 11:30pm	General Assembly
	10:00am - 12:00pm	CITM - Painted Turtle - Arts and Crafts
	10:00am - 12:00pm	AH Youth: Paint and Chat
	10:00am - 1:00pm	DAAA Powerlifting
	11:15am - 12:00pm	Reunions de Padres / Taller 
	12:00pm - 4:00pm	LPA Information Desk
	1:00pm - 1:45pm	General Workshops Session IV
	1:00pm - 1:45pm	Taller de Espanol 
	1:00pm - 3:30pm	Offsite: Teens - The Vue
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Children's Room
	2:00pm - 2:45pm	General Workshops Session V
	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Fashion Show Rehearsal
	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Average Height Caregivers: Perspectives on Skeletal Dysplasia Treatments
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Offsite: Young Adult - Sazerac House
	4:30pm - 6:00pm	DAC: Telephone Reception - Phoenix Rising
	4:30pm - 5:30pm	CHH Meet & Greet
	4:30pm - 5:30pm	OI Meet & Greet
	4:30pm - 5:30pm	OWLS Reception & Group Picture
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Pseudo Meet & Greet	
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Acromesomelic Meet & Greet	



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DATE	TIME	FUNCTION
MONDAY, JULY 13 (continued)	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Diastrophic Meet & Greet
	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Morquio Meet & Greet
	5:00pm - 6:00pm	SED / Kniest Meet & Greet
	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Donor Reception*
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Lee Kitchens Corner: Live Entertainment
	6:00pm - 6:45pm	LPA Group Photo
	6:00pm - 10:00pm	LPA Expo
	6:00pm - 10:00pm	DAC Visual Art Display
	7:00pm - 8:30pm	LPA Fashion Show - Jazzy Jamboree
	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Scholarship Reception*
	9:00pm - 11:00pm	Bingo
	9:00pm - 12:30am	Dance
	10:00pm - 1:00am	Barty Lounge - Speakeasy Night



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DATE	TIME	FUNCTION
TUESDAY, JULY 14	7:00am - 9:00am	DAAA Check-In
	8:00am- 12:00pm	Children's Room
	8:30am- 10:00am	Parent Meeting
	8:30am - 5:00pm	MAB Medical Meetings
	9:00am - 11:00am	CITM: Painted Turtle - Cabin Chat & Games
	9:00am - 11:00am	Talent Show Rehearsal
	9:00am - 1:00pm	LPA Registration
	9:15am - 2:00pm	Offsite: Bayou Discovery Pontoon Tour
	10:00am - 5:00pm	DAAA Badminton
	10:00am - 11:00am	Reunions de Padres / Taller 
	10:00am - 11:00am	Average Height Youth: Workshop 8 - 12 yrs
	10:30am - 3:30pm	Offsite: OWLS - Lunch & the Vue
	11:00am - 2:00pm	LPA Information Desk
	11:15am - 12:15pm	Average Height Youth: Workshop 13 and up yrs
	1:00pm - 1:45pm	General Workshops Session VI
	1:00pm - 1:45pm	Taller de Espanol 
	1:00pm - 2:30pm	Young Adults: Laser Tag
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Children's Room
	1:00pm - 4:30pm	Teens: Hanging by the Pool
	2:00pm - 2:45pm	General Workshops Session VII
	2:30pm - 4:00pm	CITM - Laser Tag
	3:00pm - 3:45pm	General Workshops Session VIII
	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Panel Community Discussion on Skeletal Dysplasia Treatments and Lived Experience
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Districts Meet & Greet	
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Honoring our Roots: A Historical Dinner Celebration	



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DATE	TIME	FUNCTION
TUESDAY, JULY 14 (continued)	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Lee Kitchens Corner: Live Entertainment
	5:30pm - 6:30pm	Adoption Reception
	6:00pm - 10:00pm	LPA Expo
	6:00pm - 10:00pm	DAC Visual Art Display
	7:00pm - 8:30pm	LPA Talent Show - The World is Your Oyster
	9:00pm - 11:00pm	Bingo
	9:00pm - 11:00pm	Young Adults: Trivia and Pizza Night
	9:00pm - 12:30am	Dance
	10:00pm - 1:00am	Barty Lounge - Little Big Band



# Schedule of Events

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DATE	TIME	FUNCTION
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 15</b>	7:00am - 9:00am	DAAA Check-In
	7:45am - 9:00am	Morning Walk with Carole
	8:00am - 5:00pm	DAAA Basketball
	8:30am - 10:00am	Parent Meeting
	8:30am - 12:00pm	MAB Medical Meetings
	8:30am - 1:00pm	Children's Room
	9:00am - 1:00pm	LPA Registration
	10:00am - TBD	Offsite: Audubon Aquarium
	10:15am - 11:30am	Workshop Session IX
	11:00am - 12:00pm	DAC Tellin' Tales Theatre - Monologue Storytelling
	11:45am - 1:00pm	Workshop Session X
	12:00pm - 2:00pm	LPA Information Desk
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Masterpiece Masks: Create Your Own
	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Lee Kitchens Corner: Live Entertainment
	5:00pm - 6:00pm	NOLA Banquet Cocktail Hour
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Children's Banquet: Sparkle and Beads Bash
	6:00pm - 8:30pm	LPA Banquet: Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler
9:30pm - 12:30am	Dance - Mardi Gras Night	
10:00pm - 1:00am	Barty Lounge - Karaoke Night	
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 16</b>	8:00am - 4:00pm	DAAA Boccia
	9:00am - 11:00am	LPA Registration
	10:00am - 12:00pm	Jazz-A-Tazz Brunch
	11:00am - 3:00pm	Offsite: Teens - Museum of Illusions
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Offsite: OWLS - Sazerac House
	1:00pm - 2:30pm	Dodgeball, LPA Style
	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Cornhole Tournament
	9:00pm - 12:30am	Last Dance - Light Up the Night



# LPA

# Cornhole Tournament

Thursday,

# July 16th

at 3 PM

**SIGN UP THROUGH THIS QR CODE!**





## Workshop Highlights

LPA will again offer a wide array of workshops for all of our members. A full schedule, with descriptions, will be available in the conference guide that you receive on-site. Attending a workshop does not require separate sign-ups - they are open to registered conference attendees.

**Workshop suggestions and proposals from LPA members are encouraged! LPA is looking for some awesome workshops this year.** Members who are interested in sharing information and resources at a workshop during conference can contact Mary O’Neill at [workshops.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:workshops.lpa@gmail.com) to discuss possibilities.

### PARENT MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS:

Discussions and workshops throughout the week will be tailored for both new and experienced parents. This includes large group discussions Sunday through Wednesday facilitated by LPA’s National Parent Coordinators.



**Reunión de Padres/Talleres en Español –** Discusión abierta para padres. Se discutirán los temas de tipo socio- cultural. Los adultos de talla baja que quieran participar y compartir sus experiencias serán bienvenidos. Recomendaciones sobre adaptaciones y consejos prácticos.

### WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

#### General Workshops

There will be workshop sessions throughout the days on Sunday through Wednesday this year. LPA strives to host workshops that cover an array of topics that people with dwarfism and their families are interested in, including health and wellness, employment, education, personal development, and peer support.

Workshop topics being planned include (*subject to change*):

- Peer Support for specific member groups (women, men, newcomers)
- Parenting with a Disability
- Preparing for School (IEPs & 504s)
- Health and Wellness
- Yoga and/or Zumba
- Alterations and Sewing
- Adoption
- Grief
- Special Sessions for Newcomers
- Career and Employment Tips



[Workshop Form](#)



## Medical Workshops

LPA's Medical Advisory Board Members will present medical information and support workshops on Sunday, July 12th. Medical professionals will give information on the latest research and treatment for various forms of skeletal dysplasia.

Topics will include the following and many more:

- Orthopedics: Limb Alignment Issues
- Surgical Issues of the Head/Neck/Spine
- Pregnancy, Prenatal Diagnosis & Labor and Delivery in LPs
- Nutrition, Weight Management
- Exercise and Functional Adaptations
- Hearing Loss Issues, Sleep Apnea, and Skeletal Dysplasias
- All About Genetics and Skeletal Dysplasias
- The Latest Research in Skeletal Dysplasias - New Knowledge

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## Peer Support - LPA (P.S. LPA)

The Peer Support team (previously Social Work and Talking) is an LPA/ MAB endorsed group of helping professionals who are available to LPA members and their families during the national conference to listen and provide (peer) support. This program is inclusive of all members: kids, teens, and adults; LP and average height members; parents and non-parents; siblings and friends. Both during the day and the evenings of the conference, there will be a safe, non-judgmental, confidential space provided where LPA conference participants can come to talk, be heard, seek resources, and ask questions. Peer Support Team members are not providing formal therapy, counseling, or advice, but are providing a safe space for conversation and identification of resources that participants may wish to pursue beyond the LPA conference. If you have a question, concern, or just want to talk, come by the medical floor or the registration desk – there will be P.S. LPA sign-up forms, as well as P.S. LPA team members to give out information. There will also be a phone number available to find a PS-LPA team member on-site.





## Parent Meetings

### INTRODUCING LPA'S NEW PARENT COORDINATORS!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kelly Lee and Nicole Nastasi, who have led our parent meetings with dedication and warmth over the past several years. They have facilitated countless conversations, supported families with compassion, and generously volunteered their time at conferences. Thank you, Kelly and Nicole, for everything you've contributed to our community.

We're excited to share that Kelsie Hankins Hughes and Joseph Tateoka have agreed to step into the role as our new Parent Coordinators. They bring energy, experience, and a passion for supporting LPA families, and we're thrilled to have them lead us into this next chapter.

**Kelsie Hankins Hughes:** *I have achondroplasia and am a lifetime member of LPA. I currently work as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Medical Science Liaison in oncology diagnostics and precision medicine. I serve as District 13's Treasurer and am a member of LPA's Biotech Committee. I live in Nashville with my husband, Michael (we met through LPA!), and our 3-year-old son, Henry (AH).*

**Joseph Tateoka:** *I live in the Chicago area with my wife, Alison, and our three children, Parker, Charlie, and Lyla. I joined LPA in 2015 after our son, Parker, was diagnosed with Pseudoachondroplasia at age 3. I work as a Global HR leader focusing on Talent Management, People Development, and Employee Experience. I've previously served LPA as the D6 District Director and on the Board as the Central Regional Representative.*

### PARENT MEETING DETAILS:

Throughout the week, parents and caregivers are invited to participate in discussions and workshops designed for both new and experienced families. Large-group sessions will take place Sunday through Wednesday and will be facilitated by LPA's National Parent Coordinators. Topics may include psychosocial support, mental health, advocacy, education, healthcare, adaptations, diagnosis and/or age-based conversations, and group panel discussion, among others. A virtual resource notebook will also be available and will include many of the materials and supports parents have requested.

**Parent and Family Reception, Saturday, July 11th, 3:30pm - 5:00pm:** Parents and caregivers of children of all ages are invited to gather, learn, and connect. Meet the National Parent Coordinators, connect with other families, and preview the Parent Meetings schedule, topics, and resources available.



## Parent Meetings



**Parent Meetings, Sunday, July 12th - Wednesday, July 15th, 8:30am - 10:00am:**

For Parents and Grandparents. Start your mornings with Parent Workshops at 8:30 a.m., Sunday through Wednesday. Sessions are welcoming for every age, stage, and diagnosis, from infant to young adult, and feature valuable perspectives from peers (LP and AH) and medical professionals. Throughout the week, you'll also find many informal chances to meet other families and exchange stories, whether in the hotel lobby or during conference events.

**Reunión de Padres/Talleres en Español – Discusión abierta para padres.** Se discutirán los temas de tipo socio- cultural. Los adultos de talla baja que quieran participar y compartir sus experiencias serán bienvenidos. Recomendaciones sobre adaptaciones y consejos prácticos.

## BioTech Workshops

LPA's Biotech Industry Liaison Committee was formed to provide objective, unbiased interpretation and analysis of the ongoing research efforts in skeletal dysplasias. Over the past few years, this committee has been involved with workshops focused on distributing information about the medications and clinical trials affecting our community. This year, we have two discussions in addition to the MAB workshops on Sunday.

**Average Height Caregivers: Discussion on Skeletal Dysplasia Treatments, Monday, July 13th, 3:00pm - 4:30pm:** A facilitated discussion for average-height parents and caregivers of individuals with skeletal dysplasia to reflect on experiences, questions, and concerns related to pharmaceutical treatments. Participants will explore the many factors that shape these decisions, including medical information, lived experiences, personal values, and social & cultural perspectives in a space where no question is off limits and caregivers can speak openly without worrying about saying the wrong thing.

**LPA Biotech Committee Panel: Skeletal Dysplasia Treatments and Lived Experience: Tuesday, July 14th, 3:00pm - 4:00pm:** An open community session bringing together individuals with skeletal dysplasia, caregivers, and other members of the LPA community for a panel discussion on pharmaceutical treatments. Panelists from the LPA Biotech Committee, joined by select MAB members, will share perspectives shaped by lived experience and clinical insight while engaging with audience questions. The conversation will explore the range of viewpoints and considerations as the community continues to navigate an evolving treatment landscape.



# New Orleans Children's Room

Ages 0-10

The Children's Room offers a welcoming and exciting environment for kids ages 0–10 while their families attend workshops and meetings. Children can **explore, create, and play** with friends in a space designed to spark imagination and build connections.

This year, along with **arts and crafts**, we're introducing **new toys and games** that encourage relationship-building and lifelong friendships. Activities like constructing "creations" are not only fun—they help develop **critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, creativity, and collaboration skills**.

Last year, we added many books on self-advocacy, awareness and motivation. There are some planned surprises and even maybe a couple of exciting visitors to the children's room - it's all about having a blast with our friends and exploring what wonders New Orleans has to offer.

The room will be staffed by LPA volunteers, including LPA members, families, and friends. This will be under the supervision of **Lou Ann McKay**, who has many years of previous experience with running the LPA children's room. Lou Ann is an LPA parent and a credentialed teacher who taught kindergarten in San Diego for 34 years.

**Please note the important information below:**

- Due to legal constraints, parents must remain on the New Orleans Marriott hotel property at all times while their children are in the Children's Room.
- All parents **MUST** provide the coordinators with a U.S. based cell phone number so the staff will be able to reach you in case of an emergency. Without this, your child(ren) will not be allowed to stay and registration fees will not be refunded.
- Due to food allergies, only water will be allowed in the Children's Room. Bottles for infants are allowed, however, they should be pre-made and labeled with your child's name.
- Parents must provide consent for all children needing assistance with the bathroom. Parents will be called for diaper changes.
- Parents must provide any equipment or materials needed for their child's care and that equipment must be clearly labeled with their child's name. Children's Room volunteers will not dispense prescription or over the counter medicines to your child/children.
- **Prompt pickup of your child(ren) is greatly appreciated!** It is necessary to adhere to pick-up times in order for the children's room staff to clean, sanitize, and reset the room. If there are repeated issues with timing, we may deny access and withhold any refund.



## New Orleans Children's Room

**Saturday, 5:00pm - 5:30pm**

**Children's Room Open House:** Parents and children are welcome to visit and see all the fun things there will be to do over the course of the week as well as learn about policies and procedures for both kids and parents.

**Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, 8:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm**  
(closed for lunch from 12:00pm - 1:00pm each day)

**Wednesday, 8:30am - 1:00pm**

Along with games, crafts, visitors, and activities, we will also be hanging out with some young, hip LP role models!

**Cost: \$80 per child for Sunday through Wednesday**

*\*We are very passionate about allowing the opportunity for LP children to come together to play. We are happy and willing to work with families if there is a financial hardship in order to ensure that no child is excluded from the amazing children's room, where kiddos go to meet new lifelong friends.*

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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Children's Room is looking for volunteers in New Orleans. Any attendees over the age of 16 who would like to play with children by assisting in crafts, games, or activities, would be greatly appreciated! They always need a few extra soothing hands for the infants, too. There are two-hour shifts available on the mornings and afternoons of Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as well.

Caught in the Middle (the Tween group) is also looking for volunteers, as well as a conference lead. CITM would like a few parents to help chaperone off-site events and help coordinate on-site events. It's a small time commitment and bound to be loads of fun! Older siblings, friends, grandparents, and family members are encouraged to volunteer a few hours during the week.

And volunteers are also needed in other areas, too. Nightly badge patrol, off-site Trips, and more. If you can even spare a few hours during the week, we are very happy to take them! If you volunteer over 6 hours, you get a super cool coveted, exclusive t-shirt!

Students who volunteer can earn service hours for helping. Another bonus: The more you volunteer, the more people you meet, AND the more you are "in the know"!



[Volunteer Form.](#)



## Dwarf Artist Coalition (DAC)

The Dwarf Artist Coalition (DAC) brings together different artists, highlighting their work in music, art, photography, design, spoken word, and performance. The hope is to celebrate all creatives while fostering new artists and inspiring the community!

### OPEN MIC NIGHT:

**Saturday, July 11th / 10:00pm - 1:00am**

Open Mic Night is a space to be heard. LPA members ages 21+ are invited to share their voice or story on an open stage celebrating creativity through words and language. From music and poetry to storytelling, comedy, and spoken word, all forms of original expression are welcome. Come take the mic and bring your perspective to the stage.

### DAC VISUAL ART DISPLAY:

**Sunday July 12th- Tuesday, July 14th / 6:00pm - 10:00pm**

DAC will be showcasing artists' submissions in a digital gallery display during the Expo hours, July 12th-14th. These pieces-of-art, pending artist preference, may be available for purchase. Come check out the wonderful pieces at the Expo and support our visual artists! To submit your work, please email the DAC at [dwarf.artist.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:dwarf.artist.coalition@gmail.com).

### DAC SOCIAL: SCREENING OF "VERONICA" WITH SELENE LUNA

**Sunday, July 12th/ 3:00pm - 4:00pm**

VERONICA, produced by and featuring Selene Luna, is a bold and intimate work that challenges long-standing tropes within the entertainment industry by centering the story of an actress with dwarfism, a perspective rarely seen on screen. Rooted in lived experience, the film offers an honest and deeply human portrait of navigating an industry that has historically limited who gets to be fully seen, heard, and understood. "Veronica" reframes familiar narratives with something more expansive, truthful, and authentic. Adults and Teens are welcome!

Guided by Selene Luna's vision and brought to life through a powerful ensemble and an impressive creative team, "Veronica" exists as both a personal story and a cultural intervention. The film highlights the power of authentic storytelling, using performance to challenge expectations and expand representation. More than a reflection of Selene's impactful career, "Veronica" is a call to elevate artists who are actively reshaping narratives within the creative industries. Courageous, necessary, and unforgettable, the film leaves a lasting impression. You won't want to miss it!





## Dwarf Artist Coalition

### DAC TELEPHONE RECEPTION:

Monday, July 13th / 4:30pm - 6:00pm (artists set up at 3:00)

Teens and Adults

The Telephone Project is a celebration of creativity and collaboration, spotlighting the talents of DAC members through a unique and inspiring event. This year, the works will honor one of Annie Danberg's original works, "PHOENIX RISING" We wanted to honor Annie, one of our coalition members who has been around since the beginning of the DAC. Honoring the artists that have paved the way and have made spaces like this for us. Inspired by her work, this year's Telephone Project takes her original piece "PHOENIX RISING" as its starting point, transforming it into a multi-disciplinary showcase. Artists will interpret and build upon one another's creations—spanning spoken word, dance, monologue, song, photography, painting, and more—just like the classic game of "Telephone." The result is a captivating live event full of surprises and artistic innovation.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind experience that honors one of the coalition's original members who has given us so much of her creativity, her wisdom and her constant mentorship throughout the years.

### DAC THEATRE WORKSHOPS - THEATER SERIES:

Monday, July 13th- Tuesday, July 14th (Times are TBD)

*Featuring Ben Saylor as our host!*

#### Adult Improv Workshop -

This workshop is designed for adults who want to dip their toes into the joyful chaos of improv comedy. Through fast-paced games inspired by Whose Line Is It Anyway? and the Smosh Pit YouTube channel, we'll laugh, play, and experiment while building confidence, sharpening creativity, cultivating stage skills, and strengthening that all-important "Yes, And" muscle. No experience needed—just curiosity and a willingness to play!

#### Kids Storytime Spotlight Workshop (for ages 4-7)

This workshop invites kids to jump into the fun of telling stories for an audience in a theater or open mic setting. We will explore how to share stories as yourself and how to bring stories to life as a character through monologues. Along the way, kids will play, imagine, and experiment while learning how to feel comfortable speaking in front of a crowd. This is a lively, supportive workshop where young performers can build confidence, spark creativity, and discover exciting ways to tell their own stories exactly how they want them told.



## Caught In The Middle (C.I.T.M.) Events

10 to 13 Years of Age – AH & LP Youth Welcome

The CITM Events are all included in the price of registration, except where otherwise noted.

### FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

**CITM Meet and Greet POOLside, 3:00pm – 4:30pm:** Join us for a fun poolside meet 'n' greet to kick off the week. We'll start with quick introductions and a few easy icebreakers to help everyone get to know each other. You'll also get a sneak peek at all the exciting activities planned for the rest of the week, plus we'll squeeze in a couple of crazy games you won't want to miss.

### SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

**CITM Game Day! 10:00am – 12:00pm:** Come and hang out with friends and participate in fun activities. Meet in the CITM room. We will be playing all sorts of games, including cornhole, playing in the Gaga pit, Plinko, team games, board games.

### SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

**Sunday Funday Poolday! - 1:00pm-4:00pm:** Get ready for an awesome afternoon at the pool with your friends. We'll splash, swim, and play tons of fun water games; from pool relays to water basketball to silly splash challenges, there's always something exciting happening. Whether you want to dive in or just float and relax, it's the perfect way to cool off and have a great time together. Don't forget your swimsuit, sunscreen towel, and those super cool sunglasses.

### MONDAY, JULY 13TH

**Painted Turtle in NOLA, 10:00am – 12:00pm:** We're all really sad that Painted Turtle Camp didn't happen this year, but that won't stop us from bringing the Painted Turtle fun to us. For those experienced, or who would love to give the Painted Turtle spirit a try, camp counselors Morgan Lee and Hans Murtell will be leading a lineup of classic, unforgettable activities; hands-free spaghetti, creative arts and crafts, and plenty of music to keep the energy high. It won't be the same as camp, but with Morgan and Hans guiding the fun, we're still going to make amazing "conference camp" memories together!



## Caught In The Middle (C.I.T.M.) Events

10 to 13 Years of Age – AH & LP Youth Welcome

### TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

**Painted Turtle in NOLA Part II 9:00am – 11:00am:** Camp counselors Morgan Lee and Hans Murtell are back to lead the fun with a wild Nerf gun battle, a hands-on arts and crafts session, and a that unforgettable traditional cabin chat.

**Laser Tag, 2:30pm – 4:00pm:** Get ready to gear up and dive into an action-packed session of laser tag with your CITM peers! We'll break into teams, strategize, and jump into the "arena" for fast-paced rounds full of friendly competition and plenty of laughs. Come ready to run, dodge, and claim bragging rights.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

**Audubon Aquarium 10:00am – TBD:** We'll explore incredible underwater worlds together, meet amazing sea creatures up close, and learn fun facts about everything from stingrays to sharks. It's the perfect chance to discover, wander, and share the experience with friends. From colorful fish to hands-on exhibits, there's something cool to see around every corner. We plan to keep the CITM gang together as a group. \$35 per person. **Pre-Registration Required.**





## Teen Events

14 to 18 Years of Age – AH & LP Youth Welcome

### FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

**Meet and Greet at Cafe Beignet, 3:00pm - 4:30pm:** Calling all Teens! Join us for a “sweet” time at Cafe Beignet! LPA treats you to a local favorite, while you all catch up and also meet new friends. Find out what the sched is for the week, and who’s doing what and where. Meet in Lobby to walk over together.

### SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

**Hangin’ By the Pool 11:00am – 1:00pm:** Get ready for a splash-filled afternoon of fun in the sun! Whether you’re showing off your swim skills or just here to float, chill, and soak up the vibes, this is **the** spot to be. Expect water games, music, and plenty of laughs with your LPA crew. Don’t forget your sunscreen, shades, and the coolest pool floaties for those Insta snaps - this is going to be the best place to be seen for the scene this week.

### SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

**The Shops and a Movie at Canal Place, 11:00am – 3:00pm:** This upscale mall is the perfect chill spot for an afternoon hangout. Wander through trendy stores, browse the newest styles, or grab a sweet treat from one of the cafés. If you’re in the mood for a movie instead, you can head over to the Prytania Theatre and catch a film. It’s an easy, laid-back way to spend the afternoon right in the heart of downtown New Orleans. Meet in the Lobby to walk over together.





## Teen Events

14 to 18 year olds; AH & LP teens welcome

### MONDAY, JULY 13TH

**The Vue, 1:00pm-3:30pm:** Elevate your senses 34 stories up from the city's only 360° indoor and outdoor observation deck. From history-rich urban architecture to the wetlands and waterways surrounding us, the Vue Orleans observation deck delivers the best views in town. It's an eight minute walk, so we can all walk together from the hotel, or take the trolley car. **\$25 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

### TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

**Hangin' By the Pool, 1:00pm – 4:30pm:** Another chill day as a group by the pool. It will be jam-packed with all of the people who really want to have a certain vibe. Don't forget those sunglasses...pictures aren't the same without them.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

**Audubon Aquarium & Insectarium Tour 10:00am-TBD:** Get immersed into an underwater world from the Caribbean, to the Amazon Rainforest, to the waters that give New Orleans its lifeblood: the Mississippi River and the Gulf. With more than 3,600 animals from more than 250 species, including endangered species, such as African penguins, and rare animals, such as white alligators, and more! It's a ten minute walk, so we can all walk together from the hotel, or take the trolley car. This event is being offered to all of the attendees, but we thought we would walk around as a group together. **\$35 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

### THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

**Museum of Illusions, 11:00am – 3:00pm:** Get ready to challenge your senses and your selfie skills at the Museum of Illusions New Orleans! Step into a world where nothing is quite what it seems; walk through mind-bending rooms, defy gravity, and snap photos that will have your friends doing double-takes. It's part science, part art, and completely awesome. Grab your phone, your sense of adventure, and your best poses. This trip is all about fun, friends, and optical illusions that will blow your mind! No transportation provided - it is about a 15 minute walk or we could take a streetcar ride. Meet in the lobby to walk over together. **\$25 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

*\*We are very passionate about allowing the opportunity for every teen to participate in the events! We are happy and willing to work with families if there is a financial hardship to ensure that no teen is excluded from the amazing experiences to build new lifelong friends.*



## Young Adults

### 18 to 24 years old

For those attendees who have graduated high school, are in college, or have just graduated from college but aren't sure where to go next, have no fear! There are lots of people to meet here in the sensational city of New Orleans. The Young Adult Events are all included in the price of registration, except where otherwise noted.\* All events are wheelchair/scooter accessible! Transportation to and from off-site events is on your own.

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 11TH**

**Hangin' By the Pool 2:00pm – 4:00pm:** Cool off and hang with the young adult crew for a relaxed afternoon by the pool. Whether you're in the water, chilling on the chairs, or just catching up with friends, it's the perfect low-key way to start off the week. We'll have music, good vibes, and plenty of time to unwind however you like. Just show up, kick back, and enjoy the sun.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 12TH**

**Young Adult Karaoke Warm-up 9:00pm-11:00pm:** We are warming things up with a fun, low-pressure karaoke session. Whether you're a confident performer or just in it for the laughs, this is the perfect chance to loosen up, meet new people, and cheer each other on. You can pick your favorites from your playlist and we'll sing, laugh, and set the tone for an awesome week of more karaoke ahead. No talent required, well... for the most part.

#### **MONDAY, JULY 13TH**

**Sazerac House, 4:00pm-6:00pm:** Come hang out and cross the street with friends to the Sazerac House for a fun, laid-back tour. We'll check out the cool interactive exhibits, learn a little about the history behind some classic New Orleans drinks, and see how everything comes together behind the scenes. Sazerac House has both cocktail and mocktail options during the tour. **Pre-Registration Required.**

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 14TH**

**Laser Tag, 1:00pm – 2:30pm:** Get ready to gear up and dive into an action-packed session of laser tag with the young adult crew! We'll break into teams, strategize, and jump into the arena for fast-paced rounds full of friendly competition and plenty of laughs. Whether you're going stealth mode or going all-in on the offense, it's all about having fun and enjoying the adrenaline. Come ready to run, dodge, and claim bragging rights.

**Trivia & Pizza Night, 9:00pm – 11:00pm:** Bring your knowledge of all things for rounds of trivia that mix pop culture, random facts and the occasional historical story. Pizza will be there to keep your brain fresh for #winning.



## Young Adults

18 to 24 years old

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

**Underwater Exploration: The Aquarium 10:00am – 4:00pm:** Take a deep dive into the wonders of the ocean. We're heading to the Aquarium for a group visit, and it's the perfect place to explore stunning exhibits and relax by the water. **\$35 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

### THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

**Dodgeball and Cornhole: 1:00pm – 4:30pm:** Get ready for an afternoon where athleticism, chaos, and questionable strategy collide. Our Dodgeball and Cornhole Tournaments are the perfect chance to show off your skills, whether you're the type who can launch a dodgeball with laser accuracy or a person who immediately ducks and hopes for the best. On the cornhole side, you'll witness everything from graceful tosses to beanbags that somehow defy physics and are found in a totally different part of the hotel. Prizes for the tournament victors will be awarded.



***New Orleans Marriott Pool***



# Older Wiser Little Seniors (OWLS) Events

All LPs 50 and up

Who? Who? The OWLS have their own week planned. OWLS will flock together as they chirp it up during the week. OWLS are in flight to laugh, bond, dance, dine and whine together. Times are subject to change.

## SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

**Zumba! 1:00pm – 2:30pm:** Best way to bond at the beginning of the week is to get that energy out amongst our OWLS companions. This class blends easy dance moves with an instructor who is familiar with LPs. Come ready to groove and elevate that heartrate with old and new friends. (Open to all).

## SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

**Morning Walks with Carole, 7:45am –9:00am:** Hosted by the Lil Cajun Chapter, join us for a morning walk to get us invigorated for the day, and to get to know the fantastic city of NOLA. Ages 0-100 welcome!

**Dinner Cruise on the Steamboat Natchez, 5:00pm – 10:00pm:** Enjoy a relaxing and elegant evening aboard the Steamboat Natchez for a memorable dinner cruise. Take in the beautiful views of the Mississippi River as you listen to live jazz and savor a delicious Southern-style meal. Let the river set the pace for a truly special night out and show off its classic New Orleans style charm. The pier is a 15 minute walk from the hotel, or trolley ticket purchase is available. Trolley stop is Toulouse Street Wharf. The boarding for the boat begins at 5:30pm. **\$90 per person. Pre-Registration Required. No bus transportation provided.**

## MONDAY JULY 13TH:

**Morning Walks with Carole, 7:45am –9:00am:** Hosted by the Lil Cajun Chapter, join us for a morning walk to get us invigorated for the day, and to get to know the fantastic city of NOLA.

**OWLS Reception, 4:30pm – 5:30pm:** OWLS are invited to come and meet some favorite people. Whether you are new to LPA or have attended many conferences in the past, this is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.



## Older Wiser Little Seniors (OWLS) Events

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### TUESDAY, JULY 14TH:

**Lunch and the Vue, 10:30am – 3:30pm:** We're heading to Vue Orleans—34 stories above the city—for an incredible day beginning with 360-degree indoor and outdoor views. From historic New Orleans architecture to the surrounding wetlands and waterways, the observation deck offers some of the most breathtaking sights in town. The Vue visit also includes a complimentary drink to sip while taking in the NOLA view. Then there's a delicious lunch at Delacroix where we'll enjoy great food and fabulous company. It's just an eight-minute walk from the hotel, so we can stroll over together or take the trolley if that's more comfortable. **\$95 per person. Pre-Registration Required. No bus transportation provided.**

**Honoring Our Roots Dinner, 5:00pm – 6:30pm:** A brand new event, bringing together our LPA history aficionados to listen to our resident LPA historical experts, as well as taking in selected archive exhibits. We will dine together, while taking in where we've been...from Billy Barty's brainchild in 1957, to where we are now, and we think we can all say - we've come a long way, baby! **\$85 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH:

**Morning Walks with Carole, 7:45am –9:00am:** Hosted by the Lil Cajun Chapter, join us for the last morning walk to get us invigorated for the day, and to get to know the fantastic city of NOLA.

**NOLA Mask Making, 1:00pm – 3:00pm:** Join us for a fun and creative Mardi Gras mask-making session! We'll provide colorful feathers, glitter, sequins, ribbons, and all the supplies you need to design your own festive masterpiece. Whether you go bold and vibrant or elegant and simple, it's the perfect chance to tap into your creativity and get into the New Orleans spirit. Come relax, craft, and take home a mask that's uniquely yours. **\$25 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

### THURSDAY, JULY 16TH:

**Jazz-a-Tazz Brunch, 10:00am – 12:00pm:** What a way to celebrate at the end of the week - eating some fabulous New Orleans breakfast food and spending time with old and new friends. A jazzy way to start a Boccia day! **\$50 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

**OWLS at the Sazerac House, 1:00pm –3:00pm:** Right across the street is one of the most fun museums in the state! The Sazerac House has fascinating, interactive exhibits, where you can learn a little about the history behind some classic New Orleans drinks. Sazerac House has both cocktail and mocktail options during the tour. **Pre-Registration Required.**



## Average Height (AH) Youth Events

All ages between 8 - 21 years old are welcome

Come share your conference week with your peers - we're all members of LPA! Yes, this week is for you also! Please also see pages about the Teen, CITM & YA events, because most are open to \*all\* members! The events on this page are only for average height youth.

### SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

**Photo Scavenger Hunt, 11:00am – 1:00pm:** Explore the hotel during an exciting Scavenger Hunt with your average height peers, while getting to know each other and working together as a team. We want everyone to participate and hope for the older, role models of the youth crowd to be part of this experience to team with the younger members. Come have some fun and win some very awesome prizes!

### SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

**Game Day, 10:00am –12:00pm:** *(for kids too old for the kid's room)* Join us for an exciting Average Height Youth Game Session! Come enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with a variety of games, including classic board games and team challenges. Whether you're into strategy, creativity, or friendly competition, there's something for everyone!

### MONDAY JULY 13TH:

**Paint and Chat, 10:00am –12:00pm:** Let your creativity flow at our Average Height Youth Painting Session! In this fun, hands-on event, each member will have their own canvas to create a masterpiece. Whether you're painting a landscape, a favorite animal, or just letting ideas come to life, this session is all about self-expression and creativity. All supplies are provided, and you will have the chance to take home your finished artwork as a special keepsake from the 2026 LPA National!

### TUESDAY, JULY 14TH:

**Average Height Youth Workshop, 10:00am – 11:00am: 8 - 12 year old session & 11:15am - 12:15pm: 13 and up session:** Meet up with the friends that you made during the week to talk about your experiences at conferences and at home. Share your stories and support other average-height family members of LPA. What is it like to have most people remember our LP family member's name, but not necessarily ours? How do we handle people staring or name-calling? What's the best part of being a part of this LP community, and where do we fit in? Opportunities to discuss a wide range of topics with candor: family, friends, school, recreational activities, and individual concerns. No parent or adult participation, please.



“**ESPAÑOL**”

## Actividades del comité hispano

El Comité Hispano de LPA está activo y entusiasmado por un año más de unión como comunidad. Aquí les presentamos algunos eventos destacados de nuestro grupo, pero todos son bienvenidos.

### sábado, 11 de julio

**Recepción para las personas de habla Hispana, 4:00pm-5:00pm** – LPA tiene muchos miembros que participarán de España, México, América Central y América del Sur. Esta es la oportunidad para que las personas de talla baja y sus familiares compartan sus experiencias con personas de diferentes países y regiones. También se dará un breve recuento de las actividades a realizarse en la convención. Esta recepción será coordinada por los miembros de habla hispana de LPA.

### domingo 12 de julio

**Taller medico, 1:00pm:** Habrá un taller médico específicamente para que nuestra comunidad hispana pueda hacer preguntas.

**Baile Latino, 10:00pm –1:00am:** Ven a bailar al ritmo de la música latina..., salsa, merengue, cumbia y más! No te pierdas esta divertida oportunidad de compartir con nuevos y viejos amigos. Están todos invitados.



### lunes 13 de julio

**Reunión de padres, 11:15am:** Discusión abierta para padres con hijos de talla baja, en la que se compartirán experiencias y sugerencias sobre diferentes aspectos de la vida diaria.

**Taller de español, 1:00pm:** Hablando sobre el dolor. Este taller nos dará la oportunidad de compartir aquellas situaciones que a lo largo de nuestra vida han traído consigo dolor emocional y/o físico, hablaremos sobre el proceso de duelo y se brindarán herramientas para llegar a una mejor aceptación de las mismas.

### martes 14 de julio

**Reunión de padres, 10:00am:** Sesión de integración a través de la creatividad. Un espacio en el que el diálogo y la creatividad promoverán la interseccionalidad.

**Taller de español, 1:00pm:** Ableismo Internalizado. Discutiremos las presiones que la sociedad ejerce sobre el enanismo, ya que puede ser difícil adaptarse a un mundo diseñado para personas de estatura promedio. El taller ofrecerá una introducción al capacitismo internalizado a través de la experiencia de las personas con talla baja, seguido de una discusión abierta sobre cómo esto se ha manifestado en sus vidas. También exploraremos manera de crear conciencia e identificar herramientas individualizadas que nos ayuden a sentirnos seguros.



## On-Site Activities

(sorted by schedule)

### NEW! ICEBREAKING EVENTS (LET'S GET THIS WEEK STARTED!):

Friday, July 10th, 8:00pm & Saturday, July 11th, 12:00pm

We listened, and now have two really cool new events to bring people together earlier in the week. It's all about finding your people - they are here, we promise! If you are new, or are just interested in finding more friends and connections, these are the events for you. Leave your hotel room behind and get to know some of the most amazing people on the planet. We're pretty sure they are right here in NOLA this week.

### DANCING YOUR CARES AWAY IN NOLA: (THE ULTIMATE LPA EVENT)

Friday, July 10th - Thursday, July 16th, 9:00pm - 12:30am

One of the most cherished traditions in LPA is tearing up the dance floor every single night at the conference. Open for all ages, but you might want to be prepared for the teens and young adults to take over around 11pm - the moves get technical and the music gets louder! This is the place where everyone can dance carefree and show off their moves they've been practicing all year. This year, we will be having four theme nights, so bring your best outfits!

**Saturday - Green Out Night!** Wear anything green to show off your dwarfism awareness fashion!

**Wednesday - New Orleans Night!** Show up in your best Mardi Gras outfits. wear purple, green, or gold

**Sunday - Blast to the Past!** Dress like any of your favorite eras from the 70s disco and bell-bottoms, to 2000 baby tees.

**Thursday - Light Up the Night!** Get hyped for our last night and dress in neon! Bright neon colors, glow in the dark, and maybe even neon face paint.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

Saturday, July 11th, 8:00am - 4:00pm & Sunday, July 12th, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

The Board of Directors / Council of Directors meetings are open to any LPA member who would like to attend. Hear the discussion and business of the LPA Board.

### BINGO:

Saturday, July 11th- Tuesday, July 14th/ 9:00pm - 11:00pm

B-I-N-G-O! It's not just a game; it's a full-blown adventure for everyone from the young to the young-at-heart. Step into an atmosphere so electric you'd think the bingo balls were plugged into a power outlet. Prizes await that are downright awesome, and for the biggest wins of the night, bring a couple of bucks for the fancy bingo cards, because nothing says "I'm here to dominate" like upgrading your cardboard. Expect dramatic number-calling, competitive side-eye, and that glorious (or frustrating) moment when someone belts out "BINGO!" loud enough to scare the French Quarter. It could be you, so warm up those daubers and get ready. If you would like to donate a bingo prize or two, please email Danny Fava at [dfava12@gmail.com](mailto:dfava12@gmail.com) - we would so appreciate your generosity!



## On-Site Activities

(sorted by schedule)

### BARTY LOUNGE:

Saturday July 11th – Wednesday, July 15th / 10:00pm – 1:00am

Get ready to turn up the fun because the Barty Lounge is taking over the Mardi Gras Ballroom at the New Orleans Marriott, and this year's lineup is the best NOLA party vibe ever. We're kicking things off with a high-energy Ragin' Cajun Karaoke Night that's guaranteed to get everyone singing and laughing. Then the heat rises with a vibrant Latin Dance night for everyone, followed by a glamorous Speakeasy Night with some live music with perhaps an air of mystery. The crowd-favorite Little Big Band is back to blow the roof off with their incredible talent, and we're closing it all out with an epic karaoke bash alongside our DAC friends. This is the place to be; don't miss a single night!



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## On-Site Activities

### LPA EXPO:

Are you looking for products or services that are tailor made for you as an LP? Be sure to stop by our EXPO where there could be products or services ranging from stylish clothing, functional furniture, adaptive mobility devices, customized bikes, shoes that actually fit, pedal extensions, and even companies offering career opportunities. We can't wait to see what innovative solutions this year's vendors will have on display! (If you are a vendor interested in signing up for the Expo, please see our or the [Platinum Expo Form](#) or the [Expo Form](#)).

### Expo Dates and Times

#### Platinum Vendors:

Sunday, July 12th 12:00pm - 4:00pm;  
6:00pm - 10:00pm  
Monday, July 13th 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
Tuesday, July 14th 6:00pm - 10:00pm

#### All Vendors:

Sunday, July 12th 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
Monday, July 13th 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
Tuesday, July 14th 6:00pm - 10:00pm



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### LEE KITCHENS' CORNER:

Sunday, July 12th – Wednesday July 15th / 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Lee Kitchens' Corner is a casual early evening place to gather with old and new friends. As we all know, when we have company over, they all gather in the Kitchen. Come and relax each evening in LPA's "Lee Kitchens' Corner" for a drink and some chit-chat. The bar will open each night by 5:00pm. Light entertainment will be provided most evenings.





## On-Site Activities

### MAB MEDICAL MEETINGS:

**Monday, July 13th - Wednesday, July 15th / must make an appointment beforehand**

LPA is extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful partnership with our Medical Advisory Board members who are willing to volunteer (at their own expense) to provide individual guidance to LPA members. Please keep in mind to be flexible with your scheduling and individual provider requests. Scheduling will begin *after* May 15th, and you will be emailed a meeting confirmation between 2 to 4 weeks before your arrival. For more information, please see the medical form.

[Medical Meeting Form.](#)



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

**Monday, July 13th/ 10:00am – 11:30am**

The Board of Directors, including our newly elected officers, meet in person to conduct LPA business. During the past year, the Board has continued to work towards accomplishing the short term and long range goals to make LPA an organization we can all be proud of. Each member of the Board will share with the community the accomplishments of the recent past and the plans of the Board and the committees they oversee. Finally, the Board will open up a town hall discussion to answer questions from the membership. One of the goals of the Board has been to be available and transparent to the members it serves and there is no better opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and have your voice heard.

### GROUP PHOTO:

**Monday, July 13th/ 6:00pm**

The conference group photo will be taken before the Fashion Show. Be sure to join us with your friends to be in the historical record of the New Orleans conference!



## Receptions and Meet & Greets

RECEPTION AND MEET & GREETS		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Reception Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Friday, July 10th	Welcome Back, LPA Board *	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Saturday, July 11th	 Parents & Family Reception Recepción para Hispanos MOPD Meet & Greet Children's Room Open House	3:30pm - 5:00pm 4:00pm - 5:00pm 4:00pm - 5:30pm 5:00pm - 5:30pm
Sunday, July 12th	International Reception Newcomer's Reception MAB Reception** Grandparents Meet & Greet Rainbow Social	4:00pm - 5:00pm 4:00pm - 5:30pm 4:00pm - 6:00pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 8:00pm - 9:30pm
Monday, July 13th	DAC Telephone Reception Donor & Board Reception** CHH Meet & Greet OI Meet & Greet OWLS Reception Pseudo Meet & Greet SED/Kniest Meet & Greet Acromesomelic Meet & Greet Morquio Meet & Greet Diastrophic Meet & Greet Scholarship Reception*	4:30pm - 6:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 9:00pm - 10:00pm
Tuesday, July 14th	Districts Meet & Greet Adoption Reception	5:00pm - 6:00pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm

\*Private reception, by invite only.



## Receptions and Meet & Greets

### RECEPTIONS AND MEET & GREETS:

Receptions and Meet & Greets are fantastic opportunities for our members to meet in an informal setting. Whether you are a seasoned conference attendee wanting to visit with old friends, or a first timer wanting to meet others, we encourage you to take advantage of these wonderful get-togethers. Most of the receptions are open to all members with the exception of those noted with asterisks (\*\*). There is no charge to attend most receptions, although some may have a cash bar. Times are subject to change. Other receptions may be added to the final schedule. Light food is provided at some receptions, however meet and greets do not have food provided.

**Adoption Reception** – Please join us to meet other families who have already adopted, or are going through the process now. Share your experiences about one of life’s most amazing journeys. This is an opportunity for not only parents to discuss their stories, but for the adoptees to meet each other as well. Adoption is a wonderful element of LPA’s culture. Come and celebrate with us. All children, parents, and friends are welcome.

**Districts Meet & Greet** – Come find the people from your own District who are attending the National...you may meet someone who has been living in your state, and you didn’t even know it!

**Donor and Board Reception\*** – This is a private reception to thank our many generous donors throughout the year and honor LPA’s Board of Directors.

**Dwarf Artists Coalition (DAC) Reception** – Come join the Dwarf Artist Coalition at its annual Telephone Project Reception. The Telephone Project showcases various works of art by DAC members inspired by a yearly theme; the theme of 2026 is Phoenix Rising, by Annie Danberg.

**Dwarfism Specific Meet and Greets** – These meet & greets are designed for you to meet others with the same type of dwarfism. Please join us to meet others or just to visit with old friends.

**Grandparents Meet & Greet** – LPA realizes how important extended families are, and we would like to invite grandparents to a special meet & greet. Whether you are a new grandparent wanting to learn as much as you can or a returning grandparent who can offer some sound advice, we urge you to come and share. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other grandparents and establish your own friends for the week.

**International Reception** – Our LPA National Conference has attendees from all over the world. Come and learn more about their experiences and organizations and share with them some of your experiences. This is also a good opportunity for them to learn about our organization.



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## Receptions and Meet & Greets

**Newcomers Reception** – If this is your first time attending a National Conference please join us to learn what to expect. You will learn of all the events to attend, the workshops to visit and in general, how to navigate your way around a national conference. This reception is hosted by LPA’s Leadership Team, who will give you advice on what they have learned from years of attendance. It is a great opportunity to ask questions and to meet other first timers. We highly recommend you attend this reception to help alleviate any anxiety you may be experiencing.

**OWLS (Older Wiser Little Seniors) Reception** – OWLS are invited to come and meet others with the same interests. Whether you are new to LPA or have attended many conferences in the past, this is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends old and new. We will also have a room for those who would like to sit and talk, and just relax in an environment that you’ll find fits your needs.

**Parents & Family Reception** – Whether you are the parent of a young child or an older child, come learn and share what the LPA conference is like and what to expect. You will meet our National Parent Coordinators and learn the schedule and topics of the Parent Meetings for the week.

**Rainbow Social (LGBTQIA+)** – This is a gathering of LGBTQIA+ LPA members as well as Allies who want to show their support. We will have fun activities and provide a safe space for all to come and hang out with LPA’s Rainbow Committee.

**Scholarship Reception\*** – LPA is so proud of our scholarship recipients and we are happy to celebrate their achievements in this evening event.

**Spanish Speaking Reception** – LPA has many members who speak Spanish as well as members attending from Spain, Mexico, Central America, and South America. This reception is an opportunity to meet others and to gather information about the week’s activities. It will be hosted by Spanish speaking members of LPA.



**Recepción para las personas de habla Hispana** – LPA tiene muchos miembros que participarán de España, México, América Central y América del Sur. Esta es la oportunidad para que las personas de talla baja y sus familiares compartan sus experiencias con personas de diferentes países y regiones. También se dará un breve recuento de las actividades a realizarse en la convención. Esta recepción será coordinada por los miembros de habla hispana de LPA.

**Welcome Back, Board of LPA\*** – New! The evening reception for both incoming and outgoing Board of Directors members aims to foster connections and review plans for more availability at the conference.



## On-Site Special Events

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### CORNHOLE, ANYONE?

Friday, July 10th / 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Dramatic victory dances. Searing smack-talk. Bags tossed nowhere near the boards. If you've been to a conference lately, you know that a cornhole tournament is bound to break out. Cornhole is a great way to break into the conference vibe, and get the joints moving right before the dance. Connect, throw, groan, repeat. It's Friday night at conference, y'all.

### ZUMBA, LPA STYLE:

Saturday, July 11th, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Energizing yourself with a Zumba class to really start the week going. All ages welcome!

### LPA FASHION SHOW: JAZZY JAMBOREE

Monday, July 13th/ 7:00pm – 8:30pm

This summer, join us for the New Orleans Jazzy Jamboree Fashion Show, where the streets will come alive as vibrant colors and infectious rhythms fill the air. Celebrate in an atmosphere where joy knows no bounds, and every moment sparkles with the lively spirit of New Orleans.

Our event promises a unique blend of fashion and festivity capturing the layered beauty of a city where past and present intertwine. The Jazzy Jamboree will feature two exciting sections this year:

1. Power to the People: (our general section for all ages to wear what makes them feel creative and excited)
2. The ever popular Runway Around the World: a specialized section where we find that culture isn't just preserved. It's lived, worn and shared.

The iconic red carpet will make a return, along with other special surprises that are sure to delight attendees. Models ages 5 and older are welcome to participate in the show, which will be fully accessible, ensuring everyBODY can join in on the celebration.

Please note: All models ages 5 and over must attend the mandatory rehearsal on July 13th at 2:00 PM in order to participate in the runway show. Please email questions to [fashionshow.lpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:fashionshow.lpaconference@gmail.com). If you would like to participate, please complete the online registration form by June 1st. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans - bring your rhythm, ruffles, and radiance!

[Fashion Show](#)





## On-Site Special Events

### HONORING OUR ROOTS: A HISTORICAL DINNER CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 14th / 5:00pm – 6:30pm

\$85 per person

**LPA History Dinner, 5:00pm –6:30pm:** A brand new event, bringing together our LPA history aficionados to listen to our resident LPA historical experts, as well as taking in selected archive exhibits. We will dine together, while taking in where we've been... from Billy Barty's brainchild in 1957, to where we are now, and we think we can all say - we've come a long way, baby! \$85 per person. Pre-Registration Required.

### LPA TALENT SHOW – THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER

Tuesday, July 14th / 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Get ready to *laissez les bons temps rouler* as we dive into a night of pearl-packed entertainment, New Orleans-style. The *World Is Your Oyster* Talent Show invites performers to crack open their creativity just like a fresh Gulf oyster, revealing hidden gems, unexpected surprises, and maybe even a little grit that makes the whole show unforgettable.

We invite all talented members of the LPA community to take the stage and show us what you've got! Whether you're a singer, dancer, magician, or have a unique talent that sets you apart, we want to see it all. This family-friendly event is the perfect opportunity to create lasting memories and celebrate the bonds that make our community strong.

With the spirit of New Orleans rolling in like a warm Gulf breeze, get ready to cheer on your fellow performers with all the charm and energy of a French Quarter crowd. This evening promises a shuck-load of fun, laughter, and unexpected pearls of talent, capturing the true NOLA (and LPA) spirit of friendship, celebration, and letting the good times roll.

Hey, you adults! Yeah, you! We need adult talent too - this isn't just a young person's show. If you have a talent we definitely want to hear about it !

We need participants in order to have our show. Come share your talent with us for an evening (performance limited to 3 minutes or less). **Pre-registration & rehearsal are required to participate.** We've changed our rehearsal time to 9:00am on Tuesday, so we can make sure that the show is amazing. For all questions, please email [talentshow.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:talentshow.lpa@gmail.com).

If you would like to participate, please complete the online form.

Let's make this a night to remember, New Orleans!

[Talent Show](#)





## On-Site Special Events

### MASTERPIECE MASKS: CRAFT YOUR CHARACTER

Wednesday, July 15th / 1:00pm – 3:00pm

\$25 per person, 18 and up

Get ready to unleash your inner artist and add to your banquet attire. In this mask-making event, you'll bedazzle, glitter-bomb, and decorate your way to a masterpiece worthy of a mysterious masquerade, or maybe an interesting zombie get-together. Whether your mask turns out elegant, eccentric, or accidentally abstract, you'll be able to wear it proudly later at the Awards Banquet, if you dare. Feathers, glitter, beads, shiny baubles, and masks are included. Bring a drink and settle in for some satisfying artistic expression time. Children and teens 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult to participate. **\$25 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

### CHILDREN'S BANQUET – SPARKLE & BEADS BASH

Wednesday, July 15th/ 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Children: \$45

Step right into the sparkling, swirling fun of Little Mardi Gras Magic, where every kid becomes a their own parade krewe of one! It's all about the carnival of color; bright beads, playful masks, and decorations that pop like confetti on Bourbon Street. Kids can dive into games like bead toss and mini-parades, or get creative by decorating their own masks and crowns to wear throughout the night. The whole evening will sparkle with laughter, music, a kid-friendly menu (chicken nuggets or pizza!), and magical moments that capture the spirit of New Orleans for those important conference attendees who happen to be ten and under. **\$45 per person. Pre-Registration Required.**

Parents must be attending the LPA Banquet Celebration, or remain onsite in the hotel, in order for their child(ren) to register for the Children's Banquet.

***\*Kids must be picked up by 8:30pm\****



## On-Site Special Events

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### LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER AWARDS BANQUET

Wednesday, July 15th

Cocktail Hour from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Banquet Dinner from 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Adults: \$70 / Children: \$50

Get ready to let the good times roll as we close out our event with a truly unforgettable *Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler* banquet designed to end the week on a high note. Step into an evening filled with New Orleans energy, where celebration is a way of life. Enjoy vibrant entertainment, a festive atmosphere, and a night filled with laughter, music, and memories we'll treasure long after the final toast. We'll honor standout achievements, share a few proud moments, and welcome a special keynote speaker, whose identity we're keeping under wraps for now, but trust us, the reveal will be worth the wait.

Indulge in a delicious dinner, soak in the lively energy, and enjoy time spent with friends old and new. Dress in your jazziest duds and prepare to dance, dine, and celebrate as we roll into a perfect finale for our extraordinary week together. Don't forget your masks if you have them! **\$70 per adult, \$50 per child. Pre-Registration Required.**

*Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!*



*Let the Good Times Roll!*



# LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER AWARDS BANQUET



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## MENU

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### STARTER

#### CAESAR SALAD

Caesar salad with garlic croutons and shaved parmesan cheese with Caesar dressing

### MAIN DISHES

#### LEMON CHICKEN PICATTA

Seared Lemon chicken picatta with pappardelle pasta, tomatoes, arugula, parmesan & lemon creme

#### GULF CATCH

Bronzed gulf catch on tomato risotto with roasted peppers, asparagus and citrus beurre blanc

#### QUINOA JAMBALAYA

Quinoa jambalaya with blackened tofu, broccolini, and roasted sweet pepper coulis (vegan & gluten free)

### DESSERT

#### BREAD PUDDING

Warm white chocolate bread pudding with bourbon sauce and vanilla bean gelato





## On-Site Special Events

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### JAZZ-A-TAZZ BRUNCH

Thursday, July 16th / 10:00am - 12:00pm

Adults: \$50 / Children: \$40



What a way to celebrate at the end of the week; eating some fabulous New Orleans breakfast food and spending time with old and new friends. Join us for a laid-back Jazz Brunch featuring a delicious breakfast buffet and smooth New Orleans sounds. Enjoy a spread of classic breakfast favorites while a live jazz ensemble sets the perfect end-of-the-week vibe. Whether you're loading up your plate, sipping coffee, or just soaking in the music, this brunch offers the ideal blend of good food, good company, and easygoing NOLA charm. A jazzy way to start a Boccia day! \$50 per person. Pre-Registration Required.

### TOURNAMENT 'O' GAMES

Thursday, July 16th / Dodgeball - 1:00pm – 2:30pm, Cornhole - 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Get ready for an afternoon where athleticism, chaos, and questionable strategy collide. Our Dodgeball and Cornhole Tournaments are the perfect chance to show off your skills, whether you're the type who can launch a dodgeball with laser accuracy or a person who immediately ducks and hopes for the best. On the cornhole side, you'll witness everything from graceful tosses to beanbags that somehow defy physics and are found in a totally different part of the hotel. Prizes for the tournament victors will be awarded.



# Dwarf Athletic Association of America

[www.daaa.org](http://www.daaa.org)

## 2026 NEW ORLEANS NATIONAL GAMES

**WELCOME ATHLETES, FAMILIES, AND SPECTATORS!**

**EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**July 11: Futsal**

DAAA invites you to participate in its 37th annual National Games in conjunction with the LPA National Conference.

**July 12: Swimming (AM)  
Volleyball (PM)**

### Divisions (Age as of June 1, 2026)

- Futures: 4-6 yrs
- Junior A: 7-11 yrs
- Junior B: 12-15 yrs
- Open: 16+
- Masters: 35+

**July 13: Rowing (AM)  
Powerlifting (PM)**

**July 14: Badminton**

**July 15: Basketball**

**DAAA Athlete Registration opens on April 1st and closes on June 1st.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO LATE OR ONSITE REGISTRATION**



**July 16: Boccia**

DAAA is committed to providing athletic competition, guidance, support, and information to people of short stature and to their families. Every level of ability and skill is welcomed and supported. DAAA runs 100% on our volunteers. Email [info@daaa.org](mailto:info@daaa.org) if you are interested.

**Donate to DAAA**



## Off-Site Events

New Orleans, Louisiana, is the jewel of the South, known for its vibrant culture, rich history, and irresistible energy. Set along the mighty Mississippi River, the city captivates visitors with its soulful jazz music, world-famous cuisine, and colorful architecture that tells stories of centuries past. From the charming streets of the French Quarter and the sounds of Bourbon Street to the tranquil beauty of the Garden District, New Orleans offers something for everyone. The city is also home to incredible attractions such as the National World War II Museum, the Audubon Aquarium, and Mardi Gras World. This year, we'll experience it all — from a New Orleans City Tour with a stop at Café du Monde, to a dinner cruise aboard the Steamboat Natchez, a visit to the Aquarium, a journey through history at the World War II Museum, and a Pontoon Swamp Tour through Louisiana's breathtaking bayous.

**\*\*Please Register for all off-site events early. There is limited availability on all tours and events. Off-site events are all considered first come, first served.\*\* Seriously, folks, these will sell out before the end of early registration!**

***\*\*\*All prices listed are early-bird rates. Rates will go up after May 1st.***

### MEET AND GREET @ CAFE BEIGNET [TEEN EVENT]

Friday, July 10th / 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Calling all Teens! Join us for a “sweet” time at Cafe Beignet! LPA treats you to a local favorite, while you all catch up and also meet new friends. Find out what the sched is for the week, and who's doing what and where. Meet in the lobby to walk over together.





## Off-Site Events

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### OPENING CELEBRATION AT MARDI GRAS WORLD AND THE GRAND OAKS MANSION:

Saturday, July 11th / 5:30pm – 9:30pm  
\$70 Adult or \$50 Child

Get ready to kick off the week in true New Orleans style! Our Opening Celebration takes place at the one-and-only Mardi Gras World, where the magic, color, and creativity of Carnival come to life year-round. Begin the evening with an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour showcasing the incredible floats, sculptures, and artistry that make Mardi Gras famous around the world. Then, step inside the breathtaking Grand Oaks Mansion, an indoor replica of a grand Southern estate, complete with cobblestone pathways, majestic oak trees, and twinkling lights that set the perfect mood for a night to remember. Enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, mingle with friends old and new, and dance to the sounds of a live jazz band as we “Let the Good Times Roll.”\*\*Limited tickets available. Pre-registration required.



**Grand Oaks Mansion**



**Mardi Gras World**



## Off-Site Events

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### NEW ORLEANS CITY TOUR: BEIGNETS & THE FRENCH QUARTER

Sunday, July 12th / 10:30am – 3:00pm

Adults \$65 / Children \$55

Led by a knowledgeable and friendly tour guide, explore the landmarks and architecture that define New Orleans, immersing yourself in the sights and sounds of the famed French Quarter and historic Jackson Square. Follow the path of the St. Charles Avenue streetcar, passing by Tulane and Loyola Universities across from Audubon Park. Admire the homes of former Kings & Queens of Mardi Gras, grand mansions, and the renowned, exclusive Garden District, capturing the essence of the city's rich history and charm. We stop twice - once in the French Quarter, and once at the famous Cafe Du Monde, for their world renowned beignets. It's going to be a sweeeeet trip. Buses leave directly from the hotel. Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$65 for adults, \$55 for children.

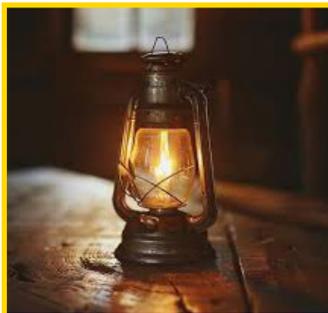


### GHOSTS OF THE FRENCH QUARTER

Sunday, July 12th / 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Adults \$80 / Children \$70

Spectres of the New Orleans' long and storied past are believed to dwell in the French Quarter. Learn the history of America's most haunted city, with our French Quarter Ghost Tour. Walk the haunted streets of the French Quarter, as the guide tells tales of Voodoo, vampires, true crime and the ghosts they created for an eerily-fun adventure. Transportation will be provided, but we will get off of the bus for a little while to explore more deeply the ghosts and their haunts. Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$80 for adults, \$70 for children.





## Off-Site Events

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### DINNER CRUISE ON THE STEAMBOAT NATCHEZ

Sunday, July 12th / 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Adults \$90/ Children \$80

Experience an unforgettable evening aboard the Steamboat Natchez, where a classic New Orleans dinner cruise brings together delicious food, live music, and the charm of an authentic riverboat journey. As you glide along the Mississippi River, you'll enjoy a flavorful buffet inspired by local cuisine while taking in sweeping views of the city skyline. The sounds of a live jazz band set the perfect mood as you relax on the open decks, watch the historic steam engine in action, and soak in the warm, easygoing atmosphere. It's a truly timeless New Orleans experience—part dinner, part entertainment, and all riverfront magic. The pier is a 15 minute walk from the hotel, or trolley ticket purchase is available. Trolley stop is Toulouse Street Wharf. The boarding for the boat begins at 5:30pm. Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$90 for adults, \$80 for children.





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### WORLD WAR II MUSEUM WITH IMAX EXPERIENCE

Monday, July 13th / 10:00am - 5:00pm (shuttles throughout the day)

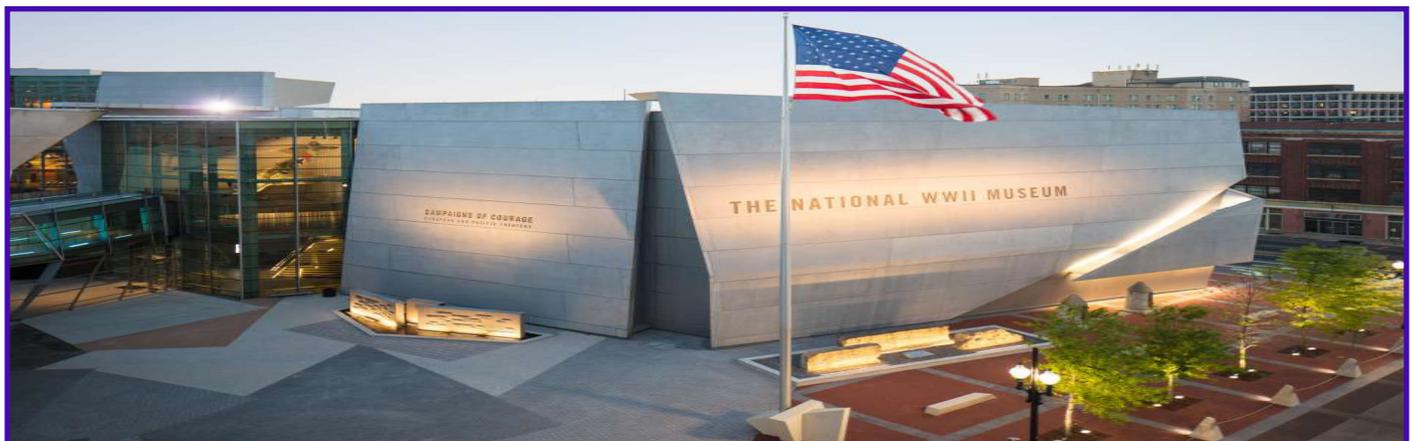
Adults: \$40/ Children: \$35

We thought this one was so moving and interesting that we are subsidizing the transportation for this event. This museum is the number one attraction in New Orleans for six consecutive years, and is consistently ranked as a top global attraction (THIRD in the entire US!).

So, just in case you didn't know about it before... Step into one of the nation's most celebrated museums and experience World War II history like no other place. The National World War II Museum pulls you straight into the action with immersive exhibits, gripping personal stories, and interactive galleries that make the past feel powerfully alive. Explore at your own pace as you journey through dramatic installations such as "Road to Berlin" and "Road to Tokyo," each designed with accessible pathways, comfortable seating, and crystal-clear sightlines so every guest can fully take in the experience.

For those who want to go even deeper, *Beyond All Boundaries* delivers an unforgettable 4D adventure. Produced and narrated by Tom Hanks, this award-winning film uses archival footage, booming sound, and atmospheric effects—yes, including rumbling seats and falling snow—to place you right in the middle of the global conflict. It's an intense, moving, and cinematic look at World War II that perfectly complements the museum's powerful exhibits.

This could be an all day tour, but we understand that there is a LOT to do here in NOLA together. There will be shuttles going back and forth between the hotel and the museum from 10am, and the last shuttle will leave the museum at 4pm. If you want to find your own transportation there too, you are welcome to go that day during museum hours, which are 9am-5pm. It is definitely a MUST see in this city. **Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$40 for adults, \$35 for children.**





## Off-Site Events

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### THE VUE [TEEN EVENT]

Monday, July 13th / 1:00pm -

3:30pm

Teens: \$25

Elevate your senses 34 stories up from the city's only 360° indoor and outdoor observation deck. From history-rich urban architecture to the wetlands and waterways surrounding us, the Vue Orleans observation deck delivers the best views in town. It's an eight minute walk, so we can all walk together from the hotel, or take the trolley car. Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$25 for teens.



### SAZERAC HOUSE TOUR [YOUNG ADULT EVENT]

Monday, July 13th / 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Come hang out and cross the street with friends to the Sazerac House for a fun, laid-back tour. We'll check out the cool interactive exhibits, learn a little about the history behind some classic New Orleans drinks, and see how everything comes together behind the scenes. Sazerac House has both cocktail and mocktail options during the tour. Limited Capacity. Pre-Registration Required.





## Off-Site Events

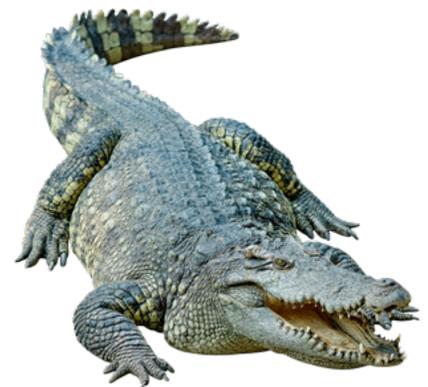
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### BAYOU DISCOVERY PONTOON CRUISE

Tuesday, July 14th / 9:15am - 2:00pm

Adults: \$75/ Children: \$65

Explore Louisiana in its natural state with a tour through our swamp lands. Native Americans and Louisiana Cajuns have been living in harmony with these marshlands for centuries, home to one of the richest and most diverse ecosystems in the world. Authentic Cajun guides will escort us on an expedition through the winding waterways beneath a canopy of ancient cypress trees dripping with Spanish moss. Learn the history of the Cajun people and encounter the unsurpassed beauty of the plants and critters indigenous to the bayous of Louisiana from the comfort of a pontoon boat. With calm waters, plenty of room to relax, and breathtaking scenery in every direction, this tour offers the perfect mix of excitement and laid-back Louisiana charm. It's an unforgettable way to experience the beauty, mystery, and wild personality of the bayou.



You're likely to see alligators, bald eagles, herons, egrets, raccoons, deer, black bears, nutria, turtles, ducks and many species of water snakes. Alligators usually come right up to the pontoons to say hi, so make sure you have your cameras ready! Round trip private motorcoach transportation to and from this Cajun village will be provided. Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$75 for adults, \$65 for children.





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### LUNCH AND THE VUE [OWLS EVENT]

Tuesday, July 14th / 10:30am - 3:30pm

OWLS Pricing: \$95

We're heading to Vue Orleans—34 stories above the city—for an incredible day beginning with 360-degree indoor and outdoor views. From historic New Orleans architecture to the surrounding wetlands and waterways, the observation deck offers some of the most breathtaking sights in town. The Vue visit also includes a complimentary drink to sip while taking in the NOLA view. Then there's a delicious lunch at Delacroix where we'll enjoy great food and fabulous company. It's just an eight-minute walk from the hotel, so we can stroll over together or take the trolley if that's more comfortable. No bus transportation provided. Limited capacity. Register before May 1st, prices are \$95 for adults.



***The View from the Vue***



## Off-Site Events

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### AUDUBON AQUARIUM

Wednesday, July 15th / 10:00am - TBD

Adults: \$35/ Children: \$30

Dive into an underwater world of wonder at the award-winning Audubon Aquarium, one of New Orleans' most celebrated attractions. Consistently ranked among the top aquariums in the nation, it brings the ocean to life with breathtaking exhibits and unforgettable encounters. From vibrant coral reefs to the mysterious depths of the Gulf, every display immerses you in a dazzling ecosystem teeming with color and movement. Watch stingrays glide through crystal-blue water, meet penguins with big personalities, and come face-to-face with sharks and sea turtles in sweeping panoramic habitats. It's a ten minute walk, so we can all walk together from the hotel, or take the trolley car. Bus transportation not provided, but trolley tickets are available for purchase. **Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$35 for adults, \$30 for children.**

*This could be an all day tour, but we understand that there is a LOT to do here in NOLA together. Aquarium hours are 10am - 5pm, but final entry is at 4pm.*





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### MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS [TEEN EVENT]

Thursday, July 16th / 11:00am - 3:00pm

Teens: \$25

Get ready to challenge your senses and your selfie skills at the Museum of Illusions New Orleans! Step into a world where nothing is quite what it seems; walk through mind-bending rooms, defy gravity, and snap photos that will have your friends doing double-takes. It's part science, part art, and completely awesome. Grab your phone, your sense of adventure, and your best poses. This trip is all about fun, friends, and optical illusions that will blow your mind! Meet in the lobby so we can walk or trolley together. Preregistration required. Register before May 1st, prices are \$25 for teens.



***The Museum of Illusions***

### SAZERAC HOUSE TOUR [OWLS EVENT]

Thursday, July 16th / 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Right across the street is one of the most fun museums in the state! The Sazerac House has fascinating, interactive exhibits, where you can learn a little about the history behind some classic New Orleans drinks. Sazerac House has both cocktail and mocktail options during the tour. Limited Capacity. Pre-Registration Required.



## Things to Do on Your Own

“Everything in New Orleans is a good idea.”  
- Bob Dylan

**The New Orleans Pharmacy Museum (0.4 miles):** Since its founding in 1950, the New Orleans Pharmacy Museum has been acquiring, preserving and interpreting an extensive collection of artifacts and resources documenting the history of pharmacy and medicine in the 19th and early to mid 20th centuries, with a particular focus on New Orleans and Louisiana. [The New Orleans Pharmacy Museum](#)

**Historic New Orleans Collection (0.4 miles):** Learn about New Orleans history in the heart of the French Quarter. Museum made up of historic, restored buildings that offer exhibits & tours, plus a cafe. [NOLA Collection](#)

**Canal Place (0.5 miles):** A break from the heat - A multi-level indoor (and air conditioned) shopping center in downtown New Orleans. [Canal Place](#)

**French Market (0.5 miles):** Explore the vibrant heart of New Orleans at the historic French Market, where artists, shops, and food vendors fill six lively blocks with color, culture, and unmistakable NOLA charm. From handmade crafts to iconic local bites, it's the perfect place to wander, sample, and soak in the creative spirit of the city. [French Market](#)

**New Orleans Jazz Museum (0.6 miles):** The New Orleans Jazz Museum celebrates jazz in the city where it was born. After the museum, explore endless food options at the French Market. [New Orleans Jazz Museum](#)

**Jackson Square (0.6 miles):** The National Landmark and highly recognizable backdrop earned its name for one of three bronze statues of Andrew Jackson located in the center of the square. After visiting the square, grab a beignet nearby at Cafe Du Monde.

**Fulton Alley (0.7 miles):** Super cool fully accessible bowling alley, Fulton Alley offers a stylish twist on classic bowling, blending vintage charm with modern New Orleans flair. With its boutique lanes, craft cocktails, cozy lounge spaces, and fun lawn games, it's the perfect spot to unwind, compete, and enjoy a lively night out in the heart of the city. [Fulton Alley](#)

**JamNola (2 miles):** Cultural Funhouse. Experience pure joy through 30 exhibits showcasing the iconic art, music, food and theatrics of New Orleans through the eyes of over 100 local artists and collaborators. Prebooking Required [JamNOLA](#)



## Things to Do on Your Own

**The Garden District (3 miles):** historic section of Uptown New Orleans lined with shady oak trees, classic New Orleans architecture and lots of shops and restaurants along the way. Bound by St. Charles Avenue, Magazine Street, Jackson Avenue and Louisiana Avenue, this little stretch of a neighborhood makes for a perfect day in New Orleans. [The Garden District](#)

**City Park - New Orleans (3.5 miles):** New Orleans City Park is home to New Orleans' and the world's oldest and most stunning collection of live oak trees. It is also home to the [New Orleans Museum of Art](#) and the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden.

**Whitney Plantation (50 miles):** The Whitney Plantation offers a powerful and immersive look at the lives of the enslaved, focusing on their stories through preserved buildings, memorials, and firsthand narratives. It's a deeply moving experience that provides essential historical context and invites visitors to reflect on the legacy of slavery in America. [Whitney Plantation](#)

**\*New Orleans is an exciting city to explore. It has amazing history and culture and is truly one of the most unique cities in the world. As in any city, it's always smart to stay aware of your surroundings, especially at night or in busy areas. Don't travel by yourself late at night. Stick with your group, keep valuables secure, and enjoy NOLA safely and confidently.\***



*The Garden District*



## Important Details

### CONFERENCE BADGES: YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ACCESSORY

LPA requires everyone to register for our conferences; this helps to provide a safe environment for our members, and also helps to distribute the costs of enjoying this amazing week. Why register, you ask? Registration fees are applied to all A/V costs, meeting space, DJs, entertainment, signage, publications, website fees...the list of conference expenses is very long, because there is so much to do at a conference! Everyone in your party / family needs to be registered, and badges will be checked at LPA events, to ensure a safe and happy conference. Submitting your registration ahead of time ensures that your registration details will be faster and easier when you arrive to the hotel and want to dive into all of the activities. And what a cool souvenir from the best week ever!

### DON'T FORGET TO PACK:

- Those phone and camera chargers....you don't want to forget to take lots of pictures.
- Your Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler Banquet apparel!
- Barty Lounge - bring your best 1920s glamour for the Speakeasy night!
- Sunscreen, Sunglasses & Swimsuits
- Accessories for your schedule...from medical records for the doctors, to that Fashion Show feathered boa, to those props needed for Talent Show.
- Dance theme nights include Green Out, Blast to the Past, Mardi Gras, and Light Up the Night - dress accordingly if you dare!

### FUN FOR ALL!

Dances are nightly, from Friday, July 10th through Thursday, July 16th. Other planned events include an opening celebration, fashion show, history dinner, talent show, awards banquet, and various receptions. Don't forget - Wednesday, July 15th is all about the Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler awards banquet. You don't want to miss it!



## Why You Should Attend This Conference

Attending the LPA Conference is all about self-care and inclusion; whether you are an adult LP, average height parent, LP child, average height sibling or child, a teen, tween, young adult, senior citizen, partner, medical provider, grandparent, newcomer, or conference veteran. Everyone is wanted and welcome. The LPA Conference is magical - there's no other conference like ours.

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EDUCATION  
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ADVOCACY  
RESOURCES  
EMPATHY**

### FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN – AGES 0 - 10:

The Children's Room is open from Sunday through Wednesday during the day. This supports parents and adults to attend workshops and connect with others, while offering kids a fun, safe place to play and meet other children their age. Parents may not leave the hotel premises while their children are in the Children's Room. Don't forget to check out the Saturday open house in the Children's room at 5:00pm, right before Opening Celebration!

### FOR TEENS & TWEENS – BOTH WITH DWARFISM & AVERAGE HEIGHT:

We have great activities planned throughout the week for both high-schoolers and middle-schoolers. Events vary between on-site, off-site, free, or fee. See the CITM, Teen, and Average Height Youth Events pages for more details.

### AVERAGE HEIGHT (AH) YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

Do you have Average Height (AH) children that are trying to find their way through the week? AH youth are very much a part of our conferences too, whether they are siblings to an LP or children to LP members. We want to make sure they're included in all of the fun activities. Join other AH youth on Friday for a Meet & Greet and Photo Scavenger Hunt and for other activities throughout the week, including the Monday workshops to download their LPA experiences. All ages, from 8-21, are welcome and encouraged to attend all age-appropriate events!



## Remembering Gary Parker

### GARY PARKER, LPA PHOTOGRAPHER AND ALLY

September 15, 1950 - January 5, 2026

LPA's leadership was sad to hear about the passing of Gary Parker. Gary took some amazing photographs of our community - he had developed a great relationship with our former Executive Director, Joanna Campbell, and took pictures that really captured the essence of LPA's pride and spirit.

From Gary's wife, Kimberly: "Gary's mission for the LPA was always to demystify dwarfism and present Little People in the most positive light. I believe Gary made a huge impact with his work, site, and his ability to connect parents to the LPA who contacted him through his work. Though it has been many years since Gary and I have been active in the community, Gary had a deep passion for his work with LPA and often expressed wishes to reunite with the population and continue the photography. We enjoyed photographing the LPA conferences, traveling and advocating for individuals who needed help with the media." After moving from San Jose, CA to Eugene, Oregon, Gary's struggle with his health, including Non-Hodgkins lymphoma, seriously hindered his ability to create the energy he once had to resume his work.



Taken from his obituary:

Among Gary's many passions, he used his photographic talent to elevate people who often go unappreciated. He regularly volunteered to shoot the Special Olympics pro bono. He also dedicated himself to photographing America's Little People, lifting them up by chronicling their beauty, accomplishments and indefatigable spirits.

Gary was once described by a close friend as making "rooms shift and pictures swing on their hooks when he entered a room." That spirit will be deeply missed by the thousands of friends and strangers whose paths he crossed.

In lieu of gifts, the family requests that contributions be made to the Little People of America or the Humane World for Animals, two of Gary's primary missions.

The CMC is requesting members to send in their Gary Parker photographs from past conferences, so we can celebrate his life and his work with LPA. If you have any photos you'd be willing to share, please send them to this link: [Gary Parker Photos](#)



# CALLING ALL

# Volunteers



LPA gets all its fuel from volunteers. And the big secret about it – it’s really FUN to volunteer, too! Come meet life-long friends while helping out your favorite organization during the best week of the year!

[Volunteer Form](#)





# LPA National Conference Registration

Registration is on an all online platform this year, and opens up on April 9th. You can find all of the information on [www.lpanationalconference.org](http://www.lpanationalconference.org), but if you need assistance with registering, please contact the LPA office at 714-368-3689, 888-LPA-2001, or email [info@lpaonline.org](mailto:info@lpaonline.org). We are happy to help!

## PRICING LIST

### MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FEES

Please check the appropriate membership category:	Early Registration: Before May 2	Late Registration: May 2 – June 1	After June 1 and Onsite
Current Annual Member	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$220.00
Lifetime Member	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00
International Member/ Senior (Age 60+) or College Student	\$155.00	\$175.00	\$195.00
Non-Member	\$250.00	\$270.00	\$290.00
Expo Fee - LPA Member	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Expo Fee - Non-LPA Member	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
<b>Additional Household Members (per person)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$70.00 (per person)</b>
<b>Additional Guests (per person)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$70.00 (per person)</b>

If you have not renewed your LPA membership before registration, you will be charged for a non-member conference registration. If you would like to renew your membership after registration, this can be resolved with the LPA office staff before or at the conference. Registrations and memberships will be checked and you must pay the correct registration fee before receiving your official conference registration materials.

#### HOUSEHOLD FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING: *(must live at the same address with the HOH)*

A 'household' consists of people who are legally recognized as a family – by marriage, by union, grandparents, and extended family living under one roof. Boyfriends/girlfriends and roommates do not count as family members. **Any additional person (Household member or Guest) is \$50 until May 1, \$60 from May 2 - June 1st, and \$70 thereafter.** Children 2 and under do not need to pay the Household Member Fee, but please note they will still need to have their badges with them for conference events.

**GUEST REGISTRATIONS:** "Guests" are assumed to be average-height relatives, friends, or caretakers and are subject to a Guest fee when attending National Conferences or Regional Events with an LPA registration. LP roommates or LP girlfriends/boyfriends living in the same household do not qualify for Guest Registrations. **Any additional person (Household member or Guest) is \$50 until May 1, \$60 from May 2 - June 1st, and \$70 thereafter.** Children 2 and under do not need to pay the \$50 Guest Fee, but please note the name that should be on their badge.



# LPA National Conference Registration

## PRICING LIST

### CHILDREN'S ROOM & T-SHIRTS

Onsite activity	Day(s) of Event	Early Registration: Before May 2	Late Registration: May 2 – June 1	After June 1 and Onsite
Children's Room, entire week (0 - 10 years old)	Sunday - Wednesday	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
T-shirt Preorders - Youth sizes	All week	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
T-shirt Preorders - Adult sizes	All week	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
T-shirt Preorders - XXL and up	All week	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Tank Tops - All sizes	All week	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00

**CHILDREN'S ROOM:** For Infants and Children, 0-10 years old. The cost is \$80 per child, for the week. (Sunday - Wednesday) - Please see book for hours). A parent **MUST** stay onsite if their child(ren) are participating in the children's room.

If you have a financial hardship regarding the children's room, please reach out for possible assistance at [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com) (your email will remain confidential).

**T-SHIRT PREORDERS:** You will definitely want to take home a Conference Souvenir T-shirt. Be sure and pre-order them during registration as **there will be very limited numbers available for on-site sales.** Youth t-shirts are \$20 each, Adult sizes are \$25 and \$30 each for early bird pricing. Toddler sizes will be available onsite. Save money now - onsite prices are at a higher cost.



# PRICING LIST

## ACTIVITY FEES

Offsite activity	Day(s) of Event	Early Registration: Before May 2	Late Registration: May 2 – June 1	After June 1 and Onsite
Opening Celebration: Grand Oaks Mansion & Mardi Gras World, Adult	Saturday	\$70	\$80	\$90
Opening Celebration: Grand Oaks Mansion & Mardi Gras World, Child	Saturday	\$50	\$60	\$70
New Orleans City Tour, Adult	Sunday	\$65	\$75	\$85
New Orleans City Tour, Child	Sunday	\$55	\$65	\$75
Dinner Cruise on the Steamboat Natchez, Adult	Sunday	\$90	\$100	\$110
Dinner Cruise on the Steamboat Natchez, Child	Sunday	\$80	\$90	\$100
Ghosts of the French Quarter Tour, Adult	Sunday	\$80	\$90	\$100
Ghosts of the French Quarter Tour, Child	Sunday	\$70	\$80	\$90
World War II Museum, Adult	Monday	\$40	\$45	\$50
World War II Museum, Child	Monday	\$35	\$40	\$45
Teens: The Vue	Monday	\$25	\$30	\$35



# PRICING LIST

## ACTIVITY FEES

Offsite and onsite activity	Day(s) of Event	Early Registration: Before May 2	Late Registration: May 2 – June 1	After June 1 and Onsite
Bayou Discovery Pontoon Tour, Adult	Tuesday	\$75	\$85	\$95
Bayou Discovery Pontoon Tour, Child	Tuesday	\$65	\$75	\$85
OWLS Event: Lunch and the Vue	Tuesday	\$95	\$105	\$115
Honoring Our Roots: A Historical Dinner Celebration (Buffet)	Tuesday	\$85	\$100	\$115
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Audubon Aquarium, Adult	Wednesday	\$35	\$45	\$55
Audubon Aquarium, Child	Wednesday	\$30	\$40	\$50
Masterpiece Masks: Craft Your Character	Wednesday	\$25	\$30	\$40
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Jazz-A-Tazz Brunch, Adult	Thursday	\$50	\$60	\$70
Jazz-A-Tazz Brunch, Child	Thursday	\$40	\$50	\$60
Teens: Museum of Illusions	Thursday	\$25	\$30	\$35
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# PRICING LIST

## LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER BANQUET DINNERS

Banquet Dinner	Day of Event	Early Registration: Before May 2	Late Registration: May 2 – June 1	After June 1 and Onsite
<b>Lemon Chicken Picatta</b> <i>Seared Lemon chicken picatta with pappardelle pasta, tomatoes, arugula, parmesan &amp; lemon creme</i>	Wednesday	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
<b>Gulf Catch</b> <i>Bronzed gulf catch on tomato risotto with roasted peppers, asparagus and citrus beurre blanc</i>	Wednesday	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
<b>Quinoa Jambalaya</b> <i>Quinoa jambalaya with blackened tofu, broccolini, and roasted sweet pepper coulis (vegan &amp; gluten free)</i>	Wednesday	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
<b>Children's Meal</b> (only for 0 - 12 years) <i>Chicken tenders with fries</i>	Wednesday	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
<b>Children's Banquet: Sparkle and Beads Bash</b> <i>Chicken tenders with fries (ages 3 - 10)</i>	Wednesday	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$65.00



## PRICING LIST

### LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER BANQUET DINNERS

**ADULT BANQUET MEALS:** All dinners come with iced tea, coffee, bread service, salad, and dessert. Dinner will include a caesar salad with garlic croutons and shaved parmesan cheese with Caesar dressing. Dessert will be a warm white chocolate bread pudding with bourbon sauce and vanilla bean gelato. Please note if you require a special meal such as Kosher or gluten free. Kosher meals will require three weeks advance notice. Please email [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com) with those requests.

**CHILDREN'S BANQUET MEALS:** All dinners are kid-friendly meals for children up to age 12. All kids meals, whether at the regular banquet or children's banquet, include juice/milk, a fruit cup, french fries and chicken strips or pizza.

### WHY REGISTER?

As a reminder, everyone attending the LPA National Conference must be registered and receive a Conference registration badge to be worn at all events. Non-registered individuals may be removed from the conference and the hotel.

Nightly dances, all workshops, meet and greets, receptions, medical meetings, Fashion Show, Talent Show, Cornhole, Bingo and the Barty Lounge are included in the price of registration.

#### Registration Details:

You may access online registration on the LPA Conference website starting April 9, 2026.

You may complete your LPA National Conference registration in these ways: 1) online, with payment by credit card. 2) By mail, with payment by credit card or check. **The office will not be processing conference registrations over the phone.**

Email: [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com)

Website: [lpanationalconference.org](http://lpanationalconference.org)

If you'd prefer to speak to someone over the phone, please contact the Conference Committee.  
Direct Line: (443) 317-3121



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# LPA - Registro Conferencia Nacional

Este año la inscripción se realiza en una plataforma totalmente en línea y comienza el 1 de abril. Puedes encontrar toda la información en [www.lpanationalconference.org](http://www.lpanationalconference.org), pero si necesita ayuda para registrarse, comuníquese con la oficina de LPA al 714-368-3689, 888-LPA-2001, o por correo electrónico a [info@lpaonline.org](mailto:info@lpaonline.org). ¡Nos alegra poder ayudar!

## LISTA DE PRECIOS

### CUOTA DE INSCRIPCIÓN DE MIEMBROS

Seleccione la categoría de membresía apropiada:	Inscripción temprana: Antes May 2	Inscripción tardía: May 2 – Jun 1	Después Jun 1 y presencial
Miembro Anual Actual	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$220.00
Miembro Vitalicio	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00
Miembro Internacional/Senior (60+) o Estudiante de Colegio	\$155.00	\$175.00	\$195.00
No Miembro	\$250.00	\$270.00	\$290.00
Miembros adicionales del hogar (por persona)	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00 (por persona)
Invitados Adicionales (por persona)	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00 (por persona)

Si no ha renovado su membresía de LPA antes de registrarse, se le cobrará por el registro de la conferencia como no miembro. Si desea renovar su membresía después de registrarse, esto puede resolverse con el personal de la oficina de LPA antes o durante la conferencia, para que pueda recibir crédito por la cuota de membresía anual. Se verificarán las inscripciones y membresías y usted deberá pagar la tarifa de inscripción correcta antes de recibir los materiales oficiales de inscripción a la conferencia.

#### MIEMBROS DE LA FAMILIA DEL HOGAR QUE ASISTEN: (deben vivir en la misma dirección que el HOH)

Un “hogar” está formado por personas legalmente reconocidas como familia (por matrimonio, unión, abuelos y familia extensa que viven bajo un mismo techo). Los novios/novias y compañeros de cuarto no cuentan como miembros de la familia. **Cualquier persona adicional (miembro del hogar o invitado) pagará \$50 hasta el 1 de mayo, \$60 del 2 de mayo al 1 de junio y \$70 a partir de entonces.** Los niños menores de 2 años no necesitan pagar la tarifa de miembro del hogar, pero tenga en cuenta que necesitarán llevar consigo sus credenciales para los eventos de la conferencia.

**REGISTRO DE INVITADOS:** Se entiende por “invitados” que son familiares, amigos o cuidadores de estatura promedio y están sujetos a una tarifa de invitado cuando asisten a conferencias nacionales o eventos regionales con un registro de LPA. Los compañeros de cuarto de LP o las novias/novios de LP que viven en el mismo hogar no califican para el Registro de Invitados. **Cualquier persona adicional (miembro del hogar o invitado) pagará \$50 hasta el 1 de mayo, \$60 del 2 de mayo al 1 de junio y \$70 a partir de entonces.** Los niños menores de 2 años no necesitan pagar la tarifa de invitado de \$50, pero tenga en cuenta el nombre que debe aparecer en su credencial.



# LISTA DE PRECIOS

## SALON DE NIÑOS Y PLAYERAS (T-SHIRTS)

Actividad en el sitio	Día(s) de Evento(s)	Inscripción Temprana: Antes May 2	Registro Tardío: May 2 – Jun 1	Después Jun 1 y presencial
Salón de Niños, semana completa (0-10 años)	domingo - miércoles	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
<b>Pre-orden Playera (T-shirt) – Tamaño Juvenil</b>	viernes - viernes	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
<b>Pre-orden Playera (T-shirt) - Tamaño Adulto</b>	viernes - viernes	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
<b>Pre-orden Playera (T-shirt) - XXL o mayor</b>	viernes - viernes	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00

**SALON DE NIÑOS:** Para Bebés y Niños de 0 a 10 años. El costo es de \$80 por niño, por semana. (sábado - miércoles) – favor consultar el libro para horarios). Si tiene dificultades económicas con respecto al salón de los niños, comuníquese con nosotros para obtener ayuda a través de [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com) (su correo electrónico se mantendrá confidencial).

**PRE-ORDEN DE PLAYERAS (T-SHIRTS):** Definitivamente querrás llevarte a casa una playera como recuerdo de la conferencia. Asegúrese de pre-ordenarlas, ya que **habrá cantidades muy limitadas disponibles para ventas en el sitio**. Las camisetas para jóvenes cuestan \$20 cada una, las tallas para adultos cuestan \$25 y \$30 cada una para compra anticipada. Las tallas para niños pequeños estarán disponibles en el sitio. Ahorre dinero ahora: los precios en el sitio tienen un costo más alto.

**LISTA DE PRECIOS** Podrá encontrar la lista de precios completa en el sitio web de la conferencia [web de la conferencia LPA](http://web.de)



# LISTA DE PRECIOS

## COSTO DE ACTIVIDADES

Actividades fuera del hotel sede	Día(s) del Evento	Registro Temprano: Antes mayo 2	Registro Tardío: mayo 2 – junio 1	Después de junio 1 y presencial
Celebración de Bienvenida: Mansión Grand Oaks & Mundo Mardi Gras, Adulto	Sábado	\$70	\$80	\$90
Celebración de Bienvenida: Mansión Grand Oaks & Mundo Mardi Gras, Niño	Sábado	\$50	\$60	\$70
Excursión de la ciudad de Nueva Orleans, Adulto	Domingo	\$65	\$75	\$85
Excursión de la ciudad de Nueva Orleans, Niño	Domingo	\$55	\$65	\$75
Crucero con cena en el “Steamboat Natchez”, Adulto	Domingo	\$90	\$100	\$110
Crucero con cena en el “Steamboat Natchez”, Niño	Domingo	\$80	\$90	\$100
Excursión al “Ghosts of the French Quarter”, Adulto	Domingo	\$80	\$90	\$100
Excursión al “Ghosts of the French Quarter”, Niño	Domingo	\$70	\$80	\$90
Museo de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, Adulto	Lunes	\$40	\$45	\$50
Museo de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, Niño	Lunes	\$35	\$40	\$45
Adolescentes: The Vue	Lunes	\$25	\$30	\$35



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## COSTO DE ACTIVIDADES

Actividades fuera del hotel sede	Día(s) del Evento	Registro Temprano: Antes mayo 2	Registro Tardío: mayo 2 – junio 1	Después de junio 1 y presencial
Excursión al “Bayou Discovery Pontoon”, Adulto	Martes	\$75	\$85	\$95
Excursión al “Bayou Discovery Pontoon”, Niño	Martes	\$65	\$75	\$85
Evento para OWLS: Almuerzo y “The Vue”	Martes	\$95	\$105	\$115
Honrando Nuestras Raíces: Una Histórica Celebración y Cena (Bufé)	Martes	\$85	\$100	\$115
Acuario “Audubon”, Adulto	Miércoles	\$35	\$45	\$55
Acuario “Audubon”, Niño	Miércoles	\$30	\$40	\$50
Máscaras Magistrales: Crea tu Personaje	Miércoles	\$25	\$30	\$40
Brunch “Jazz-A-Tazz”, Adulto	Jueves	\$50	\$60	\$70
Brunch “Jazz-A-Tazz”, Niño	Jueves	\$40	\$50	\$60
Adolescentes: Museo de Ilusiones	Jueves	\$25	\$30	\$35



# LISTA DE PRECIOS

## CENAS BANQUETE “LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER”

Cena Banquete	Día del Evento	Registro Temprano: Antes mayo 2	Registro Tardío: mayo 2 – junio 1	Después de junio 1 y presencial
<b>Picatta de Pollo y Limón</b> <i>Picatta de pollo y limón chamuscado con pasta pappardelle, tomates, arúgula, parmesano y crema de limón</i>	Miércoles	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
<b>Pescado Fresco del Golfo</b> <i>Pescado fresco del Golfo bronceado en risotto de tomate con pimientos asados y beurre blanc de cítricos</i>	Miércoles	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
<b>Jambalaya de Quinoa</b> <i>Jambalaya de quinoa con tofú ennegrecido, broccolini y pimientos asados coulis (vegano y sin gluten)</i>	Miércoles	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
<b>Comida para Niños</b> (solo de 0 - 12 años) Filetes de pollo con papas fritas	Miércoles	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
<b>Banquete de Niños:</b> <b>Fiesta de Destellos y Abalorios</b> <i>Filetes de pollo con papas fritas (edades 3 - 10)</i>	Miércoles	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$65.00



## LISTA DE PRECIOS

### CENAS BANQUETE “LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER”

**MENÚ PARA ADULTOS:** Todas las cenas incluyen té helado, café, pan, ensalada y postre. La cena consta de una ensalada César con crotones de ajo y queso parmesano rallado con aderezo César. El postre es un pudín de pan de chocolate blanco caliente con salsa de bourbon y helado de vainilla. Si necesita una comida especial, como kosher o sin gluten, por favor indíquelo. Las comidas kosher requieren un aviso con tres semanas de anticipación. Envíe un correo electrónico a [nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:nationalconference.lpa@gmail.com) con sus solicitudes.

**MENÚ PARA NIÑOS:** Todas las cenas son aptas para niños de hasta 12 años. Todos los menús de niños, tanto en el banquete regular como en el banquete infantil, incluyen zumo/leche, una ensalada de frutas, papas fritas y tiras de pollo o pizza.



# Temporary Guardian & Medical Release Form (must be printed)

Minors (under the age of 18 years old) attending the 2026 LPA National Conference July 10 to July 17, 2026 in New Orleans, LA without their parents or normal legal guardian, must have a temporary guardian designated for the week of the conference and games. The parents of the unaccompanied minor who is attending the 2026 LPA National Conference must fill out the following form. This form **MUST BE Notarized**. The temporary guardian must be at least 21 years of age. This form must be included with your registration form or your packet will be returned to you without processing. Please complete the following information:

Minor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Plan Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Plan Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my minor (name \_\_\_\_\_) to receive full medical treatment in the event of an emergency. Exceptions (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize (legal guardian name) \_\_\_\_\_ to be the legal guardian for my minor during the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans.

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guardian (must be over 21 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies of minor \_\_\_\_\_

Current listing of medications \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical needs/or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Physicians Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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# LPA Program Guide

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### Advertisement Form



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**2025 LPA National Conference  
c/o Colleen Gioffreda  
1810 J York Road  
Suite #161  
Lutherville, MD 21093**

FYI: Remember to make sure to check out sponsorship opportunities where ads are included!

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Medical Meeting Information

Si necesita este formulario en español, por favor contacte a Colleen Gioffreda ([cgioffreda@jhu.edu](mailto:cgioffreda@jhu.edu))

LPA is extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful partnership with our Medical Advisory Board members who are willing to volunteer (at their own expense) to provide individual guidance to LPA members. We will try to accommodate your requests on the form, but please keep in mind to be flexible with your scheduling and individual provider requests.

## MEDICAL MEETING SCHEDULING GUIDELINES:

- Scheduling begins May 15, 2026 and will END June 15, 2026 until on site. **No meetings will be scheduled before May 15, 2026.** (Feel free to fill out the form in beforehand, but the doctors' schedules will not be confirmed until after that date).
  - Meetings with specific physicians are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the tight schedule of the doctors, ***you will be unable to see two doctors of the same specialty.*** (Only 1 appointment per specialty).
  - **You must be already registered for the LPA conference** in order to be obtain an individual meeting with a provider.
  - We will confirm your meeting before the conference within 2 to 4 weeks before arrival. Please be patient - your medical meeting is very important to us, but sometimes the doctors' schedules are still being determined. **Keep in mind that our MAB is amazing and the providers are donating their time for our conference.** We are very fortunate and so happy that they are able to share their time and expertise.
  - If you are a first-time attendee or have general questions, we recommend a meeting with a geneticist - they are fabulous at answering many questions.
  - Please be as specific as possible when listing your questions for physicians. If are puzzled about what to ask, please contact Colleen Gioffreda at [cgioffreda@jhu.edu](mailto:cgioffreda@jhu.edu) or (410) 614-0977.
  - Please note: Medical professionals WILL NOT fill prescriptions during the Conference. Please make sure you bring appropriate medications in sufficient supply for the duration of the Conference.
  - ***Your confirmation letter with your meeting date and time will be emailed to you. Your patience is appreciated while we work out the scheduling of all of the providers.***
1. Fill out the online medical form.
  2. If you need assistance in filling out the online form, please call Colleen at 410-614-0977.



[Medical Meeting form](#)





## Formulario de Evaluación Médica

- Este año, tenemos un enlace para que usted registre sus consultas médicas en línea. Puede solicitar por especialidad, pero los horarios de los proveedores no se determinarán hasta que se acerque la conferencia. Si tiene un proveedor en particular que le gustaría ver, indíquelo en el formulario. Es importante ser lo más flexible posible si desea consultar a un proveedor específico.
- La programación comienza el 15 de mayo de 2026 y TERMINARÁ el 15 de junio de 2026, y luego presencialmente en la conferencia. No se programarán reuniones antes del 15 de mayo de 2026 (no dude en enviar el formulario con anticipación, pero los horarios de los médicos no se confirmarán hasta después de esa fecha).
- Las reuniones con médicos específicos se realizan por orden de recibo. Debido a la apretada agenda de los médicos, no podrá consultar a dos médicos de la misma especialidad. (Sólo 1 cita por especialidad).
- Confirmaremos su reunión antes de la conferencia entre 2 y 4 semanas antes de su llegada. Tenga paciencia: su cita médica es muy importante para nosotros, pero a veces los horarios de los médicos aún no se han determinado. Tenga en cuenta que nuestro grupo médico (MAB) es increíble y los proveedores están donando su tiempo para nuestra conferencia. Somos muy afortunados y estamos muy felices de que puedan compartir su tiempo y experiencia.
- Si es la primera vez que asiste o tiene preguntas generales, le recomendamos una reunión con un genetista; son fantásticos para responder muchas preguntas.
- Sea lo más específico posible al enumerar sus preguntas para los médicos. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Colleen Gioffreda en [cgioffreda@jhu.edu](mailto:cgioffreda@jhu.edu) o (410) 614-0977.
- Deberá estar registrado en la conferencia LPA para poder obtener una reunión individual con un proveedor. Su cita será cancelada antes de la conferencia si no está registrado.

¡Nos vemos en New Orleans! ¡Será un tiempo extremadamente muy bueno!

1. Complete el formulario médico en línea.

2. Si necesita ayuda para completar el formulario en línea, llame a Colleen al 410-614-0977.



[Formulario Consulta Medica](#)



# LPA Expo Information

*Dates of Show: July 12- 14, 2026*

Little People of America is pleased to be hosting the LPA Products Expo again at the national conference, now including employment vendors too! The Expo welcomes products of assistance or interest to people of short stature. Please see below for the updated dates and times.

1. Your Expo Registration Fee also covers one individual's Conference Registration, allowing access to all conference events that do not require additional fees. To register additional individuals or attend paid events like offsite trips, additional fees apply.
2. Registration for the LPA Conference Adaptive Products Expo will open at 9:00am PST on April 9th. You will be able to register online, through the link provided on the LPA Conference Website ([www.lpanationalconference.org](http://www.lpanationalconference.org)). Once you have received your registration confirmation, you will then be able to reserve your hotel room at the New Orleans Marriott. All registered vendors will receive the group rate of \$164/night at the New Orleans.
3. Table /Booth Assignments will be made by the Expo Coordinator.

A standard Expo booth is allocated one (1) 6-foot table and two (2) chairs. If you have additional space or furniture requirements, please arrange with the Expo Coordinator in advance. There will be a charge of \$100 for each additional table. The booth shall not be subleased, shared, or in any way represent other products or services from that which was agreed and contracted without written request to, and approval by, the Expo coordinator. The Expo is located in an area that will not be secured during non-Expo hours, so all displays must be removed daily. Access to electricity is available in the exhibit area; **please bring your own extension cords.**

**Location** New Orleans New Orleans, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, CA

**Expo Coordinator** Michael Petruzzelli, (516) 807-5430; Jamie O'Meara  
E-mail: [expo.lpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:expo.lpaconference@gmail.com)

*Keep in mind, some sponsorship packages have Expo or Platinum Expo space already included.*

**Set Up** Sunday, July 12th 5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Open Hours** Sunday, July 6th 6:00pm – 10:00pm  
Monday, July 7th 6:00pm – 10:00pm  
Tuesday, July 8th 6:00pm – 10:00pm



[Expo Form](#)

Vendors may register online, or send the completed registration form and signed contract along with your full payment for the appropriate amount to the LPA office address on the form as soon as possible. Space is limited, and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis based on postmark. If you have any questions, please contact the Expo Coordinator via email ([expo.lpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:expo.lpaconference@gmail.com)) directly. Thank you to all of our Expo vendors for your wonderful support.



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4. If interested, please email [expo.lpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:expo.lpaconference@gmail.com), and we will send you a more detailed document and contract.

5. BEFORE MAY 2 Regular Expo Fee – \$500 LPA Members only - \$400	MAY 2 – JUNE 1 Regular Expo Fee – \$600 LPA Members only - \$500	AFTER JUNE 2 Regular Expo Fee – \$700 LPA Members only - \$600
Name of Business/Organization:		
Contact Person Name and Title:		
Address:		
City :	State:	Zip:
Cell Phone:	Email :	
Website:	Social Media Handle:	
Additional Space, Furniture, Expo Demonstration Hour Requests:		
Registration Fee, from categories above:	\$	
Additional Tables, \$100 each:	\$	
Total Fees Due:	\$	

**Request an invoice for payment online, or please make checks payable to: Little People of America**

**Mail To: LPA EXPO – c/o Colleen Gioffreda, 1810J York Road, Suite #161, Lutherville, MD 21093**

**\*\*Please ask about our new Platinum Expo rates for additional opportunities!\*\***



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## WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FORM



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ISSUES**

**EVERYTHING  
ADAPTIVE**

**WINNING AT  
PARENTING**

**ADULTING  
LIKE A BOSS**

Contact Mary O'Neill, workshop coordinator, for more information. All proposals must be approved by the LPA Board and conference committee.



[workshops.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:workshops.lpa@gmail.com)

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If you are attending your **FIRST** LPA National Conference, there are grants to assist with travel expenses!

### LPA's First Time Conference Attendee Grants

Call LPA's main office at 714-368-3689 for more information.

**We would love to see you in New Orleans!**

