## Registration for the 2019 Annual Spastic Paraplegia Foundation Conference is now open. Early Discounted Rates Must Be Paid by April 15th. Register for the 2019 Annual SPF Conference, by clicking the Register Button to the (right/ /left/below). The Spastic Paraplegia Foundation invites you to be part of the Annual Conference to learn, share, network, and have fun! Mark your calendars to join us beginning at 9:am Friday, June 21st ending 3:pm Saturday, June 22nd, 2019.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Conference will be held in the Hilton San Antonio Airport Hotel in San Antonio, Texas located at: 611 N.W. Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216. The hotel is only two miles from San Antonio International Airport (SAT) and provides easy access to downtown San Antonio, The Alamo, North Star Mall, the famous River Walk and numerous dining options. Experience the Alamo City’s vibrant culture and see why we’re one of the most popular destinations in Texas.  
  
Call +1-210-340-6060  to make your reservations or Use this link to book your reservations:

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\_US/hi/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=SATAPHF&spec\_plan=SPF&arrival=20190619&departure=20190624&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure3.hilton.com%2Fen_US%2Fhi%2Freservation%2Fbook.htm%3FinputModule%3DHOTEL%26ctyhocn%3DSATAPHF%26spec_plan%3DSPF%26arrival%3D20190619%26departure%3D20190624%26cid%3DOM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink%26fromId%3DHILTONLINKDIRECT&data=02%7C01%7CMatthew.Trevino%40Hilton.com%7C049fbacb48e54dc61faa08d63f4231a4%7C660292d2cfd54a3db7a7e8f7ee458a0a%7C0%7C0%7C636765950858199072&sdata=zPFZPtzLiW1JefMqcVQvC8z5HMV%2Fc3qX0yqfoeS09P0%3D&reserved=0)  
  
**Hotel Highlights**

* Less than 2 miles from San Antonio International Airport
* Free shuttle to airport and destinations within 3-miles of the hotel
* More than 17,000 sq. ft. of [San Antonio event space](https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-san-antonio-airport-SATAPHF/event/index.html) for up to 1,000 guests
* Professional Event Services Team on staff and 24-hour business center
* On-site [dining](https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-san-antonio-airport-SATAPHF/dining/index.html) at Asado Seafood & Grill and Asado Lounge
* Eight miles from downtown San Antonio attractions
* Fitness center, heated outdoor pool, whirlpool and saunas

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Every year, Spastic Paraplegia Foundation sponsors a conference to bring together the leading SPF researchers, clinicians, and families living with #HSPandPLS. SPF has hosted the Annual SPF Conference since 2003. We look forward to reuniting as a community at this year’s conference in order to lend each other support and strength, and to learn about the latest advances in research and care.

The two-day event is filled with a variety of workshops, keynote sessions with leading researchers, a family-friendly research poster session, and more—plus fun events like our meet & greet/family fun fest, as well as teen and adult social activities. There are also many opportunities to connect and interact with other SPF families and to receive first hand updates from the researchers.

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**ANNUAL SPASTIC PARAPLEGIA CONFERENCE POLICIES**

**Please Note:** You must complete your conference registration with SPF by submitting payment in order to receive the early discounts.

IMAGE CONSENT POLICY

By attending the 2019 Annual Spastic Paraplegia Conference you give your consent to use your image captured during the conference through video, photographs, or digital imagery, to be used by the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation in promotional materials, publications, and web site and waive any and all rights to these images.

FILMING/RECORDING POLICY

The recording of any audio/or videotaping of conference sessions, or at any venue of the annual conference is forbidden, without prior approval in writing by the SPF. PowerPoint presentations will be available on the website after the completion of the annual conference. Attendants at the annual conference expect, and deserve, the right to privacy. The SPF does photograph and record at the annual conference and will make photographs and other media available for news, educational, and promotional purposes.

SOLICITATION POLICY

Soliciting funds for organizations other than the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation or for individual benefit is prohibited at SPF events. Any materials distributed seeking funds for other organizations or for individual benefit will be removed.

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**About San Antonio**

San Antonio is the [seventh-largest city](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_cities_by_population) in the [United States of America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) and the second-largest city within the state of [Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas), with a population of 1.33 million. The city was named for [San Antonio de Padua](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Anthony_of_Padua), whose [feast day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calendar_of_saints) is on June 13, when a Spanish expedition stopped in the area in 1691. Famous for [Spanish missions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Antonio_Missions_National_Historic_Park), the [Alamo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamo_Mission_in_San_Antonio), the [River Walk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Antonio_River_Walk), the [Tower of the Americas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_of_the_Americas), the [Alamo Bowl](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamo_Bowl), [Marriage Island](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marriage_Island) and host to [SeaWorld](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SeaWorld_San_Antonio) and [Six Flags Fiesta Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six_Flags_Fiesta_Texas) theme parks, the city is visited by approximately 26 million tourists per year according to the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau. [San Antonio River Walk Map](http://www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/DAO/RiverWalkMap-RiverBend.pdf) [Downtown and Metro Area Maps](http://visitsanantonio.com/VisitSanAntonio/media/vsa-media/maps/SACVB-Y16-Map.pdf)

[Morgan’s Wonderland](http://www.morganswonderland.com/) was built in the true spirit of inclusion to provide a place where all ages and abilities can come together and play in a fun and safe environment. Morgan’s Wonderland, the world’s first ultra-accessible family fun park, encompasses 25 acres of rides, attractions and activities for everyone and all are welcome!

“People, pride, passion, and promise have long been the pillars of San Antonio and these are the reasons you don’t just visit our city. You are welcomed, enchanted, inspired, moved, and renewed – deeply” (San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau). To start planning you trip visit [www.visitsanantonio.com](http://www.visitsanantonio.com/). At participating establishments, present your “Official Spastic Paraplegia Conference Name Badge” and receive discount offers [www.VisitSanAntonio.com/SUYB](http://www.visitsanantonio.com/SUYB).

VIA Metropolitan Transit – VIA’s streetcar service offers stops to or near most hotels, restaurants, the convention center and many visitors hot spots. For added convenience, VIA offers $2.75 Day Pass for purchase online and in advance of your trip. A Day Pass is good for unlimited rides on all regular bus and streetcar service for the one day indicated on the pass. The Day Pass will be activated the first time boarding the bus or streetcar. For more details, visit [www.viainfo.net](http://www.viainfo.net/) or call 1-866-362-2020. Accessible services provided by VIA can be found at <http://www.viainfo.net/Service/AccessibleServiceMain.aspx>.  
Weather – The month of March is characterized by rising daily high temperatures, with daily highs ranging from 72°F to 78°F over the course of the month.

The following information can be used as a guide as you plan your stay and transportation needs in San Antonio. The Spastic Paraplegia Foundation does not endorse products, services, or manufacturers. Those mentioned are included for your information only. The SPF assumes no liability for the use or contents of any product or service mentioned.

## Transportation and Getting There

To help you with planning, SPF encourages you to access the links to important websites that will inform you of your rights and your responsibilities when traveling by air. For more Information go to <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAT/AttheAirport/Accessibility.aspx>.

Passengers requiring any in-flight assistance should contact their airline before traveling. Airlines will generally work with passengers to try to meet their particular in-flight needs. Also, visit the TSA Cares website <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/passenger-support> for contact information to request screening assistance, scooter assistance, service animal assistance, and any other accessible services that you may need at the airports you utilize during your travels. For your safety and for the safety of other travelers please do not leave your baggage unattended at any airport you visit during your travels. [Video: How To Navigate an Airport in a Wheelchair](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFeBN1vIJo0)

##### San Antonio International Airport works hard to make the travel experience easy and safe for all passengers. The airport is fully accessible to individuals with physical challenges, those traveling with infants and children, the elderly and others with special needs. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your experience at SAT more comfortable. **WHEELCHAIR ASSISTANCE**

Departing and arriving passengers can utilize wheelchair assistance provided by your Airline. Please contact your Airline to schedule assistance at no charge. To request wheelchair assistance after hours or for immediate needs call 210-207-3433. Courtesy phones are located throughout the terminal for your convenience.

##### **SERVICE ANIMALS**

Service animals are allowed in the terminal when accompanying their owners. There is a designated service animal relief area in Terminal B, the area is located adjacent to the West exit at the Baggage Claim area, near the Ground Transportation Center.

San Antonio International Airport Ground Transportation

***Hilton Airport San Antonio Hotel -*** Free shuttle to airport and destinations within 3-miles of the hotel. Please call in advance to arrange services at 210-340-6060

**Super Shuttle** –Super Shuttle is San Antonio International Airport’s authorized and single shared- ride shuttle service. Shuttles depart from 7 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. daily to downtown hotels every 15 minutes. Passengers may purchase tickets at the airport’s baggage claim area. Travelers who will need transportation in wheelchair accessible vehicles should make arrangements in advance. Tickets are $19 per person to downtown hotels or $34 for a round-trip ticket if booked online. Visit <http://saairportshuttle.hudsonltd.net/res> or call 210-281-9900 for additional information.

**Taxis – From: SAT Airport:** Taxi cabs are available at the lower level curbside, outside of baggage claim, at Terminal A & B.  For assistance, please contact the Airport Ground Transportation Agent wearing an airport badge.  Fares to the San Antonio downtown areas start at $29 (U.S.) per taxicab. For a list of taxi cab companies please visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Aviation/taxicabs.asp>.

Travelers who will need ground transportation in wheelchair accessible vehicles from the Airport should make arrangements in advance of their arrival. The following Taxi Cab companies offer ADA services.

* AAA Taxi – <http://www.etaxisa.com/>
* San Antonio Taxis – <http://sataxis.com/>
* Yellow Cab – <http://www.yellowcabsa.com/>

# RIDESHARE

Approved rideshare services (or ride-hailing or ride-booking service companies) meet customers curbside lower level Terminal B. The following rideshare service companies are approved for operations at SAT:

* Uber – <https://www.uber.com/>
* Lyft – <https://www.lyft.com/>
* Get Me – <https://www.getme.com/>

**Public Buses and Street Car Service** – VIA Metropolitan Transit is San Antonio’s public transportation agency offering service throughout the city including streetcar service within the downtown area. To get downtown from the airport, go to the Lower Roadway (Arrivals/Baggage Level in Terminal A and B), across the marked crosswalk to the outer curb. VIA’s stop will be halfway between Terminals A & B, clearly marked. You will catch VIA bus route 5, which operates every day, and can get to beautiful downtown San Antonio in about 30 minutes for only $1.30. Once in the downtown area, VIA’s streetcar service offers stops to or near most hotels, restaurants, the convention center and many visitors hot spots. For added convenience, VIA offers $2.75 Day Pass for purchase online and in advance of your trip. A Day Pass is good for unlimited rides on all regular bus and streetcar service for the one day indicated on the pass. The Day Pass will be activated the first time boarding the bus or streetcar.

For more details, visit [www.viainfo.net](http://www.viainfo.net/) or call 1-866-362-2020. Accessible services provided by VIA can be found at <http://www.viainfo.net/Service/AccessibleServiceMain.aspx>.

**Paratransit Services** – VIA Metropolitan Transit / VIATrans Accessible Services – Provides transportation for mobility-impaired persons who are unable to use regular VIA bus service as a result of their disability. Must meet eligibility criteria to be certified for the service. \*\* VIAtrans now also has a Taxi Subsidy Service for people with disabilities who cannot use the regular bus service. Information Line: 210-362-2020 / Reservation Line: 210-362-2140  
 <http://bexar.tx.networkofcare.org/aging/services/agency.aspx?pid=VIAMetropolitanTransitVIATransAccessibleServices_687_1_0>

**Car Rentals** – There are several companies to choose from when renting a car at San Antonio International Airport. Please contact the company of your choice for more information. Car rental counters are located in Terminal A. Passengers can use the courtesy phones provided in the baggage claim area of Terminal A to request shuttle transport to the car rental company of their choice after hours or can proceed to the shuttle pick up area located outside the baggage claim area. To find the rental company that best suits your needs please visit  
 <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAT/GroundTransportation/RentalCar.aspx>.

Accessible Van Services

Premier Accessible Van Rental  
1-866-755-VANS  
<http://www.premiervanrental.com/whyrent.php>

ALAMO Mobility, Inc.  
1-888-442-5266 or (210) 697-8884  
<http://www.alamomobility.com/rental/index.htm>

ams vans  
1-866-459-6066 or (281) 220-6720  
<http://www.accessiblevanss.com/wheelchair-van-rentals.php>

AA Vans  
1-888-880-8267  
<http://www.aavans.com/Vehicles/RentHandicapVans>

San Antonio Area Services & Resources  
The following may be used as a helpful guide for your convenience.

Accessible Equipment  
Primo Medical Supplies  
210-519-5311  
<http://www.sanantoniomedicalequipment.com/>

Wheelchair & Scooter Rentals & Repair  
The following may be used as a helpful guide for your convenience.

Tom’s Wheelchair Rental  
210-223-7878  
<http://www.tomswheelchairs.com/>

Ability Scooters  
210-315-8242  
<http://www.abilityscooters.com/wheelchair-rental.html>

Scootaround  
1-888-441-7575  
<http://www.scootaround.com/>

**Personal Care Attendants**  
Please note that SPF is unable to provide attendant care services. Due to liabilities and health concerns, SPF and hotel employees are not able to provide this service. Please do not attend without making arrangements for an attendant if you need one. The following may be used as a helpful guide for your convenience.

The Attendant Network  
<https://www.attendantnetwork.org/attnet/index.jsp>

Pharmacy Options  
The following may be used as a helpful guide for your convenience.

CVS Pharmacy  
[www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com/)

Walgreens  
[www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com/)