

USSA 39th Annual Grassroots Legislative Conference & National Student Lobby Day

2008 TRAVEL GUIDE

The hotel and all conference activities will be held at:

The L'Enfant Plaza Hotel

480 L'Enfant Plaza Hotel • Washington, DC 20024
202.484.1000 • <http://www.lenfantplazahotel.com/>

How do you get there? Depends on how you're coming...



Metro Train?

Metro trains & buses are the local public transportation for those already in the DC Metropolitan area. Fares range from \$1.35 minimum - \$3.90 maximum based on distance traveled. Metrorail is open 7 days a week, opening 5:00 a.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. on weekends. It closes at midnight Sunday to Thursday. On Friday and Saturday nights, it stays open until 2:30 a.m. If you are confused, the station managers that work at the exit booths are really nice and helpful—so don't be afraid to ask them for assistance.

- **BY METRO TRAIN:** The L'Enfant Plaza Hotel is directly above the L'Enfant Plaza metro stop on the Yellow, Green, Blue, and Orange line. Once you arrive at L'Enfant Plaza, all you have to do is walk towards the hotel exit and follow the signs.



Flying?

You can take a taxi from any of the airports to the above address— but it may be expensive. Here are our suggestions to make the trip as cheap as possible.

DCA (Reagan Nat'l):

- **METRO:** The yellow line or the blue line towards Largo and Fort Totten, both go to the hotel. However, yellow will be the quickest route.

IAD (Dulles):

- **BY METRO BUS:** Take the 5A bus to L'Enfant Plaza. The bus is located outside of the lower level baggage. The charge is \$3.00 but the driver doesn't have change. You will arrive at the L'Enfant Plaza train station.
- **BY SUPERSHUTTLE:** If you arrive after 11:30pm you'll want to buy a ticket for the SuperShuttle vans. The ticket counter is located on the lower level at the ground transportation desk just below the ramps by baggage claims 1&2, and 9&10. An attendant should be there until midnight, afterwards, you'll need to call (703) 416-7886 for a van. It's \$27 for the first person and another \$8 for each additional person and \$1 fuel surcharge. **If you're arriving in Dulles after 11:30pm and coming with 6 or more people your best deal is to reserve an exclusive van AHEAD OF TIME by calling 1(800) 258-3826.** You can ask them for specifics when you call but it's around \$70 for the whole exclusive van. The Super Shuttle van will take you directly to the hotel.

BWI (Baltimore):

- **BY Metro:** Take the **SOUTHBOUND B30 bus** to Greenbelt Metro Station located at Terminal (pier E) on the lower level before 10:30pm (they run every half hour on the weekdays and every 40 minutes on Sat.). It will be \$3.00 and the driver won't have change. This will take you directly to Greenbelt Metro Station. From there,

- get on the Metro. Buy a farecard for \$2.35 if its 9:30am-3pm or 7pm till the last train. Otherwise, its \$3.80 from the first train-9:30am or 3pm-7pm. If you are confused the station managers that work at the exit booths are really nice and helpful—so don't be afraid to ask them for assistance. Get on the Green Line towards Branch Ave. Here you can just take the Green line directly to the conference site.
- BY MARC TRAIN: The MARC train is another option from BWI and gets you there in less time then taking the Metro. Go to the lower baggage claim level of BWI (look for the MARC train shuttle sign) before 9pm Mon -Fri then you can simply get on the free shuttle to the BWI MARC station. You'll need \$6 cash and photo ID for a one way train ticket once you get to the train station. After you buy your ticket, get on the MARC Penn Line going to Union Station. Once you arrive at Union Station you'll need to take the red line to Shady Grove, transfer at Chinatown to the Yellow or Green to Huntington Branch and get off at L'Enfant Plaza.
 - BY AMTRAK TRAIN: You can also take the Amtrak train for \$13 from the BWI Airport Rail Station. Get on the train heading south to Union Station. For more info and/or to reserve tickets check out www.amtrak.com. **AVOID the Acela express trains—they're reserved seats only and cost a lot of money.** Once you arrive at Union Station just follow the MARC TRAIN instructions.
 - BY SUPERSHUTTLE: If you arrive after 10:50pm and don't want to take the train, you'll need to buy a ticket from SuperShuttle at Pier C of the ground transportation desk on the lower level at BWI airport. It should be \$30 for the first person and \$10 for each additional person. There will be an attendant there until 2am. If you arrive after 2:00am you'll need to call (703) 416-7886 once you arrive. The SuperShuttle van will take you directly to the Hotel.



Driving?

- Your best bet is to Google Map the conference hotel to get directions.

Helpful Links to check out in planning your trip:

www.wmata.com (Metro information)

www.supershuttle.com (shuttle from any airport)

www.mtmaryland.com (click on MARC to see trains into/out of DC/MD)

www.amtrak.com (everything goes right into Union Station)

www.greyhound.com (cheap buses to/from most East Coast cities)

When in doubt... call the front desk of the hotel at 202.484.1000 to ask for further directions. If you do not get a quick response, please feel free to call Scott (USSA staff) at 541.914.2765.