



Getting Around Chicago Easy as 1, 2, 3!

With years of experience in hosting large gatherings and a state-of-the-art convention center, Chicago is ready to welcome Neuroscience 2009! SfN has made navigating Chicago a breeze! Whether you choose to take the dedicated SfN shuttle bus directly from your hotel, hop on Metra or the world-famous elevated “L” train system, or grab a taxi, McCormick Place is a quick trip from your hotel.

Coordinated and Dedicated Transportation System

Public Transportation

1 Chicago offers Neuroscience 2009 attendees two options for public transportation: Metra (the commuter train system) and CTA (the “L” light rail system). Metra, within walking distance to 60 percent of SfN-contracted hotel rooms, has a stop inside McCormick Place. SfN has contracted with Metra to provide additional train service for Neuroscience 2009. Free Metra passes will be available to all attendees. If you opt to take the L, also convenient to many conference hotels, the Roosevelt Road station is closest to the convention center. SfN will run a looping shuttle from this station to McCormick Place.

SfN Shuttle

2 With shuttle bus service operating every 10 minutes during peak time and 20 minutes during off peak, you can conveniently travel between your official SfN meeting hotel and the convention center. For Neuroscience 2009, SfN offers the largest shuttle fleet in annual meeting history with 110 buses dedicated to your travel. With the exception of the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, adjacent to the convention center, shuttle service is available at all of the official SfN meeting hotels. In addition, because of Chicago’s commitment to successful large meetings, shuttles operate on a dedicated traffic-free “busway” from downtown to the convention center.

Taxi

3 With more than 6,500 vehicles, Chicago has the second largest taxi fleet in the country. Discounted shared rides are available between the convention center and downtown. In addition, a taxi dispatch center is located in McCormick Place to ensure cabs are readily available to meet demand.

Travel Resources

Surrounding Airports

Midway International Airport

www.flychicago.com/midway/MidwayHomepage.shtm
Phone: (773) 838-0600

Located 10 miles from downtown Chicago and served by 6 commercial airlines, Midway is the closest and most convenient airport for domestic travel.

O’Hare International Airport

www.flychicago.com/Ohare/OhareHomepage.shtm
Phone: (773) 686-3700

Located 17 miles from downtown Chicago and served by 41 commercial airlines, O’Hare is the best option for international travel.

International Attendees

Visa Information

- U.S. State Department: www.travel.state.gov
- Citizens of Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html
- U.S. Embassy Consular Section: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/embassies/embassies_1214.html
- Visa Waiver Program and Biometric Passports: www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html

To request an official invitation letter, visit www.sfn.org/visainfo.

Travel Information

Stay up to date at
www.sfn.org/hotel

Shuttle Service

SfN offers complimentary shuttle service every 10 minutes during peak time and every 20 minutes during off peak between official SfN meeting hotels and the convention center.

View shuttle schedules and routes on pages 70 and 71. For questions, contact meetings@sfn.org or (202) 962-4000.

Public Transportation

Metra

Metra, Chicago's commuter train system, runs from downtown and stops directly in the convention center. Metra stations are within walking distance to 60 percent of the meeting hotels. SfN will provide free Metra passes to attendees for travel between McCormick Place and the downtown Millennium, Van Buren Street, and Museum Campus stations. A Metra schedule for travel between these stations is available at <http://www.sfn.org/metra>.

The "L"

The CTA, Chicago's light rail system known as the "L," provides service throughout the city and to O'Hare and Midway airports. The Roosevelt Road station (on the Red, Orange, and Green lines) is closest to the convention center. SfN will run a complimentary shuttle from this station to McCormick Place during regular shuttle hours.

Taxis

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Parking

Events held in the North/South Building designate Lot A garage as the primary parking location. Lot A is a six-level garage located directly across from the Grand Concourse/Gate 4. Covered walkways from Lot A leading directly into McCormick Place and the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel provide added convenience.

The parking rate is currently \$17, a flat fee regardless of the amount of time the vehicle is parked. Pay parking fees with cash or credit card (VISA, MasterCard or American Express). Parking lots are open throughout event hours. Overnight parking is unavailable. View the parking map at http://www.mccormickplace.com/maps_direct/maps_dir.html#.

Car Rental

Special meeting rates for car rental have been negotiated for Neuroscience 2009. Contact the provider below for specific details on discounted rates. Applicable restrictions may apply.

Avis

Phone: (800) 331-1600
Web site: www.avis.com
AWD Number #J945617
Valid dates: Saturday, Oct. 10,
— Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009

Pick up free Metra passes while supplies last at SfN Information Booths or the Metra desk located on Level 2.5.

