

Worldcon 75 Fannish Inquisition

Name of bid/convention

Utah for NASFiC in 2019

For what dates are you bidding?

July 4th - 7th, 2019

What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a central location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city centre? How far is the site from the city centre?

Host city will be Layton, Utah, USA. Layton is 24 miles north of Salt Lake City, 15 miles south of Ogden, and only 26 miles north of the Salt Lake International Airport. This would be considered a suburb by Worldcon comparisons.

Transportation includes options for Paratransit, public transportation such as local busses, trax trains and a trolley in Davis County where Layton is located. There are shuttles such as Express Shuttle, All Resorts Shuttle, and Super Shuttles. There are also taxis, uber, and car rentals as well from the airport. Layton hotels do not have shuttle service to the airport but we are keeping it a main topic of negotiations moving forward with the venues and Davis County Tourism & Events board.

Who are the main people on your committee?

Ben Hatcher is the bid chair and planned VC should we win, with Kate Hatcher helping who will be chairing the event. Bid help includes: Dave Doering (VC), Charles Galway, Pamela Oberg (Treasurer) , Rick Moen, Deirdre Saoirse Moen, Elizabeth Vann-Clark (Programming), Linda Robinett, Randall Shepherd and Dee and Hal Astell (among many others).

Bobbi Armbruster (Advisor to the chair)

Dave Gallaher (Advisor to the chair and representative of fannish inquisitions)

Bruce Farr (Financial Advisor)

Mike Willmoth (Situational Advisor)

Sean McCoy and Patty Wells (Facilities)

Kevin Rice, Joe Monson & Jerry Gieseke (Web Team)

Ben Yalow (Site Selection)

Ginny Smith (Social Media)

Derek Gray (Gaming)

Michael Harmon (Safety Team)

Kaitlund Zupanic (Logo Artist)

And you, if we can get you to volunteer!

Travel

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Helsinki, London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Melbourne?

All Flights are preset to 1 adult, roundtrip. Pricing is due to date preset as June 20, 2018 to June 25th, 2018 (due to service will only allow you to check up to a certain date from present/time of our checking prices). As such prices are subject to change.

Helsinki has 1 stop and multi stop flights averaging 1500 USD. London has nonstop, 1 stop, and multi stop flights averaging 1400 USD. Boston has nonstop, 1 stop, and multistop flights averaging 440 USD. Chicago has nonstop and 1 stop flights averaging 300 USD. Los Angeles has nonstop and 1 stop flights averaging 170 USD. Melbourne has 1 stop and multi stop flights averaging 1400 USD.

Do international flights fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

Salt Lake International Airport includes flights from Air Canada, Alaska, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue , KLM, Southwest, and United as their primary airlines. International Flights also include from Delta, KLM, Air Canada, Aer Lingus, Air France, Lufthansa, and several others. There are current listings for nonstop, one stop, and multi-stop flights. However, there are no listings for direct flights shown at this time.

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport and train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from those stations?

Salt Lake International Airport is 26 miles from the Davis Conference Center in Layton, Utah. The Amtrak train station located in Salt Lake City, Utah is roughly 25 miles from Layton, Utah.

Public Transportation (Buses, Trax) with two transfers takes 1.5 - 2 hours, but is only 4.30 USD on average. Paratransit Public through Utah Transit Authority is one way 4.00 USD to pre-qualified individuals.

Supershuttle- 31.00 USD

Express- 33.00 USD

Uber- 32.00 USD

Taxi Service average is 75-80 USD depending on traffic, service and tips estimates. Baseline fares not including any potential/volume discount. We are also working on group discounted shuttles through the Davis County Tourism and Events board. Car rental companies are hubbed at the airport as well for easy access.

Please describe public transport options in your city.

Layton City has a free trolley that services the area and one of their stops is the Davis Conference Center. Other stops include Layton Hills Mall and junctions near ample stores around the city. Utah Transit Authority also has a frontrunner trax train that runs multiple times daily from north of Ogden, to Provo Utah, through the Salt Lake Valley. The bus lines include a couple of local area busses and one that goes from Salt Lake to Ogden and back roughly every 15-20 minutes.

Facilities

Please describe your main convention facilities.

Davis Conference Center is just off Interstate 15 in Layton, Utah. It is a fully integrated conference center with over 70,000 square feet of meeting spaces, all at ground level. The Davis Conference Center is adorned with red rock from India. It has wired and wireless high-speed internet access, LCD flat panels listing events and agendas, a full staff & services available, and inspiring architecture. High-speed internet is easy to access, dependable, and fast. Most rooms feature a built-in LCD projector with an automated screen that drops from the ceiling. Two 85-foot-tall towers at the entrance are mounted with LED light strips that indicate future weather forecasts. We are currently negotiating for half of this lovely conference center, roughly 30,000 square feet and have first right of refusal on the other half. It is ADA compliant and checked, and is ran in conjunction with local hotels and Davis County.

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms of what types do you have in your room blocks?

The main hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn which is attached to the conference center. It has 150 rooms and 6 suites. The secondary hotel is just across the street, the Hilton Home 2 Suites with kitchenettes; perfect for parties. We have our main hotel block being negotiated for 340 room nights with shoulder extensions, and courtesy room blocks for a total of 780 room nights, with the capability of expanding to nearby hotels as needed up to 1,000 rooms a night. There are eight current hotels within one mile of the Davis Conference Center and accessible by free trolley, car or in most cases walking distance as three of them are 0.2 miles from the center.

What are your hotel room rates like?

The negotiations on hotels is not expected to finalize until we get closer to the event. Initial intent shows an average of 129/night USD for up to four occupants singles or doubles.

What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

This may not apply as the hotel is attached to the conference center. However the conference center is all one level, and we are looking into mobility rentals as needed.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

There are 12 restaurants within a two block radius of the center and three either in the hotel or the same parking lot section. The immediate ones (closest) are Fahrenheit Lounge in the hotel, Roosters Brewery and Grille, Corbins Grille, Osaka Sushi Japanese Restaurant, Holy Smoke BBQ, 99 Thai Fusion , Applebees, Red Robin, Tastes of India, and other chains like Outback Steak House. The Layton Hills Mall and Cinemark Theaters are only 1,300 ft away and accessible by free trolley, and both hold their own food courts for your convenience.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?

Some evening events will be in the Davis Conference Center, as well as the con suite and other suites in the attached hotel. There will be some light programming in the evenings and individualized parties are expected in the overflow hotel. We are unable at this time to get corkage or forkage waivers in the Conference Center, but have the options in the hotels being negotiated.

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?

The climate in this area is characterized by hot summers and cold winters. Humidity in July averages 10-20%, precipitation only averages an inch, Winds average 6-8 miles per hour and temperatures range from a daily low of 65 degrees to low 90s Fahrenheit. Layton is framed by robust mountains on the east side, and the Great Salt Lake and marsh/desert climates to the west.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Layton City currently holds 15 major parks and trails, including Adams Canyon trail and waterfall and Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. Featured places include the Hill Air Force Base Aerospace Museum, SeaQuest interactive aquarium, Virtualities, spas, lounges, the Ed Kenley Amphitheater, the Great Room escape, and local wineries to golf courses.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults?

Yes we will have classifications of adult, teen, youth and kid in tow. We plan on also having a military/first responders membership pricing that will also apply to veterans (even internationally). We will expand on that if we win the bid.

Should you win, do you plan to charge an additional fee for receiving paper publications?

no we do not.

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