

# SPRING CONFERENCE TUSCALOOSA LOCAL INFORMATION

### GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Transportation Options:**

- <u>Tuscaloosa Trolley</u> low cost, mobile app, "real-time" tracking; Hours of operations are Monday
   Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; \$1 for those without UA ID
- Uber or lyft prices vary
- <u>Joyrides</u> Golf carts for locations too close to drive but too far to walk; Tuscaloosa only; Hours of operations: 9am-3am Mon-Sat / 12pm-10pm on Sunday; \$3 a person; seats 5 or 7.

# **Local Restaurant Options:**

- <u>The River</u> (American food, on the Black Warrior River very close to Hotel Indigo, Happy Hour Tues-Thurs 4:30-6pm)
- <u>Evangeline's</u> located across the river, in the "Galleria of Tuscaloosa", fine dining, menu is seasonal
- <u>Dillard's Chop House</u> Popular steakhouse, downtown
- Chuck's Fish Seafood/Steakhouse, includes sushi bar, downtown, upscale
- <u>The Historic Waysider Restaurant</u> Oldest restaurant in tuscaloosa, quick and famous for their traditional southern breakfasts (served until 1), weekends are breakfast only, lunch and dinner served Tuesday-Friday
- <u>Dreamland BBQ</u> famous AL BBQ spot, two locations
- <u>Rama Jama's</u> sports-centric, old school diner; American cuisine, all-day breakfast, sandwiches & shakes; Closed Sunday and Monday
- Cypress Inn Variety of Southern food options, other side of the river
- Avenue Pub popular American food, variety of beers, downtown,
- DePalma's Cafe Upscale Italian food, downtown, no reservations, closed Monday
- Five Bar and Restaurant Southern pub fare and cocktails, five menu options, happy hour
- Central Mesa upscale Mexican American fare, homemade tortillas, Happy Hour
- <u>Jim 'n Nicks</u> (BBQ, close to downtown, a popular BBQ option)
- OEC Sushi hibachi and sushi, small, located just past Midtown
- Heat Pizza Bar (Variety of artisan pizza, salads, beer options, downtown, Happy Hour
- Antojitos Izcalli small, low price, 100% Authentic Mexican Cuisine located just past midtown

# **Local Beverage Spots:**

(Note: Serve alcohol only, no food)

- Black Warrior Brewing Co.- downtown
  - Trivia on Tuesdays
- Druid City Brewing Co.- 10 min drive from downtown

- <u>Loosa Brews</u> downtown, over 50 local and national beers on tap, offer outdoor seating, no liquor available
- Alcove- downtown, quiet atmosphere, lots of beers on tap, offer outdoor seating
- <u>Sessions</u> downtown cocktails, Happy Hour Mon-Thurs 4-6pm

### **Outdoor Activities:**

- <u>The River Walk</u>- a paved trail along the Black Warrior River, connects to Hotel Indigo and the Tuscaloosa amphitheater
- <u>UA Arboretum</u>- a 10 minute drive from UA's campus, offers woodland trails and gardens
- <u>Tuscaloosa Amphitheater</u> Located along the river, largest outdoor theater in West Alabama; concerts, and various other events
- Moundville Archaeological Site- 25 minute drive, Mississippian cultural and political chiefdom site on the Black Warrior River, includes 29 mounds and a museum
- Capitol Park ruins of the Alabama Capitol that burned down in 1923
- Lake tuscaloosa, Hurricane Creek, and Lake Nicol are local hiking trails

### Other Local Activities:

- <u>Kentuck Art Center</u>- Features monthly exhibits by regional artists, located in Historic Downtown Northport, 5 min drive from downtown
- Alabama Museum of Natural History- located on UA's campus (open 10am-4:30pm)
- <u>Historic Malone Hood Plaza/Foster Auditorium</u>- location of historic civil rights desegregation, famous scene from Forrest Gump
- <u>Tuscaloosa River Market</u> Farmers Market year round, weekly market Saturday 7am-12pm, located at the River Market along the River Walk/Black Warrior River
- Movies Cobb Theater, 10 min drive from downtown
- Two Tuscaloosa escape rooms- A physical/mental adventure game.
  - https://www.escapetuscaloosa.com/
  - http://www.breakouttuscaloosa.com/