

SWACYPAA

VIII



THE DARK PAST IS
THE GREATEST POSSESSION
YOU HAVE

JULY 28TH-31ST

2022

Facts, Aims & Purposes

The Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous was originally conceived during a nearly five year stretch when there was only one regional Young People's Conference inside of a day's drive for residents of the Continental American Southwest. After the unanimous blessing of the WACYPAA Advisory Council, YPAAs from the southwest region planned an informal gathering at the 2012 WACYPAA in Tucson, AZ, where an Advisory Council to lead the idea from concept to actualization was formed.

The Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous has been established as an annual gathering to promote participation, unity, and enthusiasm about recovery among young AAs in the region. All across the Southwest therefore are young people achieving long-term, lasting recovery from alcoholism, but until now there has been no consistent vehicle for newcomers to be introduced to this reality throughout the area. To fill this void, SWACYPAA has been designed to enable smaller, sometimes less populated cities with growing YPAA communities to experience attending, bidding, and hosting a local area conference.

“The Dark Past Is The Greatest Possession You Have”

This painful past may be of infinite value to other families still struggling with their problem. We think each family which has been relieved owes something to those who have not, and when the occasion requires, each member of it should be only too willing to bring former mistakes, no matter how grievous, out of their hiding places. Showing others who suffer how we were given help is the very thing which makes life seem so worth while to us now. Cling to the thought that, in God's hands, the dark past is the greatest possession you have - the key to life and happiness for others. With it you can avert death and misery for them.

Hotel Policies:

Please be mindful of quite time @ 10:00pm, we are not the only guests in the hotel.

- Check in time is at 3:00pm
- Check out time is at 11:00am

Registration:

Registration will be located in the Main Foyer

- Thursday: 4:00pm - 10:00pm
- Friday: 9:00am - 7:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am - 7:00pm

Merchandise:

Limited T-Shirts, Fanny Packs, & Stickers will be for sale in the Main Foyer

- Thursday: 4:00pm - 10:00pm
- Friday: 9:00am - 7:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am - 7:00pm

Main Speakers:

The Friday & Saturday night main speakers will take place in the convention center, next door, south of the hotel.

Marathon Meetings:

Marathon meetings will be held in the Sage/Primrose Room (Board Room after 10pm) except during the main speakers, beginning on Thursday night, ending Sunday morning.

Hospitality:

Hospitality will be located in the Sego Lily Room. A limited amount of coffee will be available, Please no outside food or beverage.

Bid Cities:

Bid cities round table discussion will be held in the Mariposa Room, Friday at 9:00pm.

The bid skits will be held in Mariposa room, Saturday at 9:00am.

Safety:

SWACYPAA VIII follows the GSO Guidelines in accordance with safety. If at anytime you feel unsafe, please talk to security and proper measures will be taken.

Anonymity:

Please respect anonymity. We ask that any names or stories, that you hear be kept in confidence when you leave.

Lost & Found:

If you have found a lost item please turn it into registration. If you have lost an item please check with registration.

Smoking & Vaping:

There is absolutely no smoking or vaping allowed inside the hotel and convention center. If you wish to smoke or vape please do so in the designated smoking area.

Miscellaneous:

Please remember we are guests at the facility, we may be the only example of AA that others see. We are responsible for our own behavior, SWACYPAA VIII, and AA as a whole.

**Hilton Garden Inn:
SWACYPAA 8**

**Convention Center:
Main Speakers
Decades Dance**

**Holiday Inn:
Advisory/Host
Overflow**

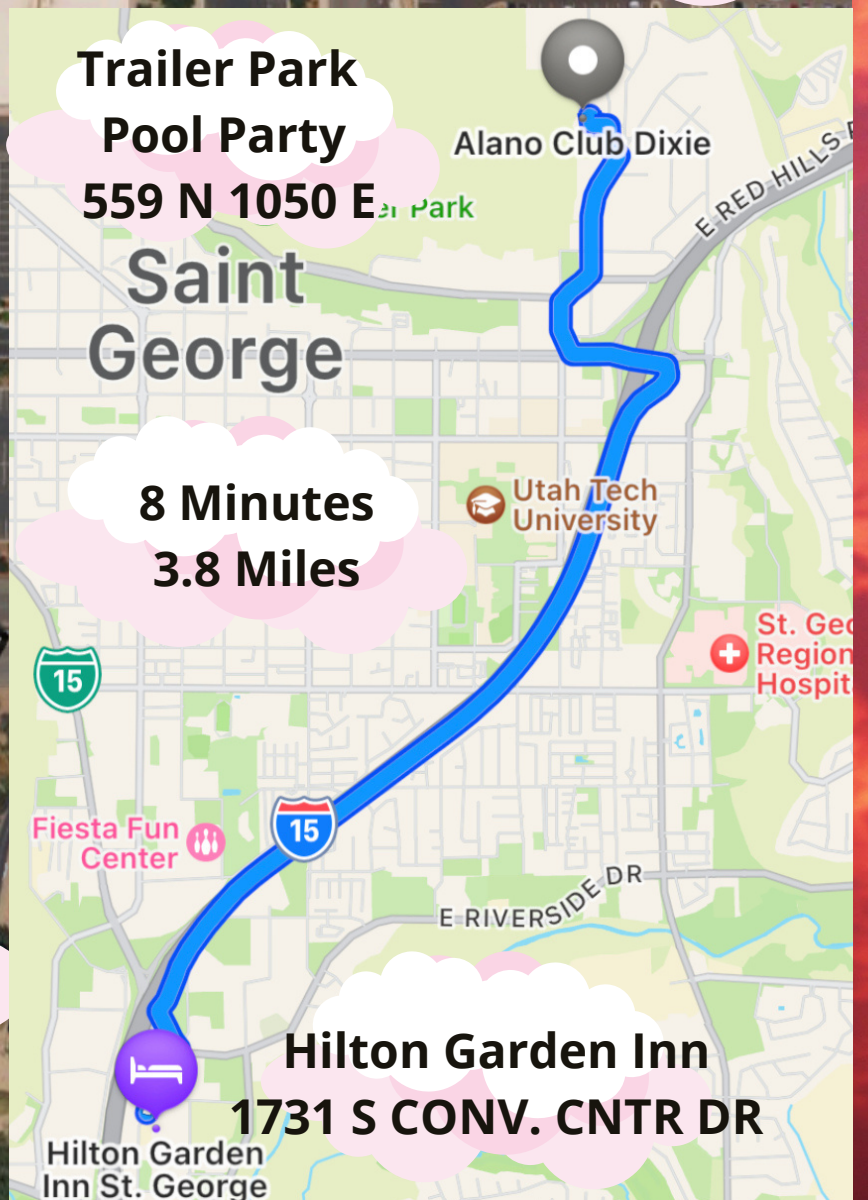
**Confluence Park:
Sober Stretch Yoga
The Ice Cream Scoop**

**Trailer Park
Pool Party
559 N 1050 E**

**Saint
George**

**8 Minutes
3.8 Miles**

**Hilton Garden Inn
1731 S CONV. CNTR DR**



Speaker Meetings

Thursday, July 28th

6:00pm

"Story Speaks For Itself"

Cliffrose/Mariposa Room

Chair|Facts, Aims & Purposes:

Aubrey H.

How It Works: Brynn S.

12 Traditions: Joaquin J.

Main Speaker: Lakota J.

St. George, UT

Dark Past: John F.

Friday, July 29th

6:30pm

"Story Speaks For Itself"

Convention Center

Chair|Facts, Aims & Purposes:

Christine J.

How It Works: Geoff S.

12 Traditions: Cliff K.

The Voice | Roll Call:

Barrett C. & Hunter D.

Main Speaker: Connie S.

Phoenix, AZ

Dark Past: Chris T.

Speaker Meetings

Saturday, July 30th

6:30pm

"Story Speaks For Itself"

Convention Center

Chair|Facts, Aims & Purposes:

Kadin H.

How It Works: Katie T.

12 Traditions: Tyson G.

The Voice|Sobriety Countdown:

Barrett C. & Hunter D.

Main Speaker: Mickey B. Palm Desert, CA

Dark Past: Aubrey H.

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Sunday, July 31st

9:00am

"Story Speaks For Itself"

Cliffrose/Mariposa Room

Chair|Facts, Aims & Purposes:

Robert H.

How It Works: Josh N.

12 Traditions: Bobby C.

Main Speaker: Bill H. Las Vegas, NV

Dark Past: Deborah G.

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Panel Meetings

Friday, July 29th

9:00am "Families Broken Apart"

Families In Sobriety Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Katie T.

Panelist: Shanice G. Kilauea, HI

Panelist: Bebee C. St. George, UT

Panelist: Kayla G. Las Vegas, NV

Panelist: Lana Rose N. St. George, UT

11:00am "Number One Offender"

Resentment Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Josh N.

Panelist: Jeremy K. Provo, UT

Panelist: Sarah M. Phoenix, AZ

Panelist: Clint W. St. George, UT

Panelist: Marie B. St. George, UT

1:00pm "Queer Ideas Of Fun"

LGBTQIA+ In Sobriety Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Tyson G.

Panelist: Micah B. Las Vegas, NV

Panelist: Regan L. St. George, UT

Panelist: Garth G. St. George, UT

Panelist: Chris H. Orem, UT

Panel Meetings

Friday, July 29th

3:00pm "But We Aren't A Glum Lot"

Fun In Sobriety Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Bogdan F

Panelist: Jamie H.

Mesquite, NV

Panelist: Jeremy H.

San Diego, CA

Panelist: Stephanie L.

Glenwood Spr, CO

Panelist: Grady S.

St. George, UT

5:00pm "The Fellowship Of Al-Anon"

Detach With Love Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Kathleen P.

Panelist: Donalee W.

St. George, UT

Panelist: Dani P.

St. George, UT

Panelist: Danielle H.

St. George, UT

Panelist: Mike H.

St. George, UT

Saturday, July 30th

10:00am "We Agnostic And Atheists"

Self-Sufficient Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Aubrey H.

Panelist: Tyler K.

Prescott, AZ

Panelist: Shawn T.

San Diego, CA

Panelist: Tom B.

Mesquite, NV

Panelist: Christian M.

Prescott, AZ

Panel Meetings

Saturday, July 30th

12:00pm “Extravagant Promises?”

9th Step Promises Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Joaquin J

Panelist: Lisa C.

Salt Lake, UT

Panelist: Jewels O.

Las Vegas, NV

Panelist: Thomas M.

San Jose, CA

Panelist: Dominic I.

San Jose, CA

2:00pm “Outright Mental Defectives”

Mental Illness Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Hunter D.

Panelist: Keli B.

Las Vegas, NV

Panelist: Max W.

Flagstaff, AZ

Panelist: Sharlee S.

Reno, NV

Panelist: Andrew M.

Tucson, AZ

4:00pm “Straight Pepper Diet”

Sexual Relations Panel: Cliffrose Room

Chair: Bobby C.

Panelist: Marianna A.

Granada Hills, CA

Panelist: Brian F.

Jackson, MI

Panelist: Austin W.

Las Vegas, NV

Panelist: Bree L.

Los Angeles, CA

Entertainment

Thursday, July 28th

8:30pm

"The Social Life"

The Ice Cream Scoop: Confluence Park

Friday, July 29th

7:00am

"Sober For A Long Stretch"

Meet @ Hilton Courtyard: Confluence Park

Bring a yoga mat and water

8:30am

"Wearily Climbed"

Meet @ Hilton Courtyard: Snow Canyon Hike

4:00pm

"Answer To These Questions"

SWACYPAA Q&A: Mariposa Room

9:00pm

"Made The Rounds"

Bid Cities Round Table: Mariposa Room

9:00pm

"Case Of The Jitters"

The Decades Dance: Convention Center

1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George, UT

Entertainment

Saturday, July 30th

7:00am "Sober For A Long Stretch"

Meet @ Hilton Courtyard: Confluence Park

Bring a yoga mat and water

9:00am "To Do Your Bidding"

Bid Skits: Mariposa Room

12:00pm "To Be Advised How"

SWACYPAA Open Forum: Mariposa Room

3:00pm "Quietly Let Your Friends"

Non-Verbal Hug Workshop: Mariposa Room

9:00pm "Head Above Water"

Trailer Park Pool Party

Offsite Location: The Alano Club

559 N 1050 E, St. George, UT

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COSTUMES

DANCING

RECOVERY

1835 S CONVENTION CENTER DR
ST. GEORGE 84790



DECADES

Dance

DRESS UP FROM ANY DECADE AND
COME OUT TO THE DANCE FLOOR

STILL HAVEN'T REGISTERED? GO TO
[SWACYPAA8.ORG](https://swacypaa8.org) OR VENMO @SWACYPAA8

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POOL BASH

Saturday 9PM-1AM 30th July

Dixie Alano Club
559 N 1060 E, St. George 84770

Show up in your best (or worst) trailer park costume. Prizes will be given to the best of the night. Pall Malls acceptable, skip the PBR, and join us for a fun, sober party!

Still haven't registered?
Go to SWACYPAA8.org or venmo
[@swacypaa8](https://www.venmo.com/swacypaa8)

**“We Love You, Lots And Lots And
Lots, And Whole Bunches!”**

SWACYPAA VIII Host Committee

Chair: Kadin H

Treasurer: Aubrey H

Secretary: Kayla G

Programs: Robert H

Bylaws: Brynn S

Security: Joaquin J

Facilities: Josh N

Registration: Justin C

Registration: Brody K

H&I: Cassi B

Bid Cities: Bogdan F

Merchandise: Craig D

Prayer: Donny W

Prayer: Hunter D

Co-Chair: Christine J

Co-Treasure: Terry H

Co-Secretary: Debrah G

Co-Programs: Bobby C

Co-Programs: Barrett C

Co-Security: John F

Hospitality: Paul B

Events: Daryl G

Inreach: Ashley R

Entertainment: Katie T

LGBTQ+: Sherry B

Merchandise: Preston W

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