

Traveling to Madison

Shuttle Service

Check with your hotel for free airport shuttle service. The conference and Union South do not provide airport shuttle service.

By Plane

Madison: The Dane County Regional Airport is located 4 miles northeast of downtown Madison. You can continue to the meeting site via taxi, which will cost approximately \$12.00. Please visit www.msnaairport.com for more information.

Milwaukee: The General Mitchell International Airport (www.mitchellairport.com) is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, approximately 75 miles east of Madison. You may continue to Madison via car or bus. Please see below for more information on car and bus travel.

Chicago: Chicago, Illinois is located 150 miles southeast of Madison and has two international airports: Midway International Airport and O'Hare International Airport. Both airports can be found by visiting www.ohare.com – passengers can continue to Madison via car or bus; please see below for additional information on both options.

By Bus

Milwaukee: The Badger Coach Bus Line runs 6 trips daily from Milwaukee's General Mitchell International Airport directly to the Madison Meeting Site for \$20 one way. Travel time is approximately 2 hours. Please call (608) 276-7490 for more information or visit www.badgerbus.com.

Chicago: The Van Galder Bus Company runs several times daily from both O'Hare and Midway Airports, directly to the Madison Meeting Site. The one-way fare is currently \$26-\$28 and travel time is approximately 3.5 hours. Please call (800) 747-0994 for more information or visit www.vangalderbus.com.

Greyhound bus lines also run to Madison. Please call (800) 231-2222 for fare and schedule information, or visit www.greyhound.com. Taxis are available at the bus terminal, which is approximately 0.5 miles from the Union.

By Car

Madison lies approximately 150 miles northwest of Chicago (3 hour drive), 75 miles west of Milwaukee (1.5 hour drive) and 270 miles southeast of Minneapolis (4 hour drive). For driving directions, try [Yahoo! Maps](#).

Parking: Parking in Madison is very limited. As a courtesy to conference participants, a limited number of campus parking permits will be available for purchase. **If you would like a permit, please reserve your ticket on the conference registration page, when registering for the conference.** Permits that have been requested and paid for will be distributed at conference check-in. There will be no refunds for unused parking permits.

www.ci.madison.wi.us/parking/rampRates.html

Taxi Services

Individuals arriving/departing outside the complimentary shuttle hours will need to arrange for their own transportation to the Dane County Airport in Madison. Below is a listing of taxi cab companies in Madison. Participants must pay this expense.

Union Cab: (608) 242-2000 or www.unioncab.com

Green Cab: (608) 255-1234 or <http://www.greencabofmadison.com>

Madison Taxi: (608) 255-TAXI (8294) or toll free at 1 (800) 894-3866 or www.madtaxi.com

Badger Cab: (608) 256-5566 or www.badgercab.com

Car Rental

Alamo: (608) 249-1449/(800) 462-5266

AVIS: (608) 242-2442/(800) 831-2847

Budget: (608) 249-5544/(800) 527-0700

Dollar: (608) 661-4941/(800) 800-4000

Enterprise: (608) 661-4900/(800) 325-8007

Hertz: (608) 241-3803/(800) 654-3131

National: (608) 249-1614/(800) 227-7368

Thrifty: (608) 661-4940/(800) 847-4389

By Train

Unfortunately, Madison is not on a major train line. Please see above for alternative transportation methods to the meeting site

City Information

About Madison

You will find the best of all worlds in Wisconsin's vibrant capital city and picturesque surrounding towns: natural beauty and outdoor recreation, stimulating cultural offerings, distinctive restaurants and shops, and an irreverent spirit of fun.

Built on an isthmus between lakes Monona and Mendota, Madison is renowned for its beautiful scenery. A total of five area lakes and over 200 parks provide an abundance of year-round outdoor activities, from hiking, biking, swimming and sailing along with cross-country skiing, snow sailing, and ice fishing.

Madison is in Central Standard Time (CST)

Memorial Union Terrace

The Wisconsin Union Directorate Music Committee brings music to the terrace 4 nights a week where Union members and guests can enjoy free shows and the best view of Lake Mendota. Click on the Terrace After Dark button to learn more about the shows playing during the conference.

Weather

Wisconsin weather in August is usually sunny and warm with temperatures averaging between 75 and 85 degrees. For current weather information, visit The Weather Channel site for Madison: <http://www.weather.com/weather/right-now/53717:4:US>

Getting Around Madison

Madison offers several ways to get around and explore the city while you're here. If you're not quite up to walking down State Street or up Bascom Hill there are other modes of transportation to get you where you need. [Madison Metro Bus System](#) travels throughout downtown Madison including [routes](#) to and from the UW campus area to the Capitol. Biking is also a very popular mode of transportation and Madison offers [bicycle rental stations](#), several shops that rent bicycles, and extensive [bike trails](#) within the city and into surrounding areas.

Madison also offers multiple taxi options. Hailing cabs in Madison is not common and you will receive faster service by calling a company directly. If you need a taxi while at the conference venue, please see Conference Services staff in the Annex Room on the 2nd floor and they will call a taxi for you. To reach a taxi service directly, call one of the numbers below:

Badger Cab: 608.256.0106

Green Cab: 608.255.1234

Madison Taxi: 608.255.8294

Union Cab: 608.242.2000