

"The Legacy Continues...Where the Past Meets the Present"



WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# 2024 WUAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Savannah, GA ~ July 25th – July 28th

## *Greetings Alumni, Family, & Friends*

Get Ready...Get Ready!!! The 2024 Alumni Conference is only four weeks away and there will be plenty activities appealing to all age groups!

Here are Things You Need to Know for the upcoming 2024 WUAA National Conference!

Marriott Savannah Hotel – Check-in time: 4:00pm Check-out time: 11:00am

## Airport Transportation Services:

**UBER and LYFT** - these two services are very active and available throughout the day and evening. \*Estimated costs: \$25.96 Uber X (4) persons and Uber XXL \$45.96 (6) persons. Parking at the hotel is \$35.00 per day and will be included in your hotel bill.

### Rental Cars

The following rental car companies are located in baggage claim of Savannah/Hilton Head International. All car rental and return lots are covered and located adjacent to the main terminal building.



- ▶ (800) 327-9633
- ▶ (912) 964-1771

Sunday – Saturday 8:00 am – 10:00 pm



- ▶ (800) 831-2847
- ▶ (912) 964-1781

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 12:30 am



- ▶ (800) 800-4000
- ▶ (912) 966-2277

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 12:00 am



- ▶ (800) 736-8222
- ▶ (912) 964-0171

Sunday – Saturday 8:00 am – 10:00 pm



- ▶ (800) 729-5377
- ▶ (912) 966-6951

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 11:00 pm



- ▶ (800) 227-7368
- ▶ (912) 964-1771

Sunday – Saturday 8:00 am – 10:00 pm



- ▶ (800) 527-0700
- ▶ (912) 964-4600

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 12:30 am



- ▶ (800) 654-5060

Sunday – Saturday 8:00 am – 8:00 pm



- ▶ (800) 367-2277
- ▶ (912) 629-0223

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 12:00 am

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## Conference Events

Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm – 6:00pm

- National Board of Directors – Leadership Training
- Attire: Business Casual
- Location: Oglethorpe AB

Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm – 9:00pm

- Welcome Reception
- **Attire: All White w/touch of green**
- Location: Savannah Riverwalk \*Savannah Ballroom C due to inclement weather as backup

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> –6:00am – 7:00am

- **Yoga**
- Class is designed for all levels including those new to yoga.
- Bring Yoga Mat, Signed Waiver and a Water Bottle
- Attire: Comfortable clothing you can move in (sweatpants, shorts, t-shirts, etc.).
- Wear a minimal amount of jewelry.
- Footwear: This is a barefoot class so shoes will be removed before beginning.
- Location: Prefunctional Area ~ 2nd Fl

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00am – 7:00am

- Morning Riverwalk
- Attire: Comfortable Clothing & Footwear suitable for walking
- **Bring a Water Bottle**
- Location: Riverwalk Area

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 12:00pm

- Opening Ceremony \*Doors open at 9:30am
- Attire: Business
- Location: Savannah Ballroom A

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – Workshops:

- 2:00pm – 3:00pm Workshop 1: Wilberforce University Recruitment Initiative
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm Workshop 2: Local Chapter Management
- Attire: Business
- Location: Savannah Ballroom A

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Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – 9:00pm

- \*Dinner on your own/Leisure Time

## Conference Events

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00am – 7:00am

- **Yoga**
- Class is designed for all levels including those new to yoga.
- Bring Yoga Mat, Signed Waiver and a Water Bottle
- Attire: Comfortable clothing you can move in (sweatpants, shorts, t-shirts, etc.).
- Wear a minimal amount of jewelry.
- Footwear: This is a barefoot class so shoes will be removed before beginning.
- Location: Prefunctional Area ~ 2nd Fl

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:00am – 7:00am

- **Morning Riverwalk**
- Attire: Comfortable Clothing & Footwear suitable for walking
- **Bring a Water Bottle**
- Location: Riverwalk Area

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 11:30am

- Annual Meeting
- Attire: Business
- Location: Savannah Ballroom A

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 2:00pm

- Lunch own your own/Leisure Time

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm – 6:00pm

- Choir Rehearsal
- Location: Franklin Room

Saturday, July, 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 6:45pm

- Cocktail Reception
- Attire: Formal Wear (In prep for Sneaker Ball Gala)
- Location: Savannah Ballroom A

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Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm – 9:30pm (Followed by Gala Party 10:00pm – 12:00-am)

- Awards Gala \*Doors open at 6:30pm)
- Gala Attire – Dress to impress (Females: Cocktail Dress/Gowns/Male: Tuxedo/Business Suit w/Sneakers)
- \* Bring your color-coded card for your meal to place on table for the servers
- Location: Savannah Ballroom A

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am – 9:00am Worship Service
- 9:00am – 12:00pm Gospel Brunch
- Attire: Casual (In preparation for travel)
- Note check out time is 11:00am (Please plan accordingly)

**\*Participants are expected to wear badges and wrist bands at all times during events!**

## Suggested Packing List:

### WU Swag

- Greek Paraphernalia
- Comfortable Footwear
- Sneakers
- Sunshades
- Sunscreen Lotion
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Lotion
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Umbrella
- Hair Products
- Make Up
- Comb & Brush
- Day & Evening Attire
- Electronic Device & Chargers
- Mask & Hand Sanitizer
- Bug Spray
- Yoga Mat

\*Vendors will be on-site Friday – Saturday... Please support our Vendors!

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Here are some attractions and dining information in Savannah

## Restaurants - near the hotel

[Boar's Head Grill and Tavern](#) - Lunch and Dinner - Reservations recommended

[Huey's](#) - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner - walk-ins only

[Vic's on the River](#) - Lunch and Dinner - Reservations recommended

[The Chart House](#) - Sat and Sun Lunch and Dinner every day of the week - Reservations recommended

[The Pirate House Restaurant](#) - Lunch and Dinner - Reservations recommended

[Cha Bella](#) - Dinner - Reservations recommended

[B. Matthews](#) - Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch and Dinner - Reservations recommended

[2 Cracked Eggs](#) - Breakfast and Lunch - walk-ins only

[The Olde Pink House](#) - Tues - Sat Lunch and Dinner, Sun and Mon Dinner only - Reservations recommended

[The Broken Keel](#) - M-Sun - Lunch and Dinner

[Debi's](#) - Breakfast and Lunch - walk-ins only

**Riverboat Cruises** - tickets and reservations available at the concierge desk

The **Savannah Riverboat** Cruises include these options:

*Narrated Harbor Sightseeing Cruises* at 1:00 and 3:30 - an hour and a 1/2 cruise with the captain, fascinating you with tales of Savannah's history and the modern day port. \$37. This cruise is available most days of the week.

*Dinner Entertainment Cruise* with a delicious buffet dinner live entertainment. Boarding at 6 PM, sailing 7 to 9 PM - about \$85, Saturday \$110

The **Savannah Harbor Cruises** offer 3 tours - This pontoon style boat that holds 49 passengers offers a more intimate experience with the river

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*Port Tour* - 1.5 hour tour of the Port of Savannah - detailed factual tour of the largest singly owned container port in North America - 10 AM

*Dolphin Tours* - 2 hour tour of the Savannah River and salt marsh where many Dolphins live and play - 1 PM and 4 PM

*Sunset Cruise* - 2 hour tour of the Savannah River, enjoying the night air, the sunset and the lights of the city as you return. (Times vary with sunset)

## Transportation Services

**Old Town Trolley Tour** - I would recommend a hop off and on trolley tour because it will give you a nice overview of the city.

15 stops - Trolleys every 15-20 minutes - continuous 100 point live narration - 90 minutes.

\$28 - 46 depending on when it is purchased, Second Day - half of the regular price when purchased.

tickets available at the concierge desk

**Ferry** - The Savannah Belle Ferry system operates from 8:15 AM until 6:15 PM daily. It comes every 30 minutes and provides transportation to the City Hall area and the Convention Center across the river. FREE

**UBER and LYFT** - these two services are very active and available throughout the day and evening.

**Taxis** - Taxis are good to get to the airport, but usually not interested in providing transportation for short distances downtown.

**Downtowner** - Free UBER like service of the city - operates 5 PM - 5 AM - only within the Historic District - must download app and be in the district to request ride

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**DOT Shuttle** - city bus - free - no narration - 2 routes (east/west, north/south) - goes to Starland District - 7 AM - 7 PM

**Ghost Tours** - tickets available at the concierge desk

This is a fun and entertaining ghost story tour. Not very scary and very historic. Nothing made up.

**Ghosts and Gravestones** - Exclusive Nighttime Entry into Two of Savannah's Most Haunted Places - the Andrew Low House and Perkins and Sons Ship Chandlery. \$4 off when a trolley ticket is also purchased - \$32-\$42 depending on the time and the availability.

**Ghost Town Trolley** - A creepier and scarier tour that is a hybrid, walking and trolley tour. About 2/3 on the trolley hearing stories about the various places you pass, and 1/3 walking around the outside of the Colonial Park Cemetery and 2 of the most haunted squares in Savannah, hearing the various stories related to them.

**Ghost Hunters of Savannah Paranormal Investigation** - This is a 135 minute experience of actually using the latest ghost hunting equipment to explore the eerie enigma of 416 W. Liberty Street a place steeped in history, myth, and chilling tales. Small group experience (12 maximum) (8:55 PM and 11:55 PM)

There are also the following museums and other tours - tickets available at the concierge desk

Award winning **Prohibition Museum** - wax figures, vintage cars, costumed actors, tells story of Prohibition from beginning of the colony through roaring 20's, Al Capone era and even the reason we have NASCAR today. \$16 - \$18 w/Trolley Ticket as a package

**Massie Heritage Center** - museum - about \$8

**Carriage Rides** - day and evening about \$32

House Tours - **Andrew Low House** about \$15, **Davenport House** about \$15, **Harper Fowlkes House** about \$12

**Webb Military Museum** about \$10

**Ships of the Sea Museum** about \$8