

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I get to the conference hotel? From I-10 West, take a right onto the Bluebonnet Exit, Exit 162-B and stay right until you reach Bluebonnet Dr. Take a left onto Bluebonnet Dr. From I-10-East, take exit 162-A and turn right onto Bluebonnet Dr. The conference hotel is approximately 3 miles from the interstate, on your right-hand side. Click [here](#) for GPS driving directions.

What is the parking situation if I am not staying at the Hotel? There is complimentary self-parking available at the hotel or you may use their valet service at \$14 per day. For guests staying at the overflow hotel, the Wyndham Garden Inn, complimentary shuttle service is available to and from the conference hotel and the Wyndham Garden Inn. To arrange shuttle service, please call 225-215-7000.

What time can I check into the Renaissance Hotel? Check in time is 3:00 pm, check out time is 12:00 pm.

What time can I check into the Wyndham Garden Inn? Check in time is after 3:00 pm, check out time is 11:00 am.

Is shuttle service available? The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to any destination within a three mile radius of the Renaissance Hotel. For transportation to or from the Baton Rouge airport (BTR), please [click here](#). For transportation to or from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY), please [click here](#). You may also utilize [Tiger Airport Shuttle](#) for roundtrip service from the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel to either BTR or MSY. It is recommended that you arrange your shuttle transport at least 48 hours in advance of your arrival.

What will the weather be like during the conference? March is pretty unpredictable in Louisiana. Parts of the state even had snow recently, so to check out the latest details at [Weather.com](#). So far, the weather looks good!

How can I check my e-mail while at the conference? Wireless internet access is available in the public spaces and hotel rooms. There is a business center on the second floor. Presenters with smartphones may use internet by activating their mobile hot spot. Android users can [click here](#), and iPhone users can [click here](#) to read more about using your phone as a personal hotspot. Check with your cellular service provider for rates and availability.

What should I wear? The attire for the conference will be casual. Friday, March 6 will be School Spirit Day – don't forget your school attire. Saturday, March 7 will be Wacky Accessory Day – wear something to make us laugh.

What are the concurrent sessions? Attached you will find the Region 7 Conference Schedule.

Are meals included? Your registration fee includes all materials and the following meals: dessert reception Thursday night, breakfast and lunch Friday, a snack and beverage break Friday afternoon, and breakfast Saturday.

I have a food allergy, or have requested a specialty meal, how will I receive my meals? Breakfast on each day will be buffet-style, so no special accommodations are needed for these meals. If you have requested a vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free meal, or if you have identified specific food allergies on your conference registration, a meal ticket will be placed in your conference materials. Please hand this ticket to your waiter at lunch. If you have a food request and have not identified it on your conference

registration, please contact conference co-chair Anthony Oster (aoster@lsu.edu) prior to Monday, March 2nd.

How do I register to attend the Pre-Conference Tour? Louisiana State University's University College has sponsored a behind-the-scenes tour of LSU's Tiger Stadium, a look into LSU's Cox Communications Center for Student Athletes, and a Brew-masters tasting tour at Baton Rouge's local Tin Roof Brewing Company. Registration is free, but seats are limited to only 22 people. The tour bus will arrive to pick up guests at the Renaissance Hotel at 12:00pm, Thursday, March 5th, and return to the hotel at 5:00 pm. Click [here](#) to sign up. You must be 21 to take part in this tour.

What is the Region 7 Service Project and how can I participate? Nearly two-million adult students attending school full-time have experienced food insecurity, the inability to access enough food for an active, healthy, life. Approximately one-third of those surveyed reported having to make the decision to choose between paying for food, or covering educational expenses, such as tuition or textbooks. The Louisiana State University Food Pantry was created as a way to assist students facing issues such as financial difficulties and food insecurity. By donating a non-perishable food item or contributing a cash donation to the LSU Food Pantry, you will receive special recognition at the conference, be entered for a chance to win a door prize, and gain valuable information on how to start your own food pantry. Currently the LSU Food Pantry is in need of cereal, canned fruits, pasta, rice, powdered milk, spaghetti sauce, and non-perishable meats. They are not currently accepting corn or green beans. If your institution is interested in starting their own food pantry, go to <http://www.cufba.org/>. This is the College and University Food Bank Alliance. They were established specifically to support existing and emerging campus food banks.

Regional conferences are a great way to meet new people and gather new ideas! We look forward to seeing you Thursday, March 5! If you have other questions that we have not answered, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Region 7 Conference Co-Chairs