

When booking meetings in Abilene for 2011 - 2012 the properties listed below are offering the following incentives:



Hilton Garden Inn

Complimentary meeting space and complimentary audio/visual equipment with \$1,000 spent on guest rooms and/or catering.



MCM Elegante Suites

Complimentary meeting space for 30 or more people if group is planning one food and beverage event. One complimentary room for meeting planner. All room rates include a cooked-to-order breakfast and manager's hospitality nightly.

When booking meetings in Abilene, the Convention and Visitors Bureau offers the following incentives if:

- the conference can not be accommodated at a hotel;
- the conference uses 200 rooms or more nightly;
- 70% of all attendees are from out-of-town.



Abilene Civic Center

The Convention and Visitors Bureau will underwrite the rental (excluding setup and insurance) of the Civic Center.



Historic Downtown Venues

The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau will underwrite 50% of the rental (excluding setup and insurance) at any historic downtown venue.



To book you next meeting in Abilene, contact Jennilee Latimer, Convention Sales Director 800-727-7704 or email: jennilee@abilenevisitors.com

"I wanted to thank you for your assistance with the Texas Society of Professional Surveyor's Symposium. Your help coordinating with the MCM Elegante Suites, Abilene Civic Center, buses and the downtown restaurants enabled TSPS and our local Chapter 18 to focus on the educational aspect of the symposium. Everyone I have talked to was really impressed with the event and Abilene."

Riley Griffith, President Chapter 18
Texas Society of Professional Surveyors

"Thank you for helping us put together a wonderful meeting. Our members really enjoyed being in Abilene, and I am especially grateful for all that the city did to make us feel welcome. I really appreciate the help you gave at the registration table, as well as your extra efforts to make sure that our tour went well. "

Kenneth L. Untiedt, Secretary-Editor

Texas Folklore Society

"The Texas Council of Chapters of Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) just completed their 2010 annual meeting in Abilene. On behalf of the council, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your support in the past as well as your local support for the local arrangements at this meeting at the MCM Elegante. The meeting was a great success and our council would not be able to hold meetings like this without your support since we are non-profit organization. Thanks again and we look forward to your continued support in the future."

Robert W. Schmidt & Sammy Guerra
Co-Chair Exhibitors Committee

"Thank you so much for the 'Welcome Hat ' for our VIPs at the Eastern Star School of Instruction on September 11, 2010. Your remembering to accommodate these VIPs should make Abilene proud. We appreciate this jester to our charitable organization.

Pat Wicker, Grand Chapter
Texas Order of Eastern Star

"We are well pleased with the results and are glad that we chose Abilene for our meeting. Our task was made easier by the enthusiastic support you gave us and we thank you for the time and work you devoted to its planning and preparation. All of this was given with a big smile and cheery disposition."

Thomas C. Yantis, Grand Commander
Knights Templar of Texas

Thank you so much for your work and tireless effort in making the TASO-Football state meeting such a success! Having coordinated a number of these meetings in cities both big and small throughout the state, I can unequivocally say that your cooperation, assistance and hands-on participation before and during the event were far beyond the normal assistance provided by convention and visitors bureau personnel. Should there be an opportunity for one of our other sports to have a meeting in a non-metropolitan area, I will certainly encourage them to consider Abilene.

Steve Ellinger, Executive Director
Texas Association of Sports Officials



Our free, professional services are tailored to meet your needs.

Meeting Planning: The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau provides an in-depth meeting planners guide to assist you in planning the perfect conference. You can rely on an ACVB professional meeting coordinator to attend preconference planning sessions, in Abilene. We will provide valuable information and suggestions tailored to your needs.

Tours & Activities: The ACVB will assist you in creating a memorable tour or after-hours event. We assist in coordinating spouse and children tours, entertainment, speakers, transportation and catering.

Registration: *Reasonable* on-site registration assistance is always free for conventions with 100 or more attendees. Custom name badges can be produced on-site or before the conference. We also offer eco-friendly “goodie” bags containing Abilene information and discounts.

Media Coverage: Send us a press release and we will notify local media of your event.

VIP Gifts: The ACVB can welcome your speakers, board members or other VIPs with a custom gift only Abilene can offer! Check with Convention Services for more information.
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