

Dear ABCD Member,

In order to make your visit to the Myrtle Beach Area as easy as possible, I have tried to summarize those facilities that may prove useful or interesting. Please note that while I have made every effort, inaccuracies may be present and therefore I ask that you call ahead or double-check before travelling. Any personal opinions represented are mine alone and should not be indicative of the ABCD organization, other organizers or the conference facility.

Thank you and enjoy your stay!

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Transportation

Myrtle Beach is divided into 3 areas: North Strand, Myrtle Beach and South Strand. The Ocean Creek Resort is located in the North Strand.

Taxi services are good but pricey. By the time you have used a taxi to get to and from Ocean Creek and out to dinner once, you would have done better to rent a car. If you are travelling with family/friends, I would strongly recommend getting a rental car if you do not have your own transportation.

Some useful numbers..... if you have car trouble or are in an accident, just dial *HP on your cell phone and ask for SCDOT Incidence response. This will dispatch an emergency roadside response unit.

For taxis, try any of these numbers:

Airport Cab 843-222-2222

Airport Taxi 843-444-4000

Beachside Taxi 843-361-2464

Taxi Tropical 843-276-7778

Yellow Cab 843-444-0444

There is an airport shuttle service too:

www.myrtlebeachtransportation.com 843-449-4445

For details on the local transit (bus) service: see <http://ridecoastRTA.com> or call 843-488-0865.

Lodging

The resort has a very good detailed website. <http://www.oceancreek.com/resort-information/>

Meals

While most meals are provided to attendees there are times when you will be free to explore the area restaurants. In addition, accompanying family/friends will not be invited to most catered meals so this means they will have to make alternative arrangements. Unfortunately due to the off-season timing of the conference, most of the on-site facilities will not be operational or have reduced hours. The good news is

that the rooms have fully equipped kitchens so a little judicious planning can keep costs down and meals convenient. I found it useful to bring some boxes of cereal and snacks, particularly with family in tow. Area grocery stores include the usual suspects such as Food Lion, Walmart Supercenter, Kroger, Sam's Club, Costco and Piggly-Wiggly. Some of the closest:

Kroger

781 Main Street, North Myrtle Beach
843-249-9950 for Deli and 843-249-9967 for Pharmacy.

Food Lion

1000 Highway 17N, North Myrtle Beach 843-280-5012 OR 7631 North Kings Hwy
Myrtle Beach 843-692-2428

Walmart Supercenter

550 Highway 17North, North Myrtle Beach. 843-281-8352

Worth a stop: Beaulineau's. A local one-stop store – groceries, bakery, hand-dipped ice-cream, food court, beach stuff.

212 Sea Mountain Highway, Cherry Gr843-249-3556. www.boulineaus.com

Note that Piggly-Wiggly does have on-line shopping with a delivery service for a fee of \$35 so if you do not have a car, this might be a viable option. See: <http://www.thepig.net/OnlineStores.asp> for details.

Nearby restaurants:

Check out some of the restaurants located at Barefoot Landing across the way (at least a 10 minute walk): Damon's grill (www.ribsribsribs.com), Greg Norman's Australian Grille (www.shark.com/australiangrille), kid-friendly T-Bonz Gill and Grill (www.tbonz.com), Preston's www.prestonsrestaurant.com.

Some other options in the North Strand area:

Benito's Brick Oven Pizza www.benitosnmb.com

The Brentwood Restaurant www.thebrentwoodrestaurant.com

Duffy Street Seafood Shack (3 locations) www.duffyst.com

Joe's Bar and Grill www.dinejoes.com

The Parson's Table – for foodies and a big splurge – www.parsonstable.com

Tony's Italian Restaurant (oldest Italian restaurant along the grand Strand, only fresh ingredients) 1407 Old Highway 17N, North Myrtle Beach, 843-249-1314.

Useful Locations

Pharmacies:

Kroger Pharmacy (see Kroger grocery store above)

CVS Pharmacy (closest)

4401 Highway 17S, North Myrtle Beach. 843-272-8884

Malls (a selection):

Barefoot Landing www.bflanding.com While small, this is about a 10 minute walk from our resort, across a major highway.

Broadway at the Beach www.broadwayatthebeach.com

Tanger Outlets (2 locations)
www.tangeroutlet.com

The Market Common
www.marketcommonmb.com

Bookstore:

Bookends. Local bookstore selling used books. 753 Main Street, North Myrtle Beach. 843-280-2444. http://www.bookendsonline.com/Home_Page.php

Book Warehouse. <http://www.book-warehouse.com/>
Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, etc. are scattered around; one of the closest is the Books A Million at Colonial Mall 10177 North Kings Highway #11A, Myrtle Beach. 843-361-1674. Or Book Warehouse. <http://www.book-warehouse.com/>
10835 Kings Road Myrtle Beach 843-449-0016.

Coffeehouse Fix:

Java Gourmet N More Coffee Shop and Deli in Barefoot Landing across the way from the resort.

Starbucks
549 Highway 17 North, North Myrtle Beach. 843-280-4356.

Urgent Care (hopefully not needed!):

Walk-in clinics in the North Strand area are Access Medical Care and Doctor's Care North Myrtle Beach. These have the capacity for primary and urgent care including X-rays, stitches, etc.

Access Medical Care. 3816 US 17 S., North Myrtle Beach. 843-272-1411.

Doctor's Care North Myrtle Beach. 1714 US 17S., North Myrtle Beach. 843-361-0705.

Hospitals in the area include: Loris Healthcare System (www.lorishealthcaresystem.com), Grand Strand Regional Medical Center (www.grndstrandmed.com), Georgetown Memorial Hospital (www.gmhsc.com) and Waccamaw Community Hospital (www.gmhsc.com).

Sights/Entertainment

Swimming: The hotel has a number of pools, indoor and outside, some of which are open in this off-season. The beach is very nice and only a few minutes short walk away. For the most part, my family and I found the weather not really conducive to outside swimming though a few brave souls did jump in for a few minutes here and there. In addition to the somewhat chilly temperatures, when we were last here there were jellyfish in the ocean water so if you do decide to swim you might want to think about have something on hand to deal with possible stings.

Golf: While I know nothing about golf, with over 100 courses located here I understand that golfing is a big deal in Myrtle Beach!
Here are some North Strand courses chosen semi-randomly:

Barefoot Resort and Golf
4980 Barefoot Resort Bridge Road, North Myrtle Beach
843-390-3200 www.barefootgolf.com

Brunswick Plantation and Golf Resort
US 17 Calabash NC 800-835-4533 www.brunswickplantation.com

Crow Creek Golf Club
US 17 Calabash NC 877-730-3600 www.crowcreek.com

Glen Dornoch Waterway Golf Links
US 17N, Little river 800-717-8784 www.glendornoch.com

Heather Glen
4650 Heather Glen Way, North Myrtle Beach
800-868-4536 www.heatherglen.com

See here for an additional list of golf courses: <http://www.oceancreek.com/area-info/> on the sidebar.

For kids of all ages, in no particular order:

Minigolf: You can see a myriad of choices along the main drag. My family really liked the Haiwaiian Rumble and Peter Pan. The former is actually ranked as the no. 1 miniature golf course in the US by Golf Magazine!

See: Haiwaiian Rumble Miniature Golf
33rd Avenue S., US 17, North Myrtle Beach. www.prominigolf.com 843-272-7812.

Brookgreen Gardens. A National Historic Landmark with a significant collection of figurative sculpture by American artists and a zoo. US 17 S., Murrells Inlet. 800-849-1931. www.brookgreen.org Open daily 9.30am-5pm.

Alligator Adventure: This is an alligator park and reptile research institute located at Barefoot Landing. The latter houses restaurants, bars and shopping. Joe's Crab Shack is a decent family friendly restaurant.

US 17N, North Myrtle Beach

843- 361-0789

www.alligatoradventure.com and www.bflanding.com

Inlet Point Plantation: Horse-riding on a private island.

5800 Hwy. 236, North Myrtle Beach

843-249-2989 <http://www.inletpointplantation.com/>

Captain Dick's Saltwater Marsh Explorer Cruises. Fishing, dolphin watching, cruises, boat rentals, etc.

4123 US 17 Business, Murrells Inlet. 843-651-3676. www.captdicks.com

Carolina Safari Jeep Tours

606 65th Avenue North Myrtle Beach

843-497-5330 www.carolinasafari.com

History/nature tours. It may be possible to arrange for pick up directly from the hotel.

The Children's Museum of South Carolina

2501 North Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach

843-946-9469 www.cmsckids.org

Open Tuesday-Saturday 9am-3pm

Pavilion Nostalgia Park and Broadway at the Beach. A collection of classic amusement rides and attractions, shopping and restaurants. 21st avenue and US 17

at Broadway on the Beach. 843-913-9400. www.pavilionnostalgipark.com and www.broadwayatthebeach.com

Dixie Stampede

North Kings Highway at US 17 Bypass, Myrtle Beach

800-433-4401 www.dixiestampede.com or [http://myrtle-](http://myrtle-beach.dixiestampede.com/index.php)

[beach.dixiestampede.com/index.php](http://myrtle-beach.dixiestampede.com/index.php) Dinner show, musical production with horses.

IMAX Discovery Theatre

Celebrity Circle, Broadway at the Beach, Myrtle Beach

843-448-IMAX

www.myrtlebeachimax.com

The Carolina Opry. Ultimate variety show that mixes Nashville, Vegas and Broadway. North Kings Hwy at US 17 Bypass, Myrtle Beach. 800-8436779. www.thecarolinaopry.com

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. 2904 Fantasy Way, Myrtle Beach 800-436-4386 www.medievaltimes.com
Dinner theatre, 11th century style.

Ripley's Aquarium of Myrtle Beach. 1100 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach. 800-734-8888 www.ripleysaquarium.com
87,000 square feet of aquatic exhibits. Open daily 9am-10pm.

Details of various attractions that may appeal to the teen set can be found at www.ripleys.com or <http://www.ripleyattractions.com/usa-locations/myrtle-beach-sc/>. These are Ripley's Haunted Adventure, Ripley's Moving Theatre, Ripley's Odditorium, Ripley's Marvelous Mirror Maze. 901 and 915 North Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach. Note that some of these are closed certain days of the week; check the website for details.

Zoo: Waccatee Zoological Farm, 8500 Enterprise Road, Myrtle Beach. 843-650-8500 www.waccateezoo.com 15 minutes from Myrtle Beach; 50 acres and more than 100 species of animals; open everyday 10am-5pm.

TIGERS Preservation Station. Tours must be booked in advance.
Barefoot Landing, North Myrtle Beach. 843-361-4552. www.tigerfriends.com and <http://www.myrtlebeachsafari.com/>

NASCAR Speedpark. Racing, mini-golf, arcade, etc. Broadway at the Beach, US 17 Bypass, Myrtle Beach 843-9188725. www.nascarspeedpark.com

MagiQuest. <http://magiquest.com/locations/kingdoms/myrtle-beach/>

Family Kingdom Amusement Park. 300 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach. 843-626-3447 www.family-kingdom.com

La Belle Amie Vineyard. 1120 St. Joseph Road (corner of Highway 90 and St. Joseph Road), North Myrtle Beach. 843-399-WINE www.labelleamie.com

Attractions further afield:

Hopsewee Plantation. Tara-like mansion, a National Historic Landmark. Lunches and Southern Teas.

494 Hopsewee Road, 12 miles south of Georgetown. Note this means halfway between Myrtle Beach and Charleston, SC. 843-546-7891. www.hopsewee.com

Recommended day trips are to Charleston, Conway, Indigo Farms (NC) and Wilmington (NC).