

**Bits and Pieces of Helpful Information to make your trip to Dallas for our Southern Region Oireachtas a little easier this year.....**



**Hotel Accommodations:**

The Sheraton Dallas is the host hotel. They continue to take reservations for our group.

If you have not done so already you may call 1-800-444-2326 (toll free). Give them the booking code “Southern Region Irish Dance Championships”. You will be quoted a rate of \$129.00 per night.

**Travel:**

Two major airports service the Dallas area. They are Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) and Love Field. While Love Field is closer to the hotel, SuperShuttle will pick up at both locations for the same price!

**Our group has secured a discounted rate.** The regular rate is \$34.00 round trip from either airport. If you follow the directions below you can secure a round trip fare of \$26.00. (25% savings). To receive this group discount:

- Make your roundtrip reservation by following this link:  
<http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=XXAJ9>
- Provide the requested information, to include roundtrip service, your name, flight details (to and from the airport) and your local contact number.
- Select your hotel (Sheraton Dallas Hotel) from the drop down listing
- Provide a credit card for payment
- Print your confirmation page or email it to yourself.
- Upon arrival at **DFW**---get you luggage and call from the SuperShuttle courtesy touch screen phones on the info wall. Have your confirmation number available
- Upon arrival at **Love Field**, call from the Super Shuttle phone board and tell the TAXI starter that you have a SuperShuttle reservation

The discount code is **only available for on-line roundtrip reservations made at the link above.** If your travel group is less than 50 people, you may even call 1-800-622-2089 Ext 2 and make individual arrangements. You need to do this ahead of time not upon arrival.

Of course taxis are available. One way fares from DFW run between \$45.00 and \$50.00 depending on traffic and from Love Field about \$25.00

## **Once you Arrive:**

As you survey your surroundings please note that the competition venue is attached to the Sheraton. This is accessible using the Skywalk from the hotel. We will have five competition rooms. Level One will house three competition rooms, Dallas AB, Dallas C and Dallas D. Level Three will house two competition rooms, San Antonio Ballroom and the Houston Ballroom

Numerous practice rooms will be open and available for everyone's use. These rooms are labeled Trinity 1,2,3,4,5 and are in the hotel area.

All our vendors will be in the Dallas Grand Hall. This is the open area outside the ballrooms on Level One. They will be open for business on Friday evening for all your dancing needs. For the first time, we will be utilizing "2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around" (An Irish Dance Dress Sitting Service). The fee for our event has been reduced to \$25.00. We are utilizing this service because used dresses for sale will **not** be allowed to be hung throughout the Convention area. Google this service, "2<sup>nd</sup> time around an Irish dance dress sitting service" for more information.

Adjacent to the Oireachtas Site is an area known as Plaza of the Americas. It has almost 20 dining/snack options from McDonald's, KFC, Taco Bell etc. to Ziggy's BBQ, Treebird's, Samurai Sam's. You get the picture! There will of course be fine dining located throughout the Hotel complex. Something for everyone!

There are some gift shops, accessories/apparel and an Ice Skating Garden (this may be off limits for dancers until you finish competing---only kidding--check with your teacher on this one)

## **Other helpful services:**

### **Hospital**

Baylor Medical

Distance from hotel is 4 minutes-1.20 miles

3504 Swiss Ave

214-820-9700

Visit Plaza of America for Dentist and or Eye Doctor

### **Pharmacies:**

CVS

Distance from hotel is 1 minute- 0.51 miles

1407 Main St

214-749-4092

Walgreens

Distance from hotel is 6 minutes—1.72 miles

3418 McKinney & Lemmon

214-922-9283

**Grocery Stores:**

Albertsons

Distance from hotel is 1 mile

3524 McKinney Ave

214-528-0356

Walmart Neighborhood Market

Distance from hotel is 5 minutes—1.82 miles

2305 North Central Expressway

214-953-0460

**Mass and/or Church Services**

Information to follow

We will continue to strive to provide as much information as possible in the coming months. Remember the stars shine brighter in Texas!