



2018 Fall Governing Board August 13 - 18

Alternate Hotel Information

Hello! This document contains promised information regarding off-site hotel accommodations near inexpensive transportation to downtown Minneapolis for District 10 attendees and volunteers to the 2018 National Governing Board Meeting of America's Boating Club. The intent is NOT to discourage you from staying at the Marriott City Center, but to offer a less expensive alternate.

We were able to negotiate a slightly reduced rate one of the hotels near the Mall of America in Bloomington – SpringHill Suites (by Marriott). A block of rooms is reserved for District 10 until July 27. Details and a reservation link appear below.

A link to information provided by the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau is provided for those of you who might prefer to investigate individual reservations at other Bloomington hotels.

There is also information regarding using the Metro Blue Line (light rail) to get from Bloomington to downtown Minneapolis – thereby avoiding parking fees, traffic and construction-season detours.

Again, if you have any questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact:

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Marriott City Center Information

Location: 30 South 7th Street
 Minneapolis, MN 55402
 877-303-0104

USPS Rate: \$159.00 per night, plus applicable taxes

Parking: \$26.00 per day



SpringHill Suites Bloomington

- Location:** 2870 Metro Drive
Bloomington, MN 55425
952-854-0300
- USPS Rate:** \$129.00 per night, plus applicable taxes
- Parking:** Free
- Dates:** August 14 (Tues) through August 18 (Saturday)
- Link:** [Book your group rate for District 10 USPS](#)
- Reservation Deadline:** **July 27** (Friday)

Amenities:

- Complimentary Hot Breakfast – including fresh baked croissants, whole strawberries, Greek yogurt, rotating hot items such as "eggs your way", assorted meats & cheeses, and hot oatmeal with plenty of toppings. *Served 6am-10am*
- Complimentary scheduled shuttle runs to Mall of America
- Inviting Fitness Center with state of the art equipment
- Indoor heated pool and hot tub
- Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet service throughout the hotel & guest rooms, and business center w/ printer capability.
- On-Site Laundry Facilities and "Same Day" Dry Cleaning
- Flat Panel Televisions with HD Channels in all guest rooms.
- Voicemail, Free local calls, iron/board, hairdryer, "one-cup" coffee Keurig, and Paul Mitchell bath and body products.
- On-Site Market for snack and meal needs
- Heated Underground Parking (\$15 Daily Fee)
- SpringHill Lounge featuring a full selection of handpicked wines, local craft beers, sodas and tasty snacks and appetizers

Notes:

- A credit card is required to guarantee reservations
- Reservations canceled within 48 hours of stay are subject to a termination fee equal to 100% of reservation value.
- Hotel is 100% non-smoking (all areas, including balconies).



Other Bloomington Hotels

We chose the SpringHill Suites for one primary reason: of the few hotels willing to set aside a block of rooms for a guaranteed price, it was the least expensive. In addition, it's very close to light rail transportation and it includes a good complimentary breakfast.

However, there are 42 hotels in Bloomington, all within 6 miles of the Mall of America – which is also the starting point for travel to downtown via the Blue Line of the MTA light rail system. About 1/3 of these hotels (including SpringHill Suites) are a two-minute drive to the Mall. You can use this link provided by the Bloomington Convention and Bureau to start exploring other options:

[Bloomington, MN Map](#)

The Convention & Visitors Bureau also provided a link to the hotels page of its website:

[Bloomington, MN Hotels](#)

You will notice that many of the advertised rates appear to be lower than our negotiated rate at the SpringHill Suites. When/if you explore any of them, we advise you to notice whether or not prepayment is required and whether it is non-refundable. Also note amenities, distance to the light rail (if you're planning to use it) and other reservation details and/or requirements.

Light Rail Transit to Downtown Minneapolis

The Metro Blue Line operates from the Mall of America in Bloomington to downtown Minneapolis, with a stop that is within two blocks of the Marriott City Center.

The northbound train departs the Mall of America station every ten minutes and arrives at the Nicollet Mall station 36 minutes later. The southbound train departs the Nicollet Mall station every ten minutes and arrives at the Mall of American 35 minutes later.

Fare during rush hour is \$2.50 each way; otherwise, it's \$2.00.

For more details regarding the Metro Blue Line, click on this link:

<https://www.metrotransit.org/metro-blue-line>

The Bottom Line

1. If you stay at the SpringHill Suites and travel to the Governing Board meeting by light rail – versus staying at the Marriott City Center – two people will save \$46.00 per day, plus the cost of breakfast.
2. No matter where you stay, we are absolutely delighted that you are going to be part of District 10's demonstration of hospitality and volunteerism at the 2018 Fall Governing Board meeting of America's Boating Club. Thank you!!