

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES
2008 NATIONAL FORUM ON EDUCATION POLICY
June 30 – July 2, 2008 ~ Austin, Texas ~ Renaissance Austin Hotel

HOTEL INFORMATION

The meeting headquarters hotel is:

RENAISSANCE AUSTIN HOTEL

9721 Arboretum Boulevard

Austin, Texas 78759

(512) 343-2626 (direct to hotel)

(512) 346-7953 (fax)

(800) 468-3571 (toll free reservation number)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/aussh-renaissance-austin-hotel/>

Hotel Reservation Procedures:

- You are responsible for arranging all hotel accommodations and cancellations. Rooms at the National Forum rate are limited, so book as early as possible.
- Please call the Hotel's in-house Reservations Department or Renaissance's Central Reservations at the phone numbers listed above.** Ask for the "Education Commission of the States" room block to ensure you get the group rate of \$151 + 15% tax for a single- or double-occupancy room.
- Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; check-out time is 12:00 p.m.
- If you would like a confirmation number for your reservation, please ask the hotel reservations department for one when you make your reservation.
- Reservations will not be accepted without a credit card number or deposit.** The Renaissance Austin Hotel requires a one-night deposit by credit card. Your reservation will be guaranteed for late arrival.
- In order to get the ECS group room rate, you **MUST** reserve your room by Friday, May 23, 2008. After this date, room reservations are on a space available basis and not necessarily at the ECS group room rate.
- In the event the ECS room block at the hotel fills up before Friday, May 23, 2008, please send an email to nationalforum@ecs.org.

Hotel Room Cancellation Procedures:

- To cancel your reservation, please call the hotel main number at least 72 hours prior to your arrival date.
- If you fail to cancel your reservation within 72 hours of arrival date, you will be charged for one night's room and tax.

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Hotel Amenities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Air conditioning | <input type="checkbox"/> Cable/satellite TV including: CNN, ESPN, HBO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies/videos, pay-per-view |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water, for a fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet bar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee maker/tea service | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical outlet: desk level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crib | <input type="checkbox"/> Two-line phone with voice mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical adapters | <input type="checkbox"/> Concierge desk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual climate control | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-service business center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet browser/Web TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe deposit boxes, front desk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iron and ironing board | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoeshine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luxurious bedding – down comforters, custom duvets, cotton-rich linens | <input type="checkbox"/> Health club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair dryer | <input type="checkbox"/> Complimentary self parking. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary aids and services available. | <input type="checkbox"/> Valet parking, fee: \$14/daily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service animals allowed for persons with disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets allowed, non-refundable sanitation fee. Contact hotel for details |

Restaurants & Lounges

Austinbytes

- Deli Style
- Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Deli sandwiches, made-to-order brick oven pizzas and desserts. Wines served in the evenings. Proudly serving Starbucks coffee.

Banderas-A Texas Bistrot

- American Fare
- Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Texas Tapas Style menu featuring local flavors live

Lobby Bar

- Join the fun at the hotel bar where a roll of the dice inspires the day's cocktail creation

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Recreation

Swimming

- Volente Beach (12 mi)
- Indoor Pool
- Heated Outdoor Pool
- Hot tub

Golf

- Riverplace Golf Club (8 mi)
- Balcones Country Club (5 mi)
- Spicewood Springs Country Club (10 mi)
- Blackhawk Golf Club (16.2 mi)
- Forest Creek Golf Club (17.8 mi)

Activities

- Biking trail
- Bowling (5 mi)
- Hiking
- Horseback riding (15 mi)
- Jet-skiing (12 mi)
- Jogging/fitness trail
- Kayaking (12 mi)
- Miniature golf (3 mi)
- Rock climbing (1 mi)
- Sailing (12 mi)
- Sauna
- Scuba diving
- Snorkeling (12 mi)
- Tennis (5 mi)
- Water-skiing (12 mi)

Attractions & Landmarks

- Lake Travis
- Mount Bonnell
- Governor's Mansion
- Sixth Street
- State Capitol Building
- Erwin Center
- University of Texas
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- Arboretum Market Shops
- Gateway Shopping