# ARLINGTON SM CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU



PARTNERSHIP PLANNING FORUM



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# TOURISM TOUCHES EVERYTHING.

Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau

CVB 101

### WHAT IS A CVB?

In the travel realm, CVB stands for Convention and Visitors Bureau. Organizations that represent a region's tourism industry can also be known by names such as Destination Marketing Organization (DMO), Tourism Board or Tourism Authority.

### WHAT DOES A CVB DO?

The ACVB markets and develops the city as a premier sports, business and leisure entertainment destination to achieve new tourism spending benefits for the visitor industry, community and Arlington residents.

The staff members at the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) are passionate about Arlington. They work diligently to showcase the best of what Arlington has to offer to visitors, groups and media professionals, Hospitality and customer service are at the core of every experience.

### WHAT KIND OF SERVICES DO YOU PROVIDE?

The ACVB provides visitors and event planners a wealth of FREE services!

DESTINATION INFORMATION: Includes the Official Visitor Guide, the arlington.org website, referrals and planning assistance.

MARKETING AND PR: Marketing destination through specific campaigns from leisure to sports to conventions. Media promotions include story pitches, familiarization tours, promotional programs, etc.

GROUP SALES. Our team actively sells the destination to event planners and provides a "one-stopshopping" experience by connecting the planner with the appropriate Arlington hospitality partners. Our team does this by participating in industry tradeshows, sales missions and other meeting and group travel sales comporturing.

DESTINATION SERVICES: The goal of our services team members is to enhance the experience of event attendees and increase the economic impact of groups coming to Arlington. We work with planners recommending local service partners, off-site venues and staying in touch to help with any other needs.

PARTNERSHIP: We are an extension of your sales and marketing efforts. Look to the CVB to help market the destination as a whole, while connecting you with event and group travel planners who you might not have time to budget or connect with on your own.

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### IF YOUR SERVICES

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vied on hotel nights sold in Arlington. The CVB does not receive any local din Arlington. The CVB helps generate local sales and supports jobs by city who spend money at restaurants, gas stations, retail shops, e generated.





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# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

### **GETTING STARTED CHECKLIST**

Upon the completion of your Partnership application, you are invited to complete a short training session covering our Partner-net system. We encourage you to log in to Partner-net as soon as possible after the training. Then use this checklist to ensure you are taking full advantage your Partnership through out the year.

### WITHIN 3 MONTHS:

- ☐ Use this checklist as a guide to get started
- ☐ Update your business/contact information by emailing partners@arlington.org
- ☐ Update all your publication and Partner webpage listings in Partner-net
- ☐ Add your events to the Arlington.org calendar
- ☐ Upload your up-to-date-photos in Partner-net
- ☐ Upload your brochures, sales flyers, layouts, etc. to Partner-net for our reference and use
- ☐ Read the Partner Update e-newsletter for upcoming events and industry news
- Schedule a consultation with our Partnership Department to develop a plan that will maximize the value of your Partnership

### WITHIN 6 MONTHS:

- ☐ Talk to us about setting up an introduction meeting so key Arlington CVB staff members can get to know your needs and how we can assist in promoting your business
- ☐ Attend an Arlington Marketing Partners (AMP) Meeting (monthly) networking event, educational event or Partner orientation to build relationships with other partners and our staff
- Utilize the Convention Calendar to connect with events coming to Arlington and anticipate staffing needs

### WITHIN 9 MONTHS:

- ☐ Update Arlington CVB on any changes or news since you joined, so we can help get the word out
- ☐ Touch base with the Partnership Department to follow up on your original consultation and find out

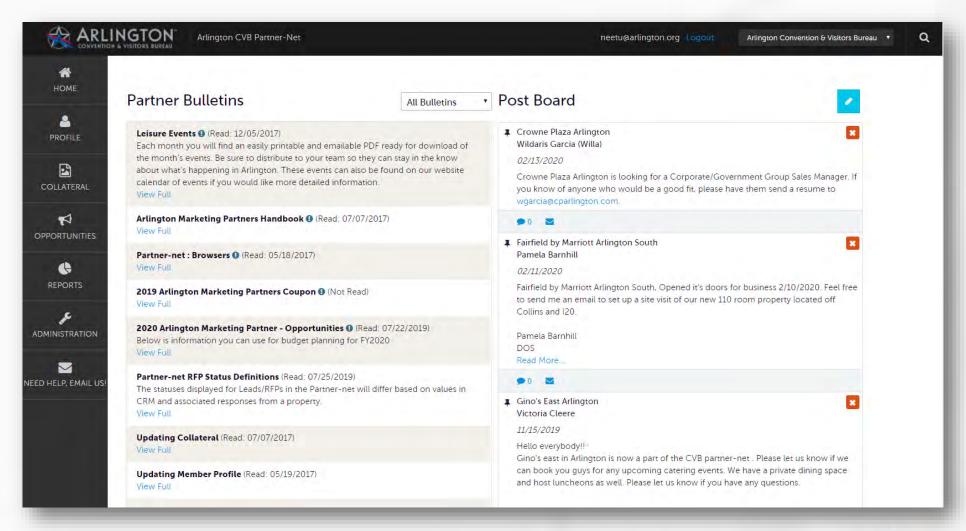


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# PARTNER-NET









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VICE PRESIDENT OF SPORTS & EVENTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ARLINGTON SPORTS COMMISSION





# FALL 2021 MAJOR EVENTS

- HBCU Arlington Showdown at Choctaw Stadium
- 2021 Esports Awards Show
- IWLCA (Lacrosse) President's Cup
- Big 12 Football Championship
- UIL State Football Championships
- Goodyear Cotton Bowl (CFP Semi-Final game)







# FY 20-21 SPORTS ACTIVITY

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2020 Offense-Defense Championships
- 2020 Flag Football World Tour
- 2020 MLB NLDS, NLCS and World Series
- 2020 PBR World Finals
- 2020 National Finals Rodeo
- 2021 State Farm Baseball Challenge
- 2021 UIL State Football Championships (5A-6A)







# SPORTS STRATEGY

# BLOCK PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL. Why?

- Increase Arlington share
- Rate Integrity

ACTIVELY MEETING WITH GROUPS TO BUILD MORE YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES

# **DIVERSITY IN OUR PORTFOLIO**

- Women's Lacrosse
- HBCU events
- Men's and Women's Soccer







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SALES & SERVICES

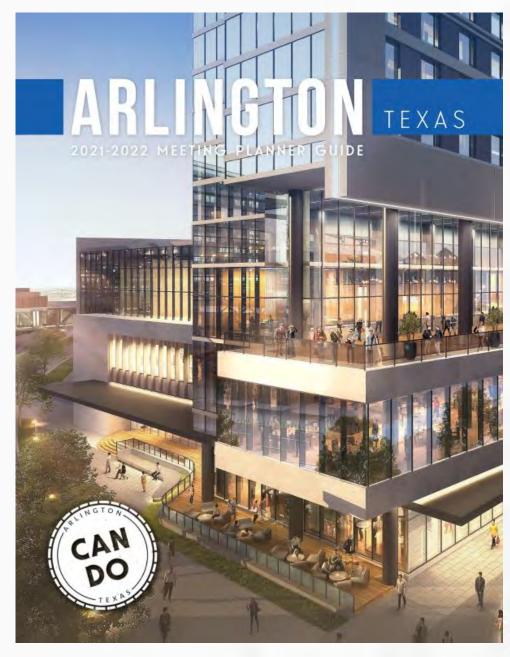






2021-2022 MEETING PLANNER GUIDE







# UPCOMING CITYWIDES

Event Dates	Account Name	Peak Room	Total Rooms
10/8 – 10/10/21	Southwest Airlines	390	1380
11/14 – 11/16/21	D.R. Horton	300	612
11/29 – 12/5/21	Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance	755	2110
12/12 – 12/16/21	Camp Gladiator Corporation	435	1320
1/3 – 1/7/22	Building Plastics, Inc.	275	590
1/13 – 1/14/22	Kimley-Horn &Associates, Inc	325	315
1/14 – 1/16/22	Church of Christ Winterfest	395	865
1/27 – 1/30/22	Church of God-Texas (Frontier Winterfest)	400	695
3/25 – 3/27/22	Destination ImaginationTexas	1000	2000
4/18 – 4/22/22	County Judges & Commissioners Association Conference	290	810
6/19 – 6/22/22	Bible Study Fellowship International – Children's Program Leaders	443	1507
6/22 – 6/26/22	Bible Study Fellowship International	1382	5158
7/11 – 7/17/22	Texas Girls Coaches Association	550	1350
7/18 – 7/24/22	Southwest Athletic Trainers Association	256	716
12/11 – 12/15/22	Camp Gladiator Corporation	435	1320









# **NO ATTRITION THROUGH 2021**

At the Arlington CVB, we are doing all we can do to help ease concerns...and that's why we are offering special No Attrition and more so that you can feel secure and confident about booking in Arlington!

Inquire about our No Attrition through 2021 and book your event with Arlington





# NO ATTRITION INTO 2021

# Crowne Plaza Arlington \*

- No attrition on groups of 50 peak rooms or less\* through 12/31/2021
- · Triple Brand points for designated recipient based on brand loyalty program
- . \$5.00 rebate to master account, based on consumed/paid guestroom revenue
- · 20% discount in hotel outlets, excluding alcohol
- · 20% audiovisual discount on retail AV pricing

# Doubletree by Hilton\*

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# Hilton Hotel Arlington\*

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# Live! By Loews Hotel\*\*

- No attrition on groups of 50 peak rooms or less\* through 12/31/2021
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# Sheraton Arlington Hotel\*

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Loews Hotels & Co, The City of Arlington Texas and The Texas Rangers invite you to the official Groundbreaking Ceremony of the new 888 Loews Arlington Hotel

> Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.

1698 Nolan Ryan Expressway (former Lot J)
Complimentary valet parking at Live! by Loews Arlington

Refreshments to follow

LOEWS HOTELS & CO





# DESTINATION SERVICES

The planners' bridge to our community

- Partner Referrals for Services & Products
- Digital & Print Collateral
- Transportation Coordination/Arlington Trolley
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Public Relations Assistance
- Attendance Builders
- "Come Early, Stay Late!" Program Development
- Speaker & Entertainment Resources
- Housing Assistance
- Site Visits & FAM Tours

# INDUSTRY AFFILIATIONS



















# MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING SEEN





















# BEYOND COVID-19





# 13 Unexpected Things to Do In Arlington

By Cori Kallenberger on Feb. 01, 2021

Arlington is known for our world-class stadiums and super-sized thrills, but did you know we're full of hidden gems just waiting for a day adventure? Instagram-worthy murals, check. Disc golf, yep.

Museums and historic spots – we've got that covered, too. We've got a whole world of wonderful waiting for you to discover. It's perfect for a family day out, girls' trip or a couple's getaway. Grab your mask and be sure to add these unexpected things to your list!

# 13 FUNtastic Summer Hot Spots in Arlington

By Lisa Farrimond on Jul. 12, 2021

It's never too early or too late to plan a knock-your-socks-off summer vacation or staycation, but where should you go? Isn't it obvious? Arlington's fun and affordable options will keep you and your family busy until the school bell rings in the fall. Check it out:

# Beyond the Patio: Outdoor Dining in Arlington

By April Luter on Jul. 26, 2021

The sun is shining! Summer is in high gear, and you want to share fun and food with friends and family. Arlington has plenty to offer, from international cuisine to the best in Southern comfort foods. But for those not quite ready to settle into a restaurant, or those just looking to get some fresh air, here is list of the best picnic, food truck, food-to-go and outdoor patio spots around Arlington.

# 14 Things to do with Kids in Arlington

By Rhonda Aghamalian on Sep. 05, 2021

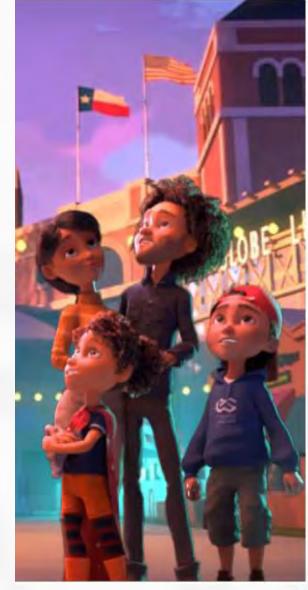
If you're looking for family fun, there's no shortage of things to do with kids in Arlington, TX—whether you're a visitor or a local—in the mood for learning or adventure—or on the hunt for places and experiences that help you create those unforgettable moments. To get started, here's a short list of kid-friendly activities for fun-hunting families with teens or toddlers:













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### Arlington

20.7 miles from Downtown Dallas

Nicknamed the Entertainment Capital of North Texas—and for good reason—Arlington offers visitors practically limitless options for excitement. Six Flags Over Texas and across-the-freeway neighbor Hurricane Harbor provide the thrills, while Globe Life Field and AT&T Stadium showcase hometown teams Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys on their home turf, or you can tour either complex when matchups take place out of town. Or head over to Texas Live!, which brings in live music acts, as well as year-round consumption of tasty eats and thirst-quenching drinks at more than a dozen restaurants and bars in the same complex.

### Arlington, Texas



Credit: CampPhoto/Getty Images

In the Dallas/Fort Worth area, approximately halfway between the two cities, Arlington is a great destination in December. Temperatures are mild. The city gets into the holiday spirit, and Arlington is home to Texas Christkindl Market, inspired by German traditions. Six Flags celebrates with Holiday in the Park, featuring seasonal attractions, entertainment, light shows, and a Christmas tree. Texas Live!, a year-round dining and entertainment area, gets a makeover during the holidays with Luminova Holidays, nearly 3 million lights, an ice skating rink, and a massive Christmas tree. The town of Interlochen continues its tradition of extravagantly decorated homes, a family favourite for cruising during the holidays. Arlington is conveniently located about 10 minutes from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport,



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## Celebrate National Waterpark Day at Six Flags **Hurricane Harbor**

BY NEWS RELEASE | JULY 28, 2021

National Waterpark Day...the only day of the year where getting completely soaked is the ultimate goal!

Whether you're thirsty for excitement, itching for a carefree summer experience, or looking to make a splash with the family, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor is where you want to be for National Waterpark Day on July 28th, Currently the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau is offering package bundles which include premiere lodging and a ticket to Six Flags Hurricane Harbor.

With over 40 rides and attractions, get ready to



ride some waves at the massive waterpark. Beyond the sensational water rides, you can soak up some of that warm Texas sun while rafting down the Lazy River Cruise. Consider a midday visit to Suntan Lagoon for a little rest between high-intensity rides. And be sure to take the little ones to Splashwater Beach, a child-friendly oasis with over 40 interactive water features. The youngest water park enthusiasts will enjoy Hook's Ship for pirate-themed exploits on the high seas. This vessel comes equipped with nets for climbing and four colorful slides, so the little ones can experience twists and turns before being deposited in refreshing waters.







DALLAS TRAVEL GUIDE // ATTRACTIONS

# **Best Things to Do in Fall in Dallas**

10 best ways to celebrate fall 2021 in the Dallas area





For all things pumpkin, head to Howell Farms in Arlington where you can venture along a half-mile walking path showcasing six fantastical lands filled with over 3,000 hand-carved pumpkins in dazzling larger-than-life displays. See 10-foot-tall Jack-o-Lanterns, the world's largest pumpkin guitar, a flying 40-foot handmade dragon and a life-size pumpkin pirate ship, plus there will be real-life fire dancers, live pumpkin carving, pumpkin games, and a variety of treats from local vendors. The event runs every evening from September 23 through Halloween 2021. Weekday/weekend ticket prices are \$18-\$23 for adults; \$14-\$16 for kids (4 to 12); and free for ages 3 and under.





### CALL NOW

Experience Vincent Van Gogh's greatest hits presented in 360 degrees. Running daily from August 19 to November 28, 2021 at Choctaw Stadium in Arlington, the exhibit features 20,000 square feet of floor-to-ceiling digital projections made possible by state-of-the-art video mapping technology. In addition to the central area, the experience includes larger-than-life galleries displaying panels, re-creations and interactives chronicling Van Gogh's life. Also find a VR experience offering a voyage through "A day in the life of the Artist," as well as a drawing studio for young artists. The visit takes around 60 to 75 minutes, and tickets start at \$36.00 for adults and \$19.90 for children.





### CALL NOW

If your idea of celebrating the season includes frightfully fun Halloween activities for the entire family, then Fright Fest at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington is just the ticket. Happening every weekend between September 18 and October 31, 2021, the park offers family-friendly attractions during the day, then turns up the fear factor after the sun goes down with everything from haunted houses to scare zones and spooky performances. And, of course, there's always a slew of terror-inducing rides, but don't be surprised if you find a monster in the seat next to you. Admission starts at \$34.99. Note that some Halloween attractions require an additional fee.





# 2022 FOCUS & BEYOND



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INFORMATION SESSIONS



PARTNERSHIP PLANNING FORUM

# WAYS TO PARTICIPATE WITH MARKETING & PR

- Update us with new renovations or changes
- Update us with new programs or services
- RTVN
- Participate in DTN and Visitor Guide
- Participate in other Marketing program including 12 Days of Christmas,
   Discount Pass, and Sponsored Blogs







# **APRIL LUTER**

DIRECTOR
PARTNERSHIPS & PROGRAMS





# PARTNERSHIPS & PROGRAMS





# EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS







# HOST AN ARLINGTON MARKETING PARTNER MEETING

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# Tourism Touches Everything.

# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau ARLINGTON MARKETING PARTNER MEETINGS

# SHOWCASE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO AN AUDIENCE OF 40-50 ARLINGTON HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS!

Our monthly Partner meeting allows you to showcase your location and connect with other hospitality partners. The CVB provides a program or other activity based on the location, time of year and things happening in the city.

### WHY HOST AN AMP EVENT?

An average of 40 Partners attend each AMP event. Hosting or sponsoring an event allows other Partners to better understand your location and the services you provide. Partners then become an extension of your sales efforts through referrals or direct bookings.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE HOST A LOCATION?

We do not charge a fee to host a partner event. We only ask that you provide light refreshments and the appropriate sized space for our group and programming.

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP TO HOST AN EVENT?**

Contact the Director of Partnerships and they can help coordinate the date and type of event most appropriate for you and your goals.





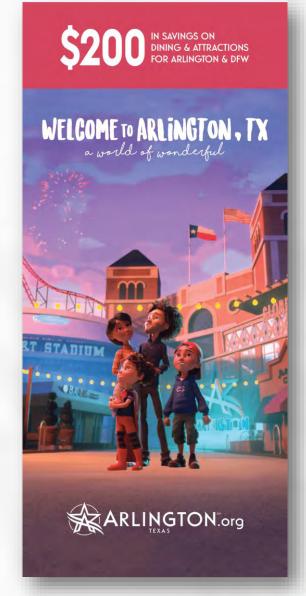


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ONLINE DISCOUNT PASS deals.arlington.org







# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MARKETING PROGRAM





Do You Want to Highlight Your Business & Expand Your Social Media Reach During the Busy Holiday Season?

Be part of the ACVB "12 Days of Christmas" holiday marketing promotion and reach 200,000+ potential customers on social media!

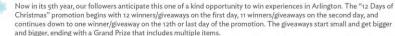
### Participation is Easy -

- Visit our registration page and pick the day to sponsor
- Provide the number of passes, gift cards or tickets for the amount indicated for that day
- Send us 2 fabulous photos
- Provide \$195 investment
- · Plan to share the "12 Days Giveaway"

### What You Get -

- Highlighted in ACVB social posts related to the giveaway
- · Targeted posts during the giveaway
- · "Thank you" social posts after the giveaway ends
- · Report on total reach and engagement
- Reach potential 200,000+
- Engagement potential 23,000+





When registering to participate, you will choose one day and provide the corresponding number of giveaways at the minimum value indicated on the registration form, along with the \$195 Participation Investment.

Prizes can be gift cards, tickets, voucher for drinks, a room night, etc. This is an opportunity to increase awareness and excitement surrounding your business and drive traffic to your social accounts!

### Deadline to Participate - November 3rd

For more information and to secure your spot, contact April Luter.



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# NEW! BLOG OPPORTUNITIES

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Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau

BLOG OPPORTUNITIES

### SPONSORED BLOG - \$250

### WITH A SPONSORED BLOG YOU RECIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

- · Your logo and website linked at the bottom of a blog post
- . Exposure to an average of 6,000+ views and time on page of over 3 minutes and 30 seconds
- · Placement on the blog for 6 months
- Sponsored blog will be promoted via Social Media and on arlington.org run-of-house digital ads during the sponsorship period

A limited number of sponsorable Blog topics are available. Requests are first come first serve.

### SECURE A BLOG SPOT TODAY!

### BLOGS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

- . 18 of the Most Haunted Spots in DFW
- 14 Things to Do with Kids In Arlington
- . 11 Fun FREE Things to in Arlington
- · 5 Haunted Places in Arlington
- Another 21 Cool Things To Do in Arlington You Might Not Know About
- 9 Creative Ideas for Date Night in Arlington
- . 5 Places to Find Late Night Fun in Arlington

Additional blog topics may be available. Please reach out for information on blogs related to your specific marketing goals!

For more information, contact April Luter at april@arlington.org



Staff Reacts: Arlingto Tourism Office's Reviews of Texas Live!'s New Dining Options

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# ARLINGTON OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE



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RARLINGTON ... Texas Monthly

# RATE CARD

c are pleased to amounce the newest edition of the Arlington Official Visitor's Guide. Published annually, this guide reaches visitors with a circulation that is varied and well-maintained. Produced by the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau, it is the only official primary fulfillment publication to

promote the city as a premier travel destination. The Arlington Official

Visitor's Guide is a convenient

resource for travelers and includes:

- Minn
- Attractions
- Arts & Culture
- Shopping
   Dining & Nightlife
- Accommodations
   Calendar of Events
- Sports

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2022 Digital Extension: All partners will be featured online via a custom Collections Page on TM.com. Launching March 2022, this online feature will include editorial content. from the Arlington Official Visitor's Guide highlighting partners on their own dedicated space on the Collections Page. The Collections Page will be heavily promoted via: dedicated space on TM.com homepage, highimpact social, and the Arlington CVB e-newsletter! Partners have the opportunity for 100% SOV roadblocked ads around their individual page.

In akhlinn to the printed prece, the guide will also be available in a digital version, where we will feature clickable advertiser links. This digital replica will be available for your use and be promoted via Texas Monthly and Arlington CVB social channels.

### **ARLINGTON VISITORS**

- Over 14 million visitors come to Arlington every year and collectively spend an estimated \$1.4 billion.
- 75% of visitor's guide readers report that the guide influenced what attractions they attended.
- 98 percent of readers spent more than
   1.5 minutes looking through the guide.
- Two out of five readers refer to the guide prior to and during travel.

### DEADLINES

- Advertising Reservation January 17, 2022
  - Ad Materials Due January 26, 2022

### DISTRIBUTION

65,000 copies distributed to local hotels and various vendors and information centers in the area.

### ADVERTISING BUNDLES\*

FOUR COLOR	NET BATE	
TOUR COLLANS		
Cover 2, 3, 4	\$6,795	
Full page	\$5,195	
1/2 page (H or V)	\$2,995	
1/3 page (H or V)	\$2,095	
1/6 page	\$1,145	

\*Advertising Bundles include a Print Ad + Digital Extension.

Contact: Keitha Spears | kspears@texasmonthly.com or 817-980-6324 Contact: Sunday Leek | sleek@texasmonthly.com or 972-365-3666













**DTN Paid Content** 



# Why are these programs so successful?

# **Destination organizations are key.**

They focus their marketing and attention in bringing consumers together with their business partners utilizing the website.

Each and every month targeted consumers use the website to make their planning decisions

Places to Stay in Arlington
Things to do in Arlington

Are just two of the searches that show on the first page of Google organically (and paid) due to the efforts of the amazing people at the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau.

# **Website Stats Last 12 months**

Impressions Delivered to Ad Placements:

1,444,915





# Half the money I spend on advertising is wasted;

# the trouble is I don't know which half.

John Wanamaker







### Looks like content.

DTN Paid Content is designed to adopt the look, feel, and tone of of the site content and to deliver sponsored content that is relevant to the visitor's trip planning and inspiration needs.

### **Run-of-site placements**

- Run at the bottom of nearly every page on the site for incredible visitor reach
- Help to inspire the visitor and to highlight parts of the destination s/he may not have known about

### **Page-specific placements**

- Run high on specific landing pages to get actual eyeballs on the content
- Deliver content about a topic to visitors who are actively looking for that kind of content



#### Premium Page Sponsor

Running on key high-traffic pages, this spot delivers your message by way of a high-impact, highly visual placement near the top of the page.

View All



#### Run of Site – tons of impressions

Delivers content to nearly every page on the site for incredible visitor reach.

MORE INFO >







# ARLINGTON TOURISM PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



Questions about the trolley: Contact Melinda Brittain, General Manager, AEAMD, <a href="mailto:trolleygm@gmail.com">trolleygm@gmail.com</a> 817.822.2586 https://arlingtontrolley.com

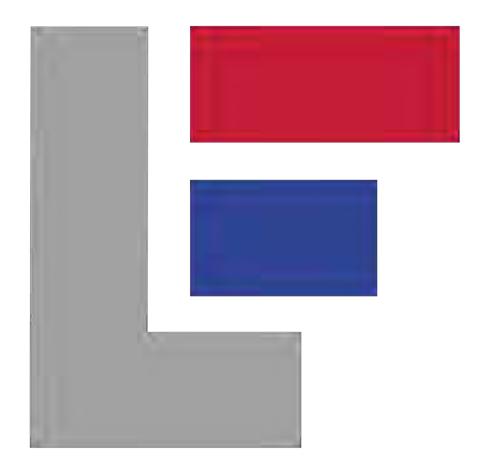
# TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES

**Tourism First Jobs Become Amazing Careers** 











#### **TSLF Priorities**

- **☐** Support Community Youth
- **☐** Workforce Development
- ☐ Tourism Awareness & Advocacy



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ARLINGTON SOURCES

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**PARTNERSHIP:** We are an extension of your sales and marketing efforts. Look to the CVB to help market the destination as a whole, while connecting you with event and group travel planners who you might not have time to budget or connect with on your own.



# TOURISM TOUCHES EVERYTHING.

# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau CVB 101

## HOW ARE YOU FUNDED IF YOUR SERVICES ARE FREE FOR VISITORS?

The ACVB is a private non-profit organization, contracted by the City of Arlington to market Arlington as a visitor destination. The city provides the ACVB with funds by way of the local hotel occupancy tax (HOT) collection. Along with the HOT funds, the ACVB is also the implementation arm of the sales and marketing plans supported by the Arlington Tourism Public Improvement District (TPID).

Both the HOT and TPID are levied on hotel nights sold in Arlington. The CVB does not receive any local sales or property taxes collected in Arlington. The CVB helps generate local sales and supports jobs by helping to bring visitors to the city who spend money at restaurants, gas stations, retail shops, attractions, etc. where taxes are generated.









# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

#### **GETTING STARTED CHECKLIST**

Upon the completion of your Partnership application, you are invited to complete a short training session covering our Partner-net system. We encourage you to log in to Partner-net as soon as possible after the training. Then use this checklist to ensure you are taking full advantage your Partnership through out the year.

WITI	HIN 3 MONTHS:			
	Use this checklist as a guide to get started			
	Update your business/contact information by emailing partners@arlington.org			
	Update all your publication and Partner webpage listings in Partner-net			
	Add your events to the Arlington.org calendar			
	☐ Upload your up-to-date-photos in Partner-net			
	Upload your brochures, sales flyers, layouts, etc. to Partner-net for our reference and use			
	Read the Partner Update e-newsletter for upcoming events and industry news			
	Schedule a consultation with our Partnership Department to develop a plan that will maximize the value of your Partnership			
WITI	HIN 6 MONTHS:			
	Talk to us about setting up an introduction meeting so key Arlington CVB staff members can get to know your needs and how we can assist in promoting your business			
	Attend an Arlington Marketing Partners (AMP) Meeting (monthly) networking event, educational event or Partner orientation to build relationships with other partners and our staff			
	Utilize the Convention Calendar to connect with events coming to Arlington and anticipate staffing needs			
WITI	HIN 9 MONTHS:			
	Update Arlington CVB on any changes or news since you joined, so we can help get the word out			
	Touch base with the Partnership Department to follow up on your original consultation and find our			





# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

#### PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of the partner opportunities currently available through the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau Partnership program. Detailed information for each program can be found on Partner-net by logging in and going to the Partner Bulletins section. You can use this form to bundle these programs to create a single sponsorship with the CVB. As a bundle, you have the option of paying for the entire sponsorship at one time to simplify billing.

Arlington.org Advertising	Arlington.org offers several levels of advertising opportunities.  A representative from DTN will contact you with more information.	Varies
Sponsored Blog	Sponsor an Arlington Blog and gain extra exposure with your logo and website link.	\$250
Promotional Blog	Be featured as an Arlington blog post with content created by the professional staff at the CVB.	\$1250
12 Days of Christmas	Participate in this popular social media marketing campaign to increase your exposure via social channels.	\$150 + Giveaway
Annual Meeting Sponsorships	Secure your sponsorship for the ACVB Annual Meeting held every Fall.	Varies
AMP Hosting	Host one of our Partner meetings and showcase your business to the hospitality community.	FREE + refreshments
Arlington Official Visitors Guide Advertising	With 65,000 printed and thousands of downloads, the OVG is a great way to get in front of visitors coming to Arlington. If interested, we will have a representative from Texas Monthly contact you directly.	Varies
Arlington Official Visitors Guide Co-pack	Have your printed material distributed along with the Arlington OVG when visitors request a mailed copy.	Coming 2021
Partner Update Email Sponsorship	Get in front of our entire Partnership by sponsoring one of our monthly Partner Update emails.	\$150
Group Tour Manual Ad	This is the ultimate leisure group guide to Arlington. Distributed at tradeshows and sales calls throughout the year, get in front of tour planners looking at Arlington.	\$500
Meeting Planner Guide	This is the ultimate convention and meeting guide for Arlington.  Distributed at tradeshows and sales calls throughout the year, get in front of key planners looking at Arlington.	\$500
	Total Participation:	\$
	Contract Effective Dates:	

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact April Luter, Director of Partnerships & Programs. april@arlington.org





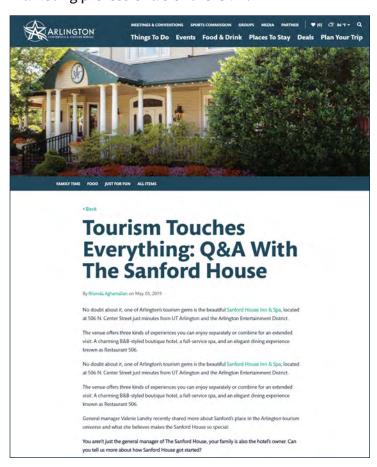
# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau BLOG OPPORTUNITIES

## DID YOU KNOW THAT ARLINGTON.ORG IS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR OVER 1.5 MILLION VISITORS?

In this digital age, CONTENT is KING! And trusted content is your best resource for boosting your social and digital reach. The Arlington CVB blog is established, trusted and marketed by professionals. Take this opportunity to leverage your Partnership to increase your exposure to our 14.5 million visitors through our blog. THE ARLINGTON.ORG BLOG RECEIVES OVER 350,000 VIEWS A YEAR, with an average time on site of 3+ minutes, well above the national average!

#### PROMOTIONAL BLOG — \$1250

Our Promotional Blog program provides you with content that you can use on your digital and social platforms while being promoted through our well-established channels, including social media. A promotional blog with the Arlington CVB provides you with content written and promoted by the marketing professionals of the CVB.



Blog Example

### WITH A PROMOTIONAL BLOG YOU RECIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Professionally written content about your business/organization
- Direct links out to your website from the ACVB Blog
- Social Media push including paid promotion on Facebook
  - Paid promotion heightens the reach and number of people who will engage and interact with your brand
- Ability to share and/or post on your own social media, website, etc.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be a Partner in good standing with the Arlington CVB
- Limited number of opportunities per year (12 annually)
- Content is written by the ACVB, partner may edit for accuracy

Blog will be visitor focused and the CVB retains the right for subject topic, focus, etc.

# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau BLOG OPPORTUNITIES

#### SPONSORED BLOG — \$250

#### WITH A SPONSORED BLOG YOU RECIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Your logo and website linked at the bottom of a blog post
- Exposure to an average of 6,000+ views and time on page of over 3 minutes and 30 seconds
- Placement on the blog for 6 months
- Sponsored blog will be promoted via Social Media and on arlington.org run-of-house digital ads during the sponsorship period

A limited number of sponsorable Blog topics are available. Requests are first come first serve.

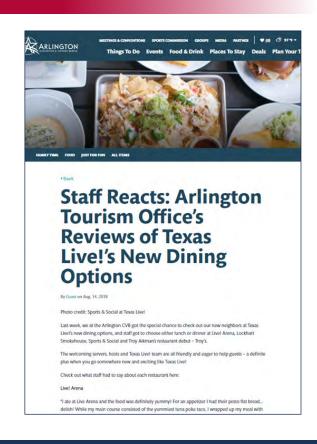
#### **SECURE A BLOG SPOT TODAY!**

#### BLOGS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

- 18 of the Most Haunted Spots in DFW
- 14 Things to Do with Kids In Arlington
- 11 Fun FREE Things to in Arlington
- 5 Haunted Places in Arlington
- Another 21 Cool Things To Do in Arlington You Might Not Know About
- 9 Creative Ideas for Date Night in Arlington
- 5 Places to Find Late Night Fun in Arlington

Additional blog topics may be available. Please reach out for information on blogs related to your specific marketing goals!

For more information, contact April Luter at april@arlington.org







# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau ARLINGTON MARKETING PARTNER MEETINGS

## SHOWCASE YOUR ORGANIZATION TO AN AUDIENCE OF 40-50 ARLINGTON HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS!

Our monthly Partner meeting allows you to showcase your location and connect with other hospitality partners. The CVB provides a program or other activity based on the location, time of year and things happening in the city.

#### WHY HOST AN AMP EVENT?

An average of 40 Partners attend each AMP event. Hosting or sponsoring an event allows other Partners to better understand your location and the services you provide. Partners then become an extension of your sales efforts through referrals or direct bookings.

#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE HOST A LOCATION?

We do not charge a fee to host a partner event. We only ask that you provide light refreshments and the appropriate sized space for our group and programming.

#### **HOW DO I SIGN UP TO HOST AN EVENT?**

Contact the Director of Partnerships and they can help coordinate the date and type of event most appropriate for you and your goals.











# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau DIGITAL COUPON PROGRAM

#### BE FEATURED ON THE MOST VISITED PAGE ON ARLINGTON.ORG

We are excited to offer an innovative new platform for a fully DIGITAL marketing opportunity. This offers a broader reach, greater customization and more robust reporting.

We are offering an exclusive opportunity to be featured on the "Deals" section of arlington.org, which is a top stop for our more than 1.5 million unique website visitors each year.

#### HOW DO VISITORS FIND THE COUPON PROGRAM?

Now visitors can access and redeem all the offers from their mobile device! The offers are part of the "Deals" section of Arlington.org, and promoted with a full color rack card with regional distribution. In addition, the program is promoting through advertising in the Official Arlington Visitors Guide and other digital media outlets.

#### **RACK CARD DISTRIBUTION POINTS**

- Arlington Hotels
- TXDOT Travel Information Centers (11 centers in Texas)
- TX CVB Visitor Centers
- AAA Travel Offices (TX, LA, OK, AR)
- Certified Folder Distribution (TX, LA, OK, AR)
- Local Enterprise Car Rental Offices

#### **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

For more information or to secure your spot, contact the Director of Partnerships & Programs, April Luter.

This opportunity is exclusively for Arlington Marketing Partners. Please see the application for cost.



# Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau DIGITAL COUPON PROGRAM

#### WHY THE DIGITAL PLATFORM?

- · Allows for better ROI tracking
- Allows the visitor access from anywhere
- Easy access to robust reporting on redemption rates and information about customers
- Ability to change discount in real time

While there is not a printed coupon booklet, a rack card promoting the program is printed and distributed at travel information centers and hotels in Arlington and across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Large groups including conventions, youth sports and corporate events are provided direct links to the digital platform through their event websites and communications. Helping to direct their attendees to your business!

#### WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH BANDWANGO

- Once you have secured your spot in the program, a representative from Bandwango will contact you to get you setup on the system including training on redemptions, reporting and changing your offer
- There is zero integration and minimal staff training is required
- Offers are delivered through a mobile system and check in is easy via a code that is entered on the visitor's mobile phone

#### **FOR VISITORS**

- Visitors are directed to the deals and discounts from arlington.org
- Visitors provide basic information such as email, name, and zip code in order to access and redeem deals at your location
- Convenient mobile delivery improves the visitor experience and ultimately increases the likelihood they will visit your business and spend money









### GET YOUR BRAND MESSAGE IN FRONT

REDUCE ADVERTISING WASTE BY **TARGETING QUALIFIED PROSPECTS** WHO ARE READY TO SPEND

OF A LARGE **VISITOR AUDIENCE** 

- SEW YOUR MARKETING MESSAGE INTO CONTENT THAT ALIGNS WITH YOUR BRAND **VALUES & THAT YOUR CUSTOMERS TRUST**
- A FLEXIBLE PROGRAM THAT MEETS YOUR MARKETING + BUDGET GOALS
- **ASSISTANCE WITH CRAFTING CONTENT** THAT WILL TURN PROSPECTS INTO **CUSTOMERS**
- **NO-COST UPDATES TO YOUR CONTENT CREATIVE** TO ALIGN WITH YOUR MESSAGE WITH YOUR CURRENT MARKETING CAMPAIGNS
- **REAL DATA INSIGHTS** ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE SO YOU CAN MAKE SOUND BUSINESS DECISIONS

YEAH, WE DO THAT.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

**EMAIL A CONSULTANT** Advertising@DTNads.com

PLACEMENT SAMPLE PAGE Arlington.org/DTN-Placements

**DIGITAL MEDIA KIT** Arlington.org/DTN-Media-Kit

ON THE WEB

DestinationTravelNetwork.com







### **TexasMonthly**

# **ARLINGTON**

RATE CARD

THE OFFICIAL VISITOR'S GUIDE

e are pleased to announce the newest edition of the Arlington Official Visitor's Guide. Published annually, this guide reaches visitors with a circulation that is varied and well-maintained. Produced by the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau, it is the only official primary fulfillment publication to promote the city as a premier travel destination. The Arlington Official Visitor's Guide is a convenient resource for travelers and includes:

- Maps
- Attractions
- Arts & Culture
- Shopping
- Dining & Nightlife
- Accommodations
- Calendar of Events
- Sports



#### **2022 Digital Extension:**

All partners will be featured online via a **custom Collections** Page on TM.com. Launching March 2022, this online feature will include editorial content from the Arlington Official Visitor's Guide highlighting partners on their own dedicated space on the Collections Page. The Collections Page will be heavily promoted via: dedicated space on TM.com homepage, highimpact social, and the Arlington CVB e-newsletter! Partners have the opportunity for 100% SOV roadblocked ads around their individual page.

In addition to the printed piece, the guide will also be available in a digital version, where we will feature clickable advertiser links. This digital replica will be available for your use and be promoted via Texas Monthly and Arlington CVB social channels.

#### **ARLINGTON VISITORS**

- Over 14 million visitors come to Arlington every year and collectively spend an estimated \$1.4 billion.
- 75% of visitor's guide readers report that the guide influenced what attractions they attended.
- 98 percent of readers spent more than 1.5 minutes looking through the guide.
- Two out of five readers refer to the guide prior to and during travel.

#### **DEADLINES**

Advertising Reservation **January 17, 2022** 

Ad Materials Due **January 26, 2022** 

#### DISTRIBUTION

65,000 copies distributed to local hotels and various vendors and information centers in the area.

#### **ADVERTISING BUNDLES\***

FOUR COLOR	NET RATE
Cover 2, 3, 4	\$6,795
Full page	\$5,195
1/2 page (H or V)	\$2,995
1/3 page (H or V)	\$2,095
1/6 page	\$1,145

\*Advertising Bundles include a Print Ad + Digital Extension.



# **ARLINGTON**

2022 RATE CARD

THE OFFICIAL VISITOR'S GUIDE

### Publication Specifications

Trim Size: 6.5" x 9.75"

Live Matter: 6" x 9.25"

Live matter should not fall closer than 1/4" to trim.

For match and metallic ink, consult publisher. Bleed: No charge. Preferred Position: Add 10% to all space units.

Advertising should be submitted in digital format. All images and elements should be placed at 100% in CYMK to SWOP standards with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

#### Ad Dimensions

Covers/Full Page 6.75" x 10"

1/2 Page Horizontal 5.5" x 4.31"

1/2 Page Vertical 2.69" x 8.75"

1/3 Page Horizontal 3.5" x 4.8"

1/3 Page Vertical 1.92" x 8.75"

1/6 page 2.69" x 2.84"

#### **ROS Ad Sizes**

- 970x250
- 970x90
- 728x90
- 300x250
- 300x600
- 320x50

\*All ROS ads must be in JPEG, GIF, or HTML5 format; max file size is 60kb; please include a click-through URL

#### To upload your ad file

Please upload your ad materials (PDF, JPEG,

TIFF, or .zip file) by visiting https://www.

texasmonthly.com/upload-ad/

Be sure to fill out all information, and choose the title your ad is appearing in. If you prefer to ship your file on disk, please use the address under "Shipping Address for Ad Materials" section.

#### File Format

Print-ready PDFs are preferred; also acceptable are InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, EPS, or TIFF files with all supporting layout files, images and fonts included. Macintoshoriginated files preferred. We may not be able to accept Windows or non-standard file formats.

Images

Print:

CMYK, 300 dots per inch,

EPS format.

#### Spot Colors

All spot/PMS colors must be converted to CMYK by the advertiser; if not, TMCP will do so and bears no responsibility for color shifts.

#### Density

Do not exceed 300% of all four colors in any area.

#### Proofs

Please submit a proof from a SWOP-certified proofing device for color ads. TM is not responsible for color accuracy when ads are submitted without a SWOP-certified proof.

#### Confirming Proofs

TM does not supply confirming proofs. If we must make a change to your ad we may, at our discretion, e-mail you a confirming screenshot JPEG or PDF.

#### To Send your ad file

Please submit a CD or DVD with all ad files (including supporting layout files when applicable), an acceptable proof, and contact information in case we have a problem with your ad.

Shipping Address for Ad Materials Please send ad materials via trackable overnight delivery service to:

Texas Monthly Attn: Ad Trafficking / Arlington OVG 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1700 Austin, TX 78701 512.320.6991

#### Cancellations

Cancellation of any part of a contract voids all rate and position agreements. Neither the advertiser, the advertising agency, nor their agents may cancel after the closing date. No cancellations, changes, or insertion orders will be accepted by TM after the closing date. If, by the materials deadline, TM has not received copy deemed acceptable for publication, TM may either repeat the advertiser's most recent ad that it has published or publish nothing, charging advertiser and/or advertising agency for any space reserved by them. The publisher and the Arlington Convention & Visitor's Bureau each reserve the right to reject any advertising wording, substance, or appearance deemed in the sole discretion of either to be objectionable, or any URL address to sites deemed objectionable with or without notice and whether or not such wording, substance, appearance, or URL address was previously acknowledged or published.

#### Questions

For technical questions regarding your ad and additional information regarding materials, contact:
Production Department,
512-320-6991,
ads@texasmonthly.com



The Arlington Trolley has experienced a great rebound from the pandemic. Ridership has increased as hotels are filling back up.

With increased ridership comes increased questions from hotel employees, hotel general managers and their guests. The Trolley would like to take this opportunity to guide you to convenient answers to most of your questions.

- 1. As a reminder, every aspect of Trolley service is explained on the website: <a href="www.arlingtontrolley.com">www.arlingtontrolley.com</a>. Please have your front desk employees explore the website and become familiar with the route service, special events and the Operations Guide located there for your convenience and reference.
  - The website is also the best way to check for changes: **The home page contains alerts** and important information that may be a response to unforeseen changes or new directions. This is where specific event day information is announced such as when reservations are open/full.
- 2. Route service runs from spring break through the end of the Six Flags seven-day operation schedule which usually ends the first few weeks of September. Rangers home games are included in route service and run throughout the baseball season. Guests should obtain trolley passes from your front desk for all regular route service and Rangers' home games. The Trolley District provides free route-based trolley service to AT&T Stadium those days when route service is scheduled to Six Flags BUT ONLY IF THERE IS NO SCHEDULED STADIUM EVENT ON THE DATE OF SERVICE. Arlington Trolley does not provide on demand service to AT&T if there is a scheduled event.
- 3. Special Events are for all other events outside of the regular route service and cover any venue in the District or Downtown. Special events are listed on the website and require the hotel guest to make a reservation from the website. Please do not make reservations for your guests. The reservations must contain the guest's information or will be deleted from the reservation list.
  - The event drop-off site and other specifics are listed on the reservation. The Trolley does not provide service to AT&T Stadium for tours on event days.
- 4. The Operation Guide has detailed information on all trolley operations and is a very useful reference tool. Employees and general managers should make themselves familiar with the operation guide. Hard copies of the operations guide are passed out to hotels annually and posted on the website. The Operation Guide has a hot sheet page with important phone numbers if personal assistance is needed.
- 5. Supplemental Service is arranged through the ACVB initially.
- 6. Civic Service is arranged through the Trolley Administrator, Melinda Brittain.

If you need any special service or arrangements please call or email Melinda Brittain, General Manager, AEAMD, <a href="mailto:trolleygm@gmail.com">trolleygm@gmail.com</a> 817.822.2586 <a href="https://arlingtontrolley.com">https://arlingtontrolley.com</a>.